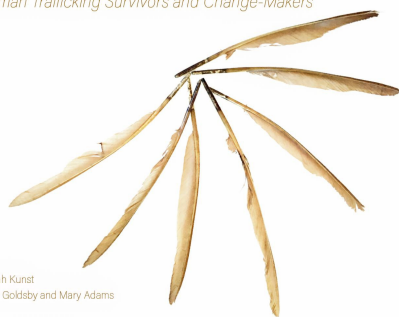




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Hope is the Thing with Feathers
Portraits of Human Trafficking Survivors and Change-Makers

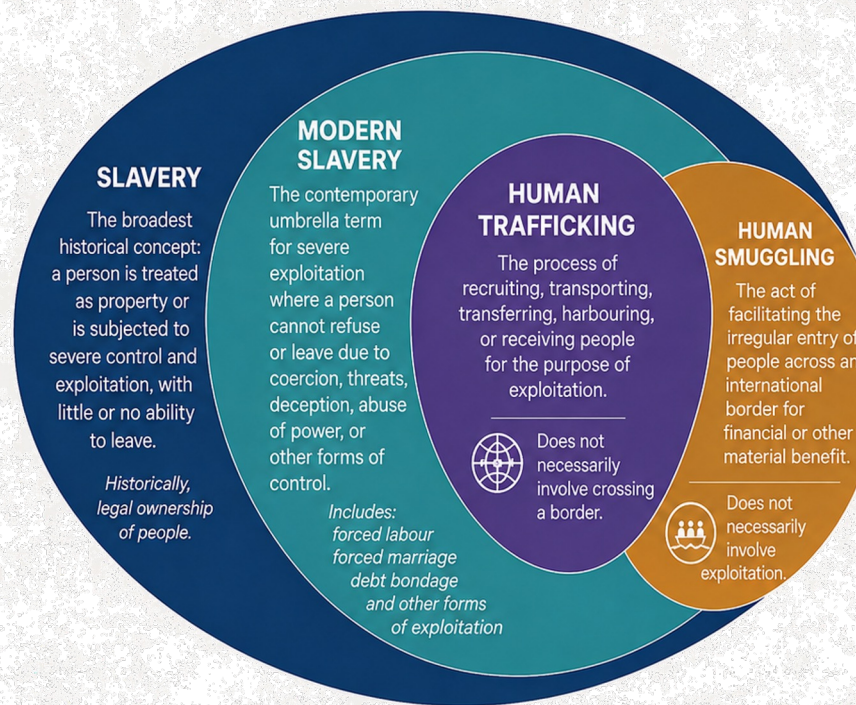


Photographs by My-Linh Kunst
Essays by Robin Meloy Goldsby and Mary Adams



THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SLAVERY, MODERN SLAVERY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Different terms. Overlapping realities. One shared goal: human freedom.



● SLAVERY

The broadest concept encompassing all situations where a person is owned, controlled, and exploited.

● MODERN SLAVERY

All forms of severe exploitation in the modern era where people cannot refuse or leave.

● HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The act or process of exploiting people. It can occur within a country or across borders.

● HUMAN SMUGGLING

The act of helping people enter a country illegally. It does not always involve exploitation.

! KEY POINT

Human trafficking can result in modern slavery, but not every case of modern slavery involves trafficking or smuggling.



IN SHORT:

SLAVERY describes a condition of exploitation and control.



MODERN SLAVERY describes contemporary forms of that condition.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING describes the process through which people may be brought into or kept in that exploitation.



HUMAN SMUGGLING describes the facilitation of illegal entry across borders for gain.

Palermo Protocol defines Trafficking in Human Beings as: *'the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments and benefits to achieve the consent of a person, having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation'*.



- Child Marriages
- Forced Marriages
- Child Soldiers
- Forced Begging
- Forced Criminality
- Domestic Servitude

THE ILLEGAL ECONOMY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

 **\$236 Billion**

Total Illegal Global Profits per Year
(37% INCREASE SINCE 2014)

