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“An International Shame” (UNODC)

“One of the most egregious violations of human rights which the United Nations now confronts” (Kofi Annan)
Magnitude

The exact number of people who are trafficked annually worldwide is not known

- Unreliable data
- Clandestine nature
- Uncoordinated data collection
- No standard definition
Girls

The largest subset is young women and girls for commercial sexual exploitation
Girls

Sex slavery accounts for 79% of all human trafficking

- 98% are women and girls
Forced marriage.....Begging

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Facilitators

A range of individuals and groups:

- Men who purchase sex with children;
- Members of organized crime networks;
- Sex tour operators;
- Brothel owners;
- Corrupt officials in law enforcement, immigration and the judicial system;
- Family members, friends, relatives.
Recruitment Methods

- Blatant violence
- Familiarity
  - Gain trust
  - Skilled sales pitch
  - False promises
    - well paying jobs, residency documents, marriage.
Ongoing Physical/Psychological Abuse

Abuse –
Persistent
Extreme
Destroys defenses
Psychological
Physical
Somaly Mam...Ongoing Sexual Abuse

“Life in a Brothel is a Living Hell”
Impact on Children

(1) Deprives them of their Human Rights
(2) Educational Deprivation
(3) Physical Health Problems
(4) Emotional Health Problems
(5) Behavioral Problems
Combating Child Trafficking: The International Human Rights Framework
A Human Rights Based Approach

Provides a framework within which *law enforcement* and *victim-focused responses* can be developed, implemented, and evaluated.
The Ultimate Goal.....

Stop Human Trafficking!
HOTLINE: 999 CHILD HOTLINE: 116 (TOLLFREE)
Promising Strategies for Prevention: Applying the Spectrum of Prevention as a Conceptual Framework

The Spectrum of Prevention: 6 Levels

- Has been endorsed and applied in a variety of disciplines including public health and community psychology
- Offers a comprehensive strategy that delineates a systems approach to prevention practice
Level 1: Strengthen Individual Knowledge and Skills

- Enhance an individual’s capability of preventing violence
Promising Strategies

- Promote Empowerment through Expanding Access to Education and Training
- Enhance Competence through Life Skills Development
Level 2: Promote Community Education

Reach groups of people with information and resources to prevent violence and promote safety
Promising Strategies

- Children Planning to Migrate
- Family & Community Members
- Workers Likely to Come into Contact with Victims
- Those who Might Exploit Children who have been Trafficked
Level 3: Educate Providers

Inform providers who will transmit skills and knowledge to others and model positive norms
Promising Strategies

- Provide Adequate Training to Law Enforcement Personnel to Foster Effective Coalitions and Networks for Demand

- Train Teachers and Other School Staff to Address Discriminatory and Sociocultural Attitudes through School-Based Interventions
Level 4: Foster Coalitions and Networks

Bring together groups and individuals for broader goals and greater impact
Promising Strategies

- Promote Empowerment through Economic and Social Cooperatives
- Enhance Effectiveness through Interagency Collaboration and Communication
- Foster Collaboration among Governmental Agencies and/or NGOs
- Develop Effective Partnerships Through Interagency Collaboration/Communication
Level 5: Change Organizational Practices

- Adopt regulations and shape norms to prevent violence and improve safety
Promising Strategies

- Social Responsibility for Corporations
- Codes of Conduct for Tourism Industry
Level 6: Influence Policy and Legislation

- Enact laws and policies that support healthy community norms and a violence-free society
Promising Strategies

- Implement a Human Rights-Based Approach to Prosecution of Traffickers and Their Associates
- Create Development and Employment Opportunities
- Challenge Discriminatory Social and Cultural Norms
Conclusions

The Spectrum of Prevention is comprised of six inter-related action levels of increasing scope and is designed to support developing comprehensive efforts on multiple levels.

Activities at each of these six levels have the potential to support each other and effectively combat child trafficking and CSE.

- For example, efforts to influence policy (Level 6) will have a better chance of being enacted when public awareness and support are garnered through education (Level 1, 2) and a variety of partners in different sectors are working to effect the desired change (Level 3, 4, 5).
Facilitating a Human Rights Approach

Fight Demand: Combat the Crime of Human Trafficking
Create Awareness of Crime
Build a Protective Environment

PROTECT CHILDREN
FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN TOURISM

TEAM CRT 1989 | NO CHILDREN | FUNDACION PANIAM | ECPAT
Recognize that abuses are rooted in the marginalization of girls and women, gender politics, sexual inequalities, gender-based discrimination, and patriarchal structures that do not condone the commercialization of women and girls.
Facilitating a Human Rights Approach

Victim Support and Empowerment
Ensure adequate training of law enforcement personnel and other front line staff facilitating a Human rights Approach.
Second… Intervention Strategies

Based on models of good practice:

- Identify;
- Interview;
- Assist;
- Reintegrate
THEIR FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS