

## Notes from the Anti Trafficking Working Group of UISG/USG

Short, up-to-date information on Human Trafficking. This resource is useful for information, for training, and can be used together with the [\*Trafficking in Women and Children Information and Workshop Kit\*](#).

# Human Trafficking: A Global Concern

## AMERICAS: The Nature of the Problem

I would recommend that going to the most recent United Nations Report and the annual U.S. report on human trafficking would provide the best updated information for what is happening in the Americas (USA, Canada, Mexico, Central America, South America).

Websites for the most current documents:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/index.html>

<http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2012/>. I would also like to point out that while this report is very comprehensive, the majority of photos represent situations of trafficking in countries *other than* the United States. I kept looking for a truck stop or a field of produce to be picked or a slaughterhouse or a restaurant dishwashing area -- all possible locations for trafficking in the USA.

## ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION: Will human trafficking victims ever gain their freedom?

The number of persons that are trafficked in less than a year is unbelievable. It is estimated that 1.36 million people are being trafficked in Asia-Pacific in a twinkle of an eye for all kinds of purposes including marriage, debt payment etc. Of the estimated US\$9.7 billion annual profits made from the exploitation of all trafficked forced labor, 30.6% is generated in Asia and the Pacific. The scope and the extent of human trafficking is so huge. Unfortunately the laws in most of the Asia and the Pacific countries are not yet inclusive of migrants labor issues and governments are incapable of enforcement them on their own. This reality is an open door to trafficking in person these regions. The situation is such that the UN agencies and law enforcement organizations are no longer able to address the magnitude of this crime.

Therefore, the Private sector is being called upon to play their role. It was for that the ***“ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS SMART BUSINESS” EHTN-ESCAP: Luncheon with the Business Community. Asia Pacific Business Forum*** meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Read on: [www.endhumantraffickingnow.com/.../APBF\\_EH...](http://www.endhumantraffickingnow.com/.../APBF_EH...)

Trafficking in persons in East Asia has not been widely studied due to restrictive policies and self-interest countries. For instance, Japan has a large sex industry employing a significant number of non-Japanese women. It is estimate, as many as 100,000 foreign women are trafficked to Japan every year (Women Overseas Workers Network, cited in IOM,

1997).<sup>12</sup> In addition there are approximately 200,000 illegal female migrants in Japan at any given time. Read on: [www.hks.harvard.edu/.../Human%20Trafficking%](http://www.hks.harvard.edu/.../Human%20Trafficking%); [www.no-trafficking.org/china.html](http://www.no-trafficking.org/china.html)

About 12.3 million adults and children are in forced labor, bonded labor and commercial sexual servitude at any given time and around 80 percent of transnational victims of human trafficking are women and girls.

Read on: [www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/.../Human%20Trafficking](http://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/.../Human%20Trafficking)

Read on: [www.globalfreedomcenter.org](http://www.globalfreedomcenter.org)

Efforts are being made in some countries against trafficking in human beings but it is just a drop in the bucket.

Read on: [tuoitrenews.vn/.../human-trafficking-on-the-rise-in...](http://tuoitrenews.vn/.../human-trafficking-on-the-rise-in...)

### **EUROPE: More victims of trafficking in human beings in the EU but member states are slow to respond**

On 15 April 2013 the European Commission published the first report on trafficking in human beings in Europe. The report highlights that the number of people being trafficked in and to the EU increased by 18% from 2008 to 2010, but less traffickers end up behind bars, since convictions decreased by 13% over the same period. Despite this worrying background, to date, only 6 out of the 27 EU Member States have fully transposed the [EU Anti-Trafficking Directive](#) into their national legislation and three countries have only reported partial transposition of the directive, with the deadline having expired on 6 April 2013. Read on: [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-13-322\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-322_en.htm) (available in different languages).

The report on Trafficking in Human Beings in Europe in English (available in different languages). [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/2013/docs/20130415\\_thb\\_stats\\_report\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/2013/docs/20130415_thb_stats_report_en.pdf)

Very interesting graphic report to download

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/multimedia/infographics/index\\_en.htm#0801262488c18d4a/c](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/multimedia/infographics/index_en.htm#0801262488c18d4a/c)

Report/Dossier from Save the Children on Trafficking Minors in Italy, published on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013. The young victims are mainly from East Europe, Nigeria, Egypt and China.

<http://risorse.savethechildren.it/files/comunicazione/Ufficio%20Stampa/DOSSIER%20TRATTA%20%28V%20bozza%29.zip>