

# ANTI-TRAFFICKING WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION

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# A warm welcome to the Presentation

The outline is as follows:

# **1. WATCH TWO VIDEOS**

**- EVERY 15 SECONDS**

**- 25 PAINFUL FACTS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

## **2. WHO WE ARE**

## **3. WHAT WE DO**

## **4. WHY WE DO IT**

## **4. DISCUSSION**

## **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Who we are

- The Anti-Trafficking Working Group of USG/UIISG JPIC Commission
- We have 11 active members and
- 15 people on our list for information only
- The group started over 10 years ago, has had different members, almost broke up in 2012 and was re-formed by the current members.

# What we do

- Education through awareness raising within our congregations and in the wider society
- Promoting networking among associations groups and other religious congregations to give strength to our effort against the trafficking in person
- (Refer to leaflet for more information)

# Why we do Anti-Trafficking work

*"All of us are called [by God] to be free, all are called to be sons and daughters, and each, according to his or her own responsibilities, is called to combat modern forms of enslavement,"*

Pope Francis [said](#) in his first Mass of 2015 at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican.



(Reuters/Alessandro Bianchi)

*"Millions of people today – children, women and men of all ages – are deprived of freedom and are forced to live in conditions akin to slavery," Francis said.*

**Did you know that there are more slaves today than ever before in history?**

# 25 Painfully Disturbing facts about human trafficking

These are 25 painfully disturbing facts about human trafficking.



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**The average cost of a slave in 2013 was between \$90 and \$100**



**In most regions,  
80% of trafficking  
involves sexual  
exploitation**



**The remaining 20%  
is generally for labor  
exploitation**

**The number of slaves on Earth today is estimated between 20 and 30 million**



**Nearly 1 million of them are  
moved across international  
borders every year on  
the black market**



**70% of those slaves are female**



50% are children



**Behind drugs and weapons,  
human trafficking is the third  
largest international crime  
industry in the world**





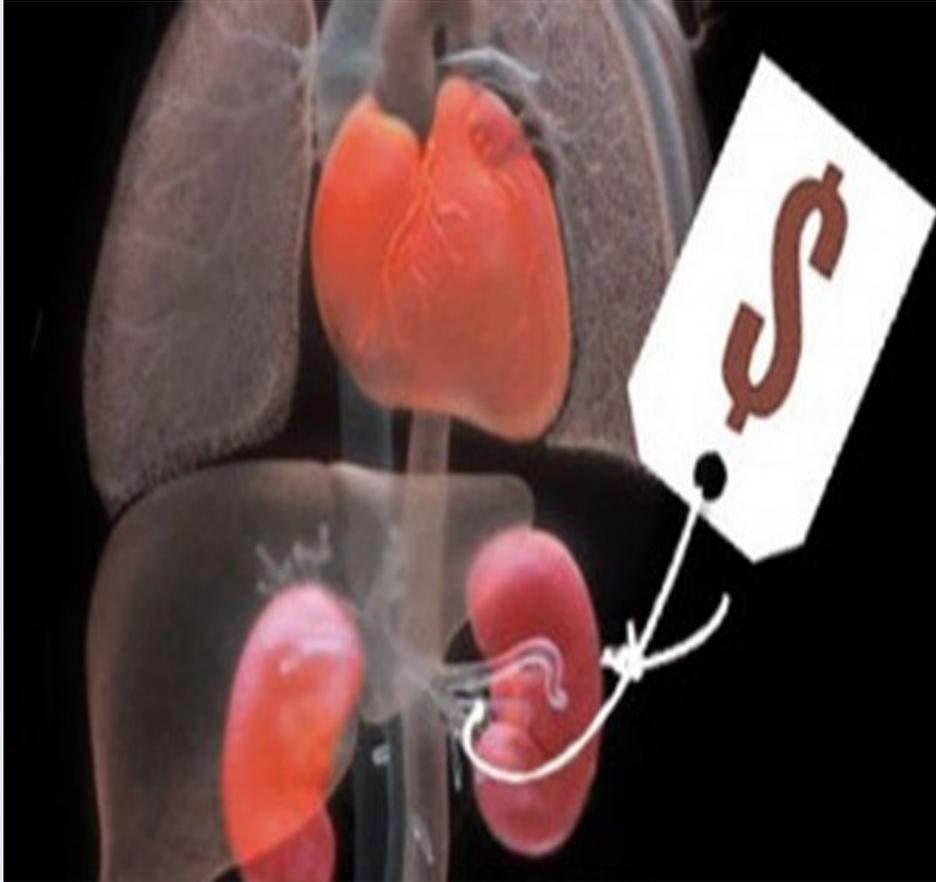
**Over half of that  
comes from  
industrialized  
countries**

