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Dear Partner:

In March, our government announced a new, comprehensive action plan to combat human trafficking and child sexual exploitation across the province. With this five-year strategy, we are investing \$307 million to raise awareness of the issue, protect victims, intervene early, support survivors and hold offenders accountable.

Today, as part of our strategy, we are pleased to launch the call for applications to the expanded Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund and Indigenous-led Initiatives Fund.

This is a one-time application process that must be completed this year to access these funds which will provide \$46 million for community-based and Indigenous-led services across Ontario over the next five years. Investments will prioritize early intervention and increased protection for child and youth victims of sexual exploitation and dedicated survivor supports, such as:

- trauma-informed programming developed and delivered by survivor-led organizations;
- dedicated services for victims under age 18, including residential placements and treatment, peer mentoring, as well as education and employment training programs;
- culturally appropriate, Indigenous-designed supports for First Nations, Inuit and Métis victims, families and communities;
- targeted supports for sexually exploited boys, individuals with developmental disabilities, LGBTQ2S individuals, and racialized and newcomer populations; and
- specialized programs for children and youth involved in or transitioning out of child welfare or the youth justice system.

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Our goal is to build a more comprehensive network of anti-human trafficking services across Ontario. Increasing supports for child and youth victims of sex trafficking and survivor-led programming, including Indigenous-specific services, responds to critical needs we heard in our discussions over the past year with frontline agencies and survivors.

More information about the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund and Indigenous-led Initiatives Fund call for applications can be found in today's [news release](#) and on the [Available funding opportunities page](#) on Ontario.ca. The program guidelines, application forms, frequently asked questions and information on supports available to applicants, including upcoming webinars, are all available on the website.

We recognize that frontline service providers have been facing a challenging time over the last several months due to the COVID-19 outbreak. In addition to the resources on Ontario.ca, ministry staff can be reached at antitraffickingoffice@ontario.ca to respond to questions and provide support with the application process.

Thank you for your contribution as a partner in the fight against human trafficking. Our government needs organizations like yours to truly make a lasting, positive impact in the lives of individuals and families who have experienced human trafficking. We want to equip you with the tools to provide the necessary supports to help these individuals heal from their trauma. We hope you will explore this funding opportunity and help us to expand Ontario's anti-human trafficking services so more victims have access to the supports they need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill Dunlop', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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