PER-VICTIM PROFITABILITY

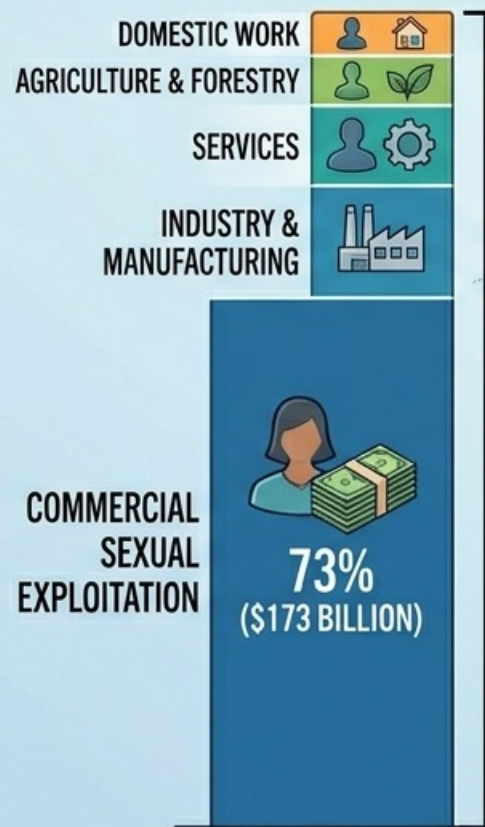


AVERAGE PROFIT
(Overall):
~\$10,000

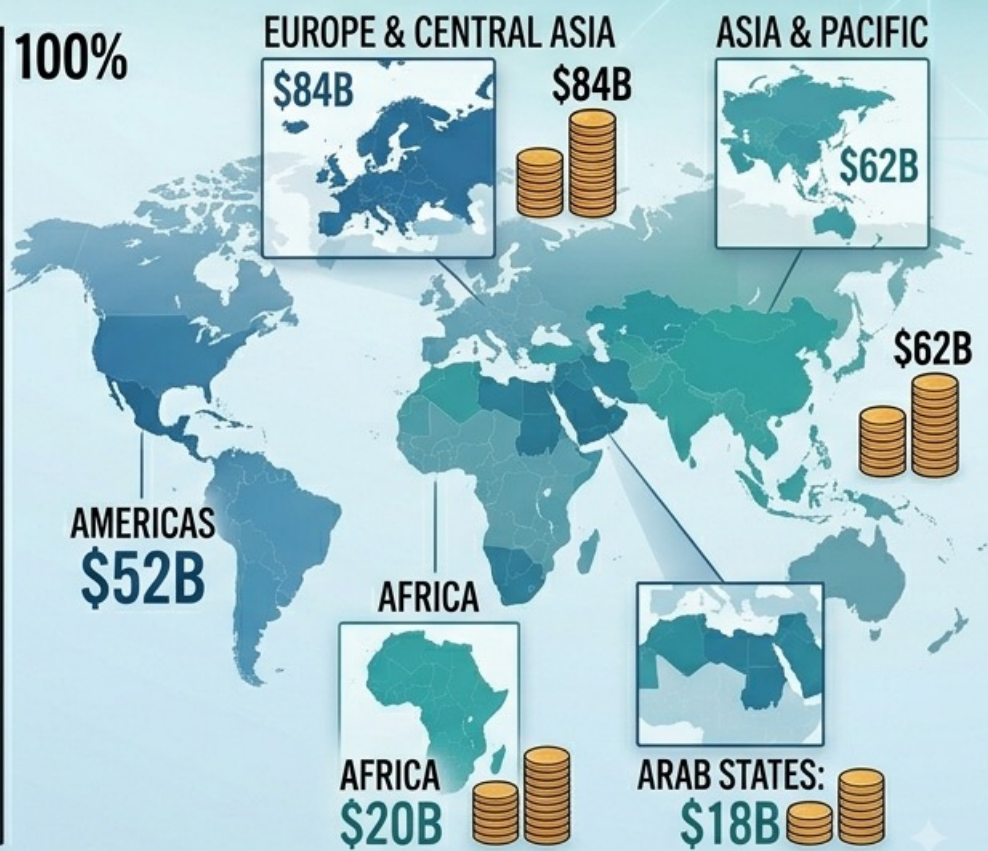


SEX EXPLOITATION:
~\$27,252 vs.
LABOR: ~\$3,687

PROFIT BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR



REGIONAL PROFIT DISTRIBUTION



Sources: ILO, UNODC data analysis.

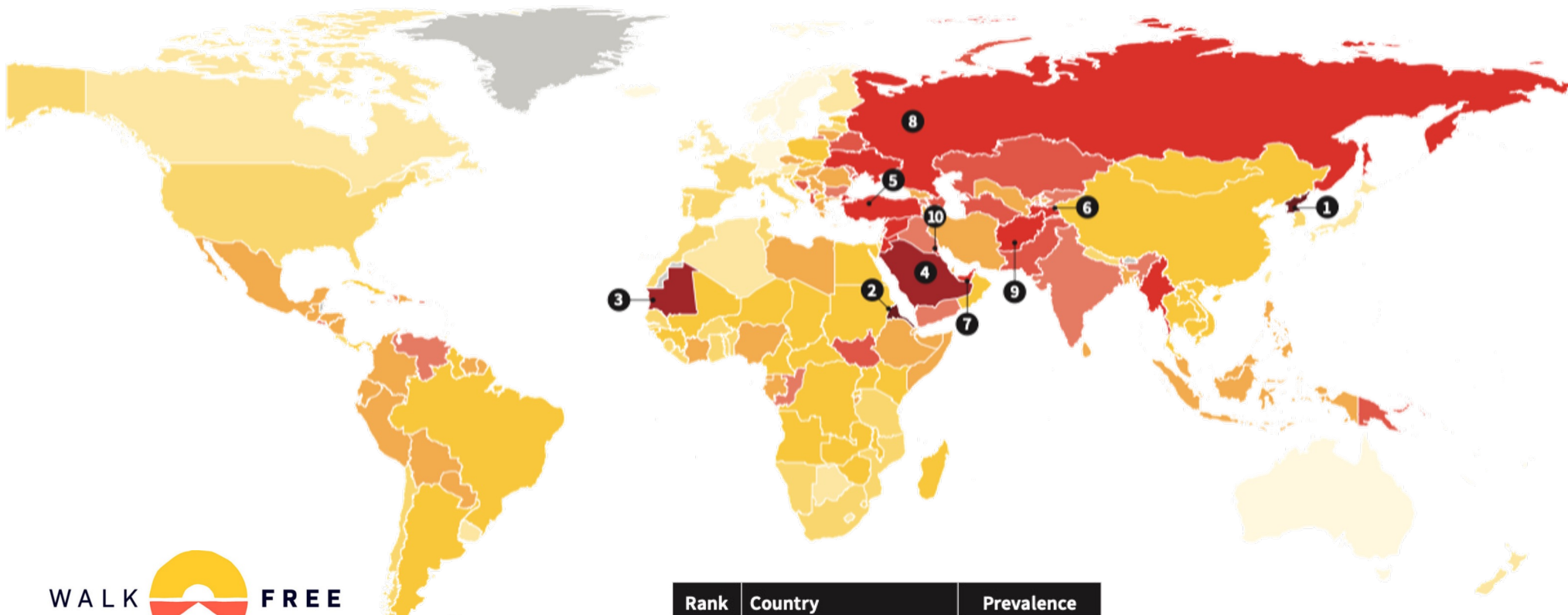


Forced Criminality in the Digital Age: Cyber Scams

In 2023, UNODC estimated that cyber scams generated between \$18 billion and \$37 billion in illicit profits in Southeast Asia.

Globally, this criminal phenomenon has expanded rapidly, with law enforcement and humanitarian organizations tracking tens of thousands of victims trapped across multiple continents.





WALK  FREE

GLOBAL SLAVERY INDEX

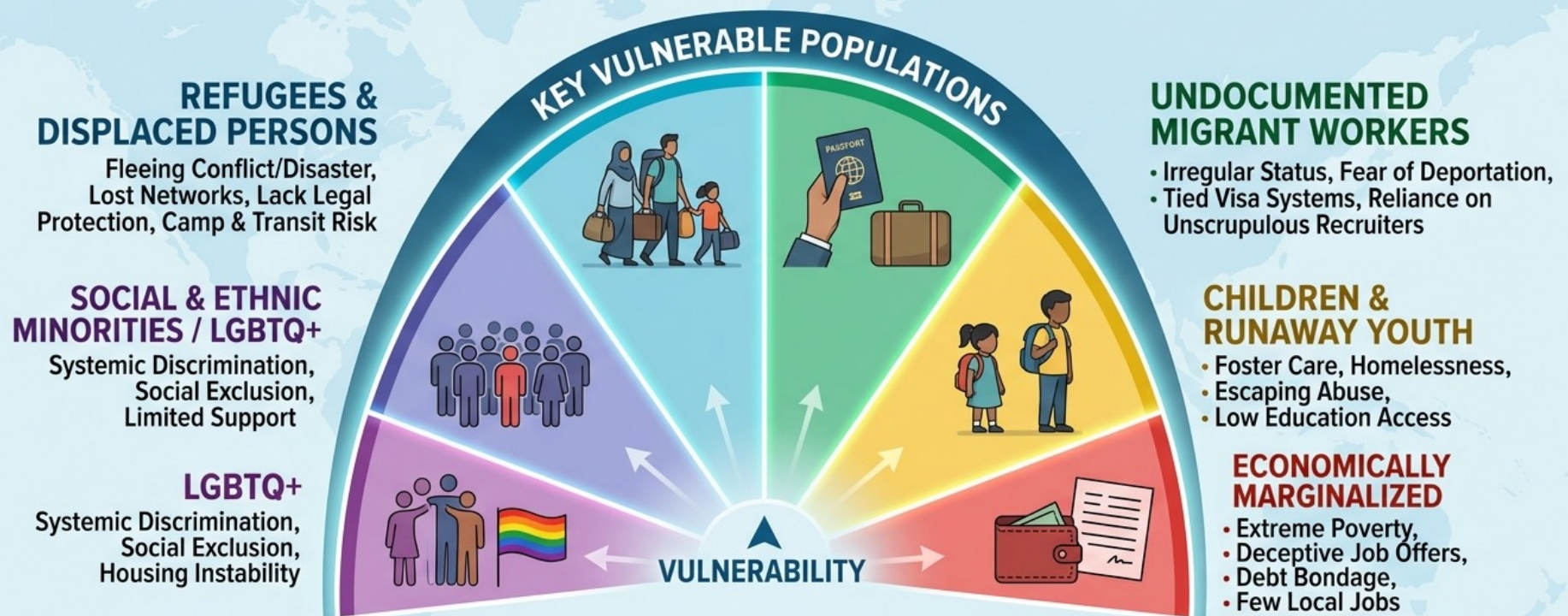
Estimated prevalence of modern slavery by country
(noting estimated prevalence per 1,000 population for the 10 countries with highest prevalence)



(2023)

Rank	Country	Prevalence
1	North Korea	104.6
2	Eritrea	90.3
3	Mauritania	32.0
4	Saudi Arabia	21.3
5	Türkiye	15.6
6	Tajikistan	14.0
7	United Arab Emirates	13.4
8	Russia	13.0
9	Afghanistan	13.0
10	Kuwait	13.0

GLOBAL VULNERABILITY TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING



DRIVERS OF VULNERABILITY



POVERTY



CONFLICT



DISCRIMINATION



LACK OF OPPORTUNITY

SOURCES:



1. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ILO), 2024: PROFITS AND POVERTY



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UNODC,

2. UN OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC), 2022: GLOBAL REPORT ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS



3. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)



4. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT





The Global Trafficking Intelligence Hub

Global Snapshot

Latest verified global trafficking and modern slavery figures.



50 Million

People living in modern slavery globally, cited by Walk Free in January 2026 from the latest available index baseline



28 Million

People in forced labour globally, cited by the ILO in October 2025



138 Million

Children engaged in child labour globally, according to the latest ILO-UNICEF update released in June 2025



222,000+

Victims and survivors represented in CTDC's updated v2025 synthetic dataset across 197 countries and territories

<https://globaltrafficking.org/index.html>

PROFILES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING PERPETRATORS: TYPOLOGIES AND KEY DATA

TYPOLOGIES OF TRAFFICKERS

KEY DEMOGRAPHICS



FAMILY MEMBERS & INTIMATE PARTNERS

- Leverage existing trust, domestic control, or economic desperation.
- Exploit victims for sex trafficking or forced child labor.



BUSINESS OWNERS & EMPLOYERS

- Restrict movement, withhold wages, or seize legal documents.
- Maintain control through physical coercion and debt bondage.



LABOR BROKERS & RECRUITMENT AGENCIES

- Lure victims with fraudulent job offers and promise of lucrative work.
- Impose exorbitant recruitment fees, creating permanent debt bondage.



ORGANIZED CRIMINAL NETWORKS

- Execute large-scale, cross-border operations.
- Manage complex networks for sex trafficking rings and cyber-scams.



OPPORTUNISTIC INDIVIDUALS & ACQUAINTANCES

- Single or solo operators exploiting vulnerable acquaintances or neighbors.
- Identify specific vulnerabilities for localized financial gain.

PERPETRATOR GENDER SPLIT (GLOBAL CONVICTIONS)



72%-78% MALE **22%-28% FEMALE**

Female perpetrators often occupy specialized roles as recruiters, "madams," or primary caretakers in sex trafficking operations.

NATIONALITY OF PERPETRATORS
GLOBAL RECRUITMENT PATTERNS



DATA TREND: The vast majority of detected traffickers and victims share the same nationality or are residents of the same state, operating within existing national borders.

METHODS OF EXPLOITATION: RECRUITMENT & COERCION



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WHO BUYS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

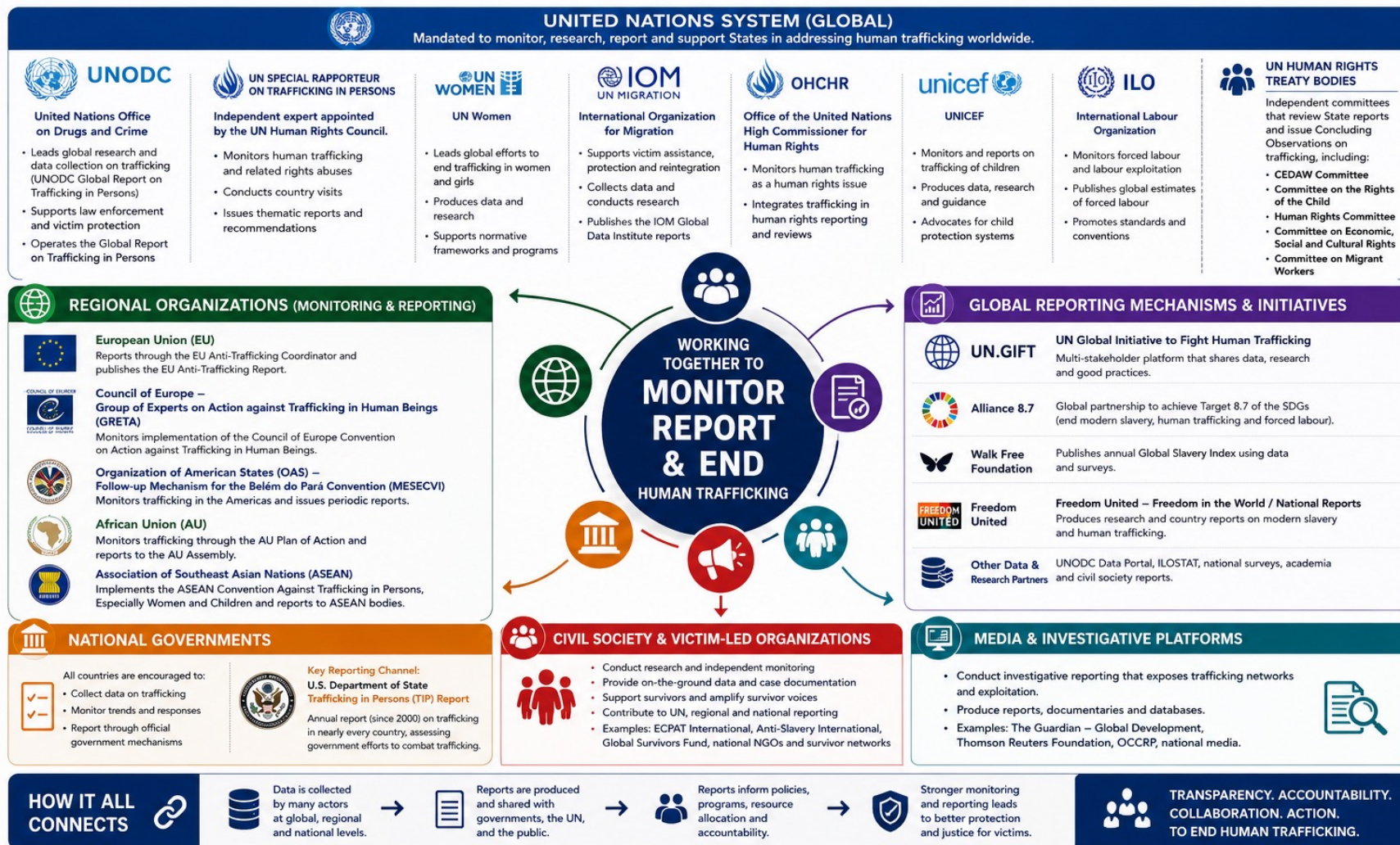
A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF THE DEMAND SIDE

Human trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of exploitation. Buyers create the demand. Their willingness to pay fuels this criminal industry.