**It generates  
approximately  
\$33 billion  
ever year**



**Even for purposes of labor exploitation, women still constitute over half of Earth's enslaved population**





**Organ harvesting is another seldom mentioned but quickly growing industry that benefits from human trafficking**

**An estimated 30,000  
victims of sex  
trafficking die each year  
from abuse, disease,  
torture, and neglect**



**Eighty percent of those  
sold into sexual slavery  
are under 24,  
and some are as young  
as six years old**

**Ludwig “Tarzan” Fainberg, a convicted trafficker, said, “You can buy a woman for \$10,000 and make your money back in a week if she is pretty and young. Then everything else is profit**



**A 2003 study in the Netherlands found that, on average, a single sex slave earned her pimp at least \$250,000 a year**



**A human trafficker can earn 20 times what he or she paid for a girl. Provided the girl was not physically brutalized to the point of ruining her beauty, the pimp could sell her again for a greater price because he had trained her and broken her spirit, which saves future buyers the hassle**



**The end of the Cold War has resulted in the growth of regional conflicts and the decline of borders. Many rebel groups turn to human trafficking to fund military actions and garner soldiers.**



**According to a 2009 Washington Times article, the Taliban buys children as young as seven years old to act as suicide bombers.**





**The price for child  
suicide bombers  
is between  
\$7,000-\$14,000**

**UNICEF estimates that 300,000 children younger than 18 are currently trafficked to serve in armed conflicts worldwide**



Babies are sold on the black market, where the profit is divided between the traffickers, doctors, lawyers, border officials, and others.



**Researchers argue that as the economic crisis deepens, the number of people trafficked for forced labor will increase.**



**Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises because it holds relatively low risk with high profit potential. Criminal organizations are increasingly attracted to human trafficking because, unlike drugs, humans can be sold repeatedly**



**There are more slaves in the world  
today than ever before in history**







**Pope Francis marked World  
Day of Peace,  
a feast day of the Roman  
Catholic Church  
held January 1.**

This year's message is entitled  
***"No Longer Slaves,  
but Brothers and Sisters"***.

- In the message Pope Francis mentions so many ways in which people continue to be enslaved and exploited today: in domestic or agricultural work, in the manufacturing or mining industry, migrants living and working in inhuman conditions, child soldiers, women forced into arranged marriages, and those trafficked for organ transplants, drug smuggling, begging or other illegal activities.

- As well as praising the “silent efforts” of so many religious to support and rehabilitate the victims, the Pope also calls for “a shared commitment” by States, businesses, intergovernmental organisations and individuals to “offer hope, open doors” and help combat this intolerable crime against humanity.

[\(from Vatican Radio\)](#)

# Some Efforts

- The Palermo Protocol
- The ATWG 'Tool Kit'
- Talitha Kum
- International Day of Prayer against Human Trafficking

# REFLECTION

In small (table) groups.

- What touched you?
- Have you or your Sisters/Brothers had any experience with trafficked persons?
- What is your congregation already doing to counter human trafficking?
- What more could we do?
- What can I do as an individual?

# Plenary Sharing

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# Announcements

# VIDEO LINKS

- About Slavery - Free the Slaves

<https://www.freetheslaves.net/aboutslavery>

- 25 Painfully Disturbing Facts About Human Trafficking 3.59 minutes (June 2014)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqCSgCDGNT8&noredirect=1>

- Every 15 Seconds: Matt Friedman at TEDxSan Joaquin 16:45 minutes (Nov 2012)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU9TeVofkDo>