

Human Trafficking Facts

What is Human Trafficking?

A human trafficking situation includes at least *one* of the elements within *each* of the three criteria below.

Process	+	Way/Means	+	Goal
Recruitment <i>or</i> Transportation <i>or</i> Transferring <i>or</i> Harboring <i>or</i> Receiving	A N D	Threat <i>or</i> Coercion <i>or</i> Abduction <i>or</i> Fraud <i>or</i> Deceit <i>or</i> Deception <i>or</i> Abuse of Power	A N D	Prostitution <i>or</i> Pornography <i>or</i> Violence/Sexual Exploitation <i>or</i> Forced Labor <i>or</i> Involuntary Servitude <i>or</i> Debt Bondage <i>or</i> Slavery/Similar Practices

(Chart developed by the Solidarity Center and International Catholic Migration Commission – extrapolated from the 2000 UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons.)

Exception: Under U.S. law, a child under the age of 18 involved in the commercial sex industry is a victim of human trafficking even if no force, fraud or coercion is used by the trafficker.

Human Trafficking is a Global Reality

- It is hard to get an accurate count because of the nature of human trafficking—these are estimates
- 600,000 to 800,000 persons trafficked across borders (U.S. Government)
- 20.9 million in forced labor/sexual servitude (UN International Labor Organization)
- 27 million persons trafficked worldwide (Free the Slaves)

Human Trafficking is a National & Local Reality

- U.S. is a source, destination and transit country for human trafficking (U.S. State Department)
- Human trafficking is present in every community—both labor and sex trafficking
- Washington was the first state to pass an anti-trafficking law in 2003. First Washington state prosecution under State law occurred in 2009. Oregon passed its anti-trafficking law in 2007.

Human Trafficking is a Criminal Industry Fueled by Our Demand

- Human Trafficking is the fastest growing source of income for organized crime—second only to drug trafficking—with an estimated \$150 billion annual profit.
- Society’s demand—both for commercial sex and cheap products and services—contributes to a system in which human beings are treated like commodities and human trafficking thrives.



Human Trafficking General Resources

Visit the IPJC website for more resources—www.ipjc.org/links/trafficking.htm

Take Action

- **IPJC Legislative Action Center** www.ipjc.org
Write to Federal Legislators in support of programs that protect victims, prosecute traffickers and prevent trafficking
- **Create Demand for Slave-Free Products:**
Ask your favorite brands to ensure their supply chain is slavery-free at www.chainstorereaction.com
- **Human Trafficking Vigil** 1st Sunday of the Month
Join us at Westlake Center, Seattle 1:30 to 2:00 PM the 1st Sunday of each month to pray for an end to trafficking. Other locations at www.ipjc.org.
- **School Presentations** Invite IPJC to your school or ask your 7th and 8th grade teachers to sign up for IPJC's Human Trafficking Webinar for their class
- **National Hotline:** (888) 373-7888

Websites

- **Blue Heart Campaign** www.unodc.org/blueheart
- **Campaign to Rescue & Restore**
www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking
- **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women**
www.catwinternational.org
- **ECPAT-USA** www.ecpatusa.org
- **End Slavery Now** www.endslaverynow.com
- **Free the Slaves** www.freetheslaves.net
- **Global Initiative to Fight Trafficking**
www.ungift.org
- **International Justice Mission** www.ijm.org
- **Not For Sale** www.notforsalecampaign.org
- **Polaris Project** www.polarisproject.org
- **Shared Hope International** www.sharedhope.org
- **UNANIMA International** – Stop the Demand
www.unanima-international.org

Consumer Resources

- **Conflict Minerals** www.raisehopeforcongo.org
- **Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment**
www.ipjc.org/programs/nwcri.htm
- **Products of Slavery** www.productsosslavery.org
- **Slavery Footprint** www.slaveryfootprint.org
- **Fair Trade USA** www.fairtradeusa.org
- **Made By Survivors** www.madebysurvivors.com

Print Materials

- *A Crime So Monstrous: Face-to-Face with Modern-Day Slavery.* Skinner, E. Benjamin. 2009.
- *Breaking the Snares Parish Packet*
www.sdssisters.org/slavery/
- *Not For Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade – and How We Can Fight It.* Batstone, David. 2007.
- *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today.* Bales, Kevin. 2009.
- *Stop Trafficking Newsletter*
www.stopenslavement.org
- *US Trafficking in Persons Report*
www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt

DVDs (Available on loan from IPJC)

- **Dark Side of Chocolate** – Exposes the ongoing use of child, forced and trafficked labor in the West African cocoa industry. 47 min.
- **The Day My God Died**—Young girls whose lives have been shattered by the child sex trade in Nepal and India. \$30. Andrew Levine Productions. 70 min.
- **DEMAND.** —Investigative footage of the dark and hidden world of sex traffickers in US and 3 other countries. www.sharedhope.org. 45 min.
- **Dreams Die Hard: Survivors of Slavery in America Tell Their Stories**—Documentary profiling several people trapped in different kinds of human slavery across the U.S. \$10. Free the Slaves. 36 min.
- **Lives for Sale**—A joint production of Maryknoll, Lightfoot Films, Inc. and PBS. \$19.95. Orbis Books. 60 min.
- **Slavery 101** – A powerful, succinct introduction to modern day slavery. Good for middle/high school. \$8. freetheslaves.net. 12 min.
- **What I Have Been Through is Not Who I am** – Through the testimony of a survivor and interviews with experts, looks at the reality of commercial sexual exploitation of children. ecpatusa.org 20 min.

Other Books & DVDs available on loan from IPJC