WHO MONITORS AND REPORTS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

KEY INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Note: This graphic is a non-exhaustive overview of key organizations involved in monitoring and reporting on human trafficking.

Last updated: May 2024



Government responses to modern slavery (noting scores for the countries with strongest responses)



(2023)

Country	Response score
United Kingdom	68
Australia	67
Netherlands	67
Portugal	67
United States	67
Ireland	63
Norway	63
Spain	63
Sweden	63


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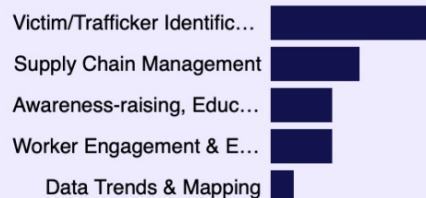
TOOL LIST

<https://techagainsttrafficking.org>



259 Tools Selected

TOOL CATEGORY



TRAFFICKING TYPE



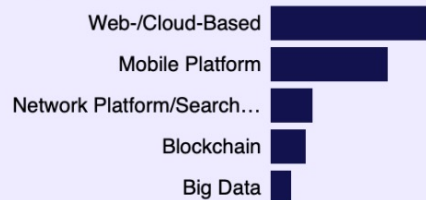
TARGET SECTOR



TARGET USERS



TECHNOLOGY



KEY PHRASES



(Un)trafficked Software

(Un)trafficked is an interactive digital story about child trafficking in India. In the interactive story, users follow the journey of a 13-year-old girl from a poor family that decides to send her away with a stranger to find work in the city. As the

1109 Hotline Hotline

The 1109 Hotline takes calls 24/7 and is equipped to handle calls in all languages. The 1109 Hotline's call operators can communicate in both English and Greek. The 1109 Hotline is also able to connect to a tele-interpreting service with

1343 Actionline Hotline Hotline

The 1343 Actionline is a 24/7 hotline facility that responds to emergency or crisis calls from victims of human trafficking and their families. It provides a venue for the public to be engaged in the fight against trafficking in persons. The actionline is a

ACT! App Mobile application

ACT! is an educational gaming app for junior high and high school students, aiming to help them recognize and correctly identify cues or "Red flags" that could signify a situation where trafficking may be occurring.

AIDONIC Software

AIDONIC is an award-winning payments infrastructure and data management platform, powered by blockchain technology. Humanitarian cash and voucher assistance in the context of crises such as conflict or famine needs to

AgriDigital Software

AgriDigital is an Australian cloud-based commodity management platform that transforms the way to buy, sell and store grain. AgriDigital is using blockchain to provide payment security and transparency in the

Amader Kotha Hotline Hotline

Amader Kotha is a technology-driven helpline that receives calls from workers on over 500 issues a month, including complaints about wages and benefits, and fire danger inside and outside factories.

Ambrosus AirDAO Multi-platform

Ambrosus is a blockchain Internet of Things (IoT) platform dedicated to bringing transparency to the food and pharmaceutical supply chains. In addition to its food tracing mechanism, Ambrosus has also launched a P2P marketplace where

Analyze Software

Analyze is a full suite for digital investigations into hashtags (unique identifiers) of known child sexual abuse material (CSAM) found on the internet. The filtering techniques can detect skin tones — even in low light or poor-quality video — then

Apprise App Mobile application

Automatic Identification System

BAN Human Trafficking! App



We Take Action

FAWCO global team for [Human Rights](#) supports [16 Days of Action](#) against Gender Based Violence (25 Nov – 10 Dec)



Target Program 2.0 (2013 -16) *Protecting the Rights and Improving the Lives of Women and Girls Worldwide*

FAWCO and FAWCO Foundation **Stand UP Against Human Trafficking Symposium** (2016)

FAWCO Foundation Development Grants have helped numerous organizations supporting trafficked women and girls:

- Pillow Project to Stop Child Trafficking (2018, Kenya)
- More than Just a Cup of Coffee (2019, Amsterdam)
- The Bridge to Hope (2020, Amsterdam)
- Veronica's Voice (2020, Kansas City)
- A Helping Hand (2021, Torino)
- Providing Support for Victims of Prostitution and Human Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation (2021, France)
- Safety Pathways (2025, Central Vietnam)



Target Program 6.0 (2025-28) Human Rights theme: ***Advancing Dignity, Equality and Freedom for Women and Girls***

MEMBER CLUBS TAKE ACTION IN THEIR COMMUNITIES



American Women's Club of Central Scotland

Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre

Free and confidential emotional/practical support, advocacy, and guidance for survivors of sexual violence and commercial sexual exploitation.



