# Real men and women don't traffic women & children



Trafficking and exploitation of persons is a crime against humanity that destroys all form of human dignity

The Romanian Children's Humanitarian Foundation-NL

### We define human trafficking as..



- The illegal trade in human beings for the purpose of gaining illegal profit in either monetary value or in kind via forced illegal labour.
- This includes prostitution, forcibly made to participate in organised crimes – drug smuggling, paedophilia, pornographic films and video industry, organ removal and child labour.

# How large in human trafficking?



- Human trafficking has been identified as the fastest growing criminal industry in the World today.
- In 2008 the United Nations estimated 2.5 million people from 127 Countries were trafficked into 137 Countries around the World.
- Trafficking of people is also practiced by criminals at national In-Country level

- People vulnerable to be recruited by organised crime group members to be trafficked at national or international level include..
- Low income and destitute family members looking for a paid job including non qualified workers.
- Orphans and institutionalised minors including minors with disabilities and learning difficulties.
- Refugees, tourists, runaway teenagers, drug addicts and women, plus minors who are under the influence of alcohol.
- People of all ages of a fragile and trusting nature.

## What awaits the victim?

- Victims of human trafficking are not permitted to leave upon arrival at their destination.
- They are held against their will through acts of coercion and forced to work or provide services to the trafficker and others involved.
- Their identity documents including passports are taken from them so they now have no means of identity.
- The trafficked person is at the whim of the traffickers and looses all human rights.
- Non compliance of a traffickers wish is repaid by beatings, sexual abuse including rape and being forced to perform degrading acts.

#### **Bonded labour**

- This takes place when criminals entice women and minors to take a loan and are then forced to pay back by illegal labour means. This may take the form of forced prostitution, video chat, porn films involvement along with other illegal activities.
- Because there is no legal loan contract the repayments on the loan are set so high that the victim is now a slave of the criminal 100%.
- Though the least known form of trafficking bonded labour is probably the most commonly used form of trafficking and is often in Country applied by local organised crime gangs.
- The poor and uneducated are prime victims of bonded labour crimes.

### Forced labour

- People trafficked for forced labour include women and children as well as men. Traffickers include men and women!
- Often an offer of a well paid job is accepted without proper reference checks by young people and those on low incomes desperate to gain a better living for their families.
- Forced labour includes sweat shop work, bar and nightclub work, food service work, begging and servant work for families.
- Victims once at their work destination become captives and are forced to work against their will and have no rights.



### Sex traffic victims



- Victims are often young girls and women under 30 years of age who come from poor families and who have a lack of minimal education thus are easily targeted by traffickers.
- Many are recruited at local level by people they know and trust – old school friends who have been abroad and return looking wealthy offering fake study or job possibilities to victims.
- Trafficked victims endure pain, loss of dignity, often forced to take drugs and accept beatings and torture, plus rape and threats against family back home for non compliance.

# International trafficking

- In this form of trafficking agents and brokers work at all levels in the organised crime rings.
- At local level in Country young people are recruited, well paid to gain victims as are known to their locals and trusted.
- At Country level coordinators plan fake job offers, advertise same and move victims once recruited to other areas to gain control over them.
- At international level the victims once they arrive are housed and made to obey all orders given, plus made to work and hand over all profits. Victims are also sold from one group to another to make even higher criminal profits.

# Child trafficking

- Child trafficking often takes the form of exploitation of children in the sex industry including in paedophile film making and in the illegal drug trade as carriers for criminals.
- Children are also trafficked to be used as prostitutes both boys and girls.
- Vulnerable groups are children in care homes, in families with no or very low incomes, in families without moral values and in families involved themselves in crime.
- Children who looking to escape from home and those children living on the streets. Children who are disabled are trafficked also to be used as beggars on the streets.

## Adoptions of children

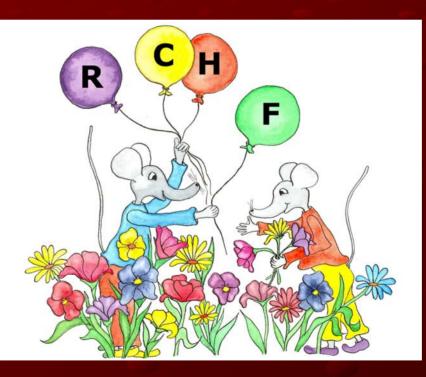
- Any for of adoption that requires the payment of funds for any purpose including International adoption we regard as trafficking of Children.
- Children have a full set of human rights under the United Nations children's rights convention and these include the right to a family, but not the right to a family which pays a sum of money to gain a child under any circumstances.
- Re- integration of a child into the biological family with state support via social services has proved the best option for children in care and in cases were this is not possible maternal families offer a far better option for the child rather than international adoptions which are not in the best interest of the child.

# **Combating trafficking**

- We support and educate young people and families on the danger of falling prey to organised crime groups traffickers.
- We support the work of the Police, Frontier Police and customs agents in their actions to dismantle organised crime in all of its forms including trafficking of people.
- We appeal for Trafficking of people cases to be brought swiftly before the courts so that the guilty ones can be taken out of public circulation for the safety of the public at large and that funds and material gains be confiscated and put directly to prevention of trafficking and rehabilitation of victims.
- We appeal for specialist training for care workers in trafficking cases so that victims can be rehabilitated and their families also.

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As an NGO we support and advocate for an end to human trafficking, plus educate young people on the dangers of trafficking



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