



## **One Page (monthly bulletin of the Carmelite NGO) ~ March 2018**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** This is a response to the attached statement. “Thank you very much for the powerful statement that reflects the plights of women and girls. Yes, this is a challenge in the world especially in Africa when it comes to early marriages, and forced child trafficking. Trafficking is done in many ways and sometimes it is internal movement that has no documentation.” Comment by Sister Annah Theresa Nyadombo, HLMC, member of the Animating Team of the Carmelite NGO in Zimbabwe.



**REPORT BY DENNIS KALOB:** Dennis reported from the gathering at the United Nations “Empowering Rural Women and Girls” from the session on climate change. By 2050, it is estimated that 1/7 of the population of Bangladesh will be displaced due to the effects of climate change. Keep in mind that this is the 8<sup>th</sup> most populous country, having about 165 million people. One-seventh is nearly 24 million people displaced by climate change. Some estimates it could be worse and probably will be significantly worse by the end of the century. These people will be displaced due to rising waters/disappearing land, more powerful storms, and flooding caused by melting snow and ice to their north (Himalayas). Also loss of fresh water and threats to agriculture due to salt-water intrusion.

These massive numbers of displaced people will not have places to go. They are not wanted in neighboring countries and other nations are closing their doors to immigrants and refugees.

In general, virtually all island nations and other low-lying countries (and states like Louisiana) will be impacted in ways we can hardly imagine. Of course, it will be the poorest places and the poorest people in these poorest of places that will suffer the most.

The other important point that I was reminded of at one of the sessions was that after years of dramatically reduced numbers of hungry people worldwide, 2016 saw an increase. Armed conflict and climate change are the primary reasons. The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #2 is already in doubt. Dennis Kalob is the New York representative of the Carmelite NGO at the United Nations.

### **SDG #2**

**END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE BY 2030.**

<https://blogw.scientificamerican.com/guest-blog/the-unfolding-tragedy-of-climate-change-in-bangladesh/>