

Human Trafficking and Disasters



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Vulnerable Groups

- Homeless and displaced persons
 - In camps
 - Spontaneously settled in urban areas
 - Widows and women heads of households
 - Adolescents
 - Separated and unaccompanied children
 - Children caring for children

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Forms of Trafficking in/from Disaster-Affected Areas

- Forced labor
- Domestic servitude
- Sexual exploitation and abuse
- Combat/Gang violence

Causes of Vulnerability

- Breakdown in law and order
- Breakdown in family structures
- Inadequate assistance
- Gender discrimination, particularly in access to employment and education
- Tolerance of gender-based violence
- Weak systems of accountability

Addressing Trafficking

- Prevention
 - Adequate assistance, protection and livelihoods for women and children affected by disasters
 - Strong codes of conduct in delivery of aid
- Prosecution
 - Statutes that criminalize human trafficking
 - Meaningful penalties against traffickers
 - Prosecution of traffickers, not trafficking victims
 - Prosecution of corrupt officials
 - Penalties against aid agencies and workers that engage in sexual exploitation
- Protection
 - Protection against retaliation by traffickers
 - (Re) integration assistance for trafficking victims
 - Reproductive health and psycho-social programs to address aftermath of trafficking