

Human Trafficking

International

United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT) is a multi-stakeholder initiative providing global access to expertise, knowledge and innovative partnerships to combat human trafficking.

The UN.GIFT was conceived to promote the global fight on human trafficking, on the basis of international agreements reached at the UN. To date, 137 countries are parties to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons especially Women and Children, which supplements the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

Mission

UN.GIFT mobilizes State and non-State actors to eradicate human trafficking by:

- (a) Reducing both the vulnerability of potential victims and the demand for exploitation in all its forms;
- (b) Ensuring adequate protection and support to those who do fall victim; and
- (c) Supporting the efficient prosecution of the criminals involved, while respecting the fundamental human rights of all persons.

In carrying out its mission, UN.GIFT will increase knowledge and awareness on human trafficking; promote effective rights-based responses; build capacity of State and non-State actors; and foster partnerships for joint action against human trafficking.

Goals

1. To foster awareness, global commitment and action to counter human trafficking in partnership with different stakeholders including governments, the international community, non-governmental organizations and other elements of civil society and the media; and
2. To assist countries in creating and strengthening support structures for victims of trafficking.

The core areas of UN.GIFT's work are: 1. Global and collective advocacy efforts to help raise awareness of human trafficking; 2. Evidence-based knowledge on human trafficking to feed into national, regional and global policy-making; 3. Greater coordination and cooperation among international organizations and innovative public-private partnerships; 4. System-wide, institutional and individual capacity development of stakeholders through the delivery of technical assistance.

International Rescue Committee - <http://www.rescue.org/our-work/anti-trafficking-initiative>

International Rescue Committee Anti-Trafficking Action Coalition (ATAC)

Established in 2003, the Anti-Trafficking Action Coalition (ATAC) aims to build a strong infrastructure to support the IRC network of 22 resettlement offices in providing comprehensive and specialized services to certified victims of trafficking across the United States. ATAC has instituted a technical assistance and training base with a three-fold purpose: to standardize the delivery of quality services, institutionalize expertise on trafficking, and establish best practices to assist trafficking victims.

Polaris Project – For a World without Slavery <http://www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/international-trafficking>

Human trafficking affects every country around the world, regardless of socio-economic status, history, or political structure. Human traffickers have created an international market for the trade in human beings based on high profits and demand for commercial sex and cheap labor. Trafficking is estimated to be \$32 billion industry, affecting 161 countries worldwide.

An estimated 12.3 million men, women and children are trafficked for commercial sex or forced labor around the world today. Victims are trafficked both within and across international borders. Migrants as well as internally displaced persons are particularly vulnerable, as evidenced by the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti.

Examples of human trafficking cases span sex trafficking in India and Latin America, the shrimp industry in Thailand, child soldiers in Burma, cotton in Uzbekistan, fishing on Lake Volta in Ghana, and forced labor in Florida's citrus fields.

International Labor Association – Promoting Jobs, Protecting People

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/region/asro/bangkok/child/trafficking/index.htm>

Working to Prevent Human Trafficking and Labour Exploitation

Across South-East Asia millions of people are on the move. For most it is a positive and rewarding experience. However, sub-regional trends toward uninformed and ill-prepared migration have created a dangerous vacuum in which human traffickers are able to exploit migrants, especially children and women. Adult migration, and how to regulate it to the advantage of both the migrants and the sending and receiving countries, is becoming an urgent priority for many ILO member states. Preventing the trafficking and labour exploitation of children and young people is an obligation of ILO members which have ratified Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labor.

Coalition Against Trafficking in Woman - <http://www.catwinternational.org/>

The world's first organization to fight human trafficking internationally.

Mission: To end human trafficking in our lifetime.

National

Children of the Night <http://www.childrenofthenight.org> Hot line 1-800-551-1300

Mission Statement - Children of the Night is a privately funded non-profit organization established in 1979 and dedicated to rescuing America's children from the ravages of prostitution.

The Children of the Night home is open to child prostitutes throughout the United States, and the Children of the Night hotline is ready and able to rescue these children 24 hours a day. We provide taxi/airline transportation nationwide for America's child prostitutes who wish to escape prostitution and live in our home.

The Defender Foundation - Activism with a Global Impact <http://thedefenderfoundation.org/>

The Defender Foundation is an IRS 501(c)3 non-profit organization working within the realm of anti-human trafficking. We provide such services as Public Awareness, Prevention, Victim Services (including rescue, shelter and rehabilitation), as well as assistance with Prosecution of the criminals who are profiteering from the criminal sexual exploitation of children. We distinguish ourselves by being one of the only anti-human trafficking organizations in the U.S. that has trained retrieval teams (Shield Teams) standing by. These retrieval teams are comprised of current and ex-law enforcement and military personnel, along with others who possess unique skill sets which make them valuable assets in the identification, retrieval and protection of potential human trafficking victims.

Human trafficking has developed into the 2nd largest criminal enterprise in the world, with an estimated **27 million people currently enslaved worldwide**. That means human trafficking has surpassed the illegal arms trade in terms of global black-market trade. Human trafficking victims include men, women and children in labor servitude, private ownership and in sexual services. The majority – approximately 80% – of these victims are women and children who have been bought, sold and imprisoned in the underground sexual service industry. This industry targets and exploits under-represented classes of people and markets their bodies to the desires of a growing demand class.

*If You Are a Human Trafficking Victim or are reporting Human Trafficking Activities,
Please Call 1-800-789-9847*

Homeland Security – Combating Human Trafficking <http://www.dhs.gov/topic/human-trafficking>

Polaris Project – For a World Without Slavery <http://www.polarisproject.org/state-map/new-york>

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

1-888-3737-8888The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

The NHTRC is a program of Polaris Project, a non-profit, non-governmental organization working exclusively on the issue of human trafficking.

New York State

NYS Human Trafficking

<http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/pio/humantrafficking/humantrafficking.htm>

[New York State's human trafficking law](#) is the most comprehensive of its kind in the country, providing law enforcement with new tools to fight what has been described as "modern-day slavery."

Sex trafficking can occur in brothels and massage parlors, and is promoted in advertisements in magazines, newspapers and on the Internet, while men and women who work as domestic help, in restaurants, factories and on farms can fall victim to labor trafficking.

Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/bria/trafficking.asp>

Human trafficking is the modern day form of slavery. Victims are trafficked into the United States from all over the world and forced to work against their will, often in prostitution, massage parlors and escort services, erotic dancing establishments, pornography, and sweatshops/factories. Human trafficking has even been found to exist in legitimate industries such as agriculture, construction, domestic work, hotels, restaurants, and many other enterprises. Some are forced, tricked, or coerced into marriage; others into begging and peddling. Human trafficking victims often suffer physical and psychological abuse at the hands of their traffickers, resulting in health problems, mental illness, and addiction. The need for assistance and treatment among victims is great.

NYS Anti-Trafficking Coalition - Stop Human Trafficking New York

<http://stophumantraffickingny.wordpress.com/>

The New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition is a group of organizations that have joined forces to increase public awareness of human trafficking in our communities, enact anti-trafficking laws, improve law enforcement response and increase social services to help women and girls escape trafficking. New York is a leading entry, transit and destination point for trafficking victims. The New York Anti-Trafficking Coalition helped drive the passage of two momentous laws in New York State: The New York Anti-Trafficking Law and the Safe Harbor for Exploited Youth Act.

Polaris Project – For a World Without Slavery <http://www.polarisproject.org/state-map/new-york>

In support of GEMS

Counties – Poughkeepsie/Rockland/Westchester/NYC

My Sister's Place Hot Line 1-800-298-7233 <http://www.mspny.org/humantrafficking.html>

My Sisters' Place (MSP) has been serving survivors of human trafficking in Westchester County and surrounding regions since 2000. In 2007, MSP was chosen by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to be the human trafficking services provider for the Lower Hudson Valley region of New York State. This region includes Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, and Sullivan Counties.

MSP works with survivors of sex and labor trafficking, male or female, U.S. citizen or foreign-born, documented or undocumented, minor or adult. MSP has worked with survivors of human trafficking from across the globe, including the United States, Africa, Asia, Eastern and Western Europe, and North, Central and South America.

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Safe Horizon - <http://www.safehorizon.org/index/about-us-1.html>

Safe Horizon is the largest victims' services agency in the United States, touching the lives of more than 250,000 children, adults, and families affected by crime and abuse throughout New York City each year. We offer assistance to victims through 57 program locations, including shelter, in-person counseling, legal services, and more. **Hotline Phone Numbers** **Domestic Violence Hotline:** 800.621.HOPE (4673) **Crime Victims Hotline:** 866.689.HELP (4357) **Rape & Sexual Assault Hotline:** 212.227.3000