American Women's Club Denmark

Christian's Safe House

Dedicated safe house providing refuge for sexually trafficked women, men, and children.



American Women's Club of Amsterdam

Not For Sale (Dignita)

Social enterprise restaurant model offering certified training programs and dependable workplace reintegration for trafficking victims.



American Women's Club of The Hague

The Bridge2Hope

Academy supporting survivors of human trafficking through psychosocial care, language education, and life-rebuilding skills.



American International Women's Club e.V. – Frankfurt, Taunus, Rhein-Main

Kainos & FeM (FemJa Project)

Kainos: Prevention, outreach, and aftercare for victims of forced prostitution.

FeM: Anonymous housing, counseling, and crisis management for young women escaping violence and forced marriage.



American Women's Club of Zurich

FIZ (Fachstelle Frauenhandel und Frauenimmigration)

Advocacy, counseling, and emergency shelter facilities for female migrants and human trafficking victims.

Representative selection from websites

INDIVIDUALS CAN TAKE ACTION

The **STOP APP** can be downloaded by anyone, anywhere in the world who has access to a smartphone. The app is anonymous, confidential and secure – it is available in 15 languages and allows you to submit suspicious activity quickly by sending text based messages and uploading photos and videos.

Redlight Traffick allows citizens to report suspicious activity that may be related to human trafficking. Users may submit reports under one of three categories: business, person, or vehicle, depending on the context in which they suspect human trafficking. All reports are then shared with local authorities.

TraffickCam was specifically created with frequent travelers in mind. Because trafficking victims are often photographed in hotel rooms, this app lets users photograph their hotel rooms and upload them to TraffickCam's database. These pictures are then analyzed and run against a database of pictures provided by law enforcement to find sex trafficking locations.



TRAFFICKERS DON'T DISCRIMINATE.

Anyone can become a victim of human trafficking.

SEE. CALL. SAVE.

Report suspected human trafficking to the
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) tip line:

1-866-347-2423

If you are a victim and need help, call the
National Human Trafficking Hotline:
1-888-373-7888



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Think BEFORE You BUY: Be a Conscious Consumer



Take the survey at <http://slaveryfootprint.org/> and find out how many slaves work for you. Based on data from the Trafficking in Persons Report, The Freedom House index and others, the survey assigns a score to your answers — in essence, the number of slave workers used to create the products you use.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING MYTHBUSTER

Know the Facts. Spot the Signs. Help End Exploitation.

✗ MYTH		✓ FACT
 1. Human trafficking only happens in other countries. It's a far-away problem.	→	Human trafficking happens in every country, including our own communities. 
 2. Only certain people become victims. It only happens to women or children.	→	Anyone can become a victim—regardless of age, gender, race, nationality, or background. 
 3. Trafficking always involves movement across borders. It means smuggling people from one country to another.	→	It can happen within the same city, state, or country. Movement is not a requirement for human trafficking. 
 4. If someone agrees to the job, it can't be trafficking. They chose to be there.	→	Traffickers use force, fraud, coercion, or deception. Consent does not mean there is no exploitation. 
 5. If the person is paid, it's not trafficking. They're just being paid to work.	→	Trafficking is about exploitation and control, not payment. Victims may be underpaid, not paid, or have their money taken. 
 6. Victims are always physically restrained. Traffickers always lock people up.	→	Control can be mental, emotional, or psychological—not just physical. 
 7. I would definitely recognize it if I saw it. It's easy to spot.	→	Trafficking can be hidden in plain sight. Victims may not ask for help. 



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A CRIME AND A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

Awareness is the first step. Compassion is the next. Action can save lives.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Stay informed
- Trust your instincts
- Look for the signs
- Report your concerns



REPORT IT. GET HELP.

If you suspect human trafficking, contact local authorities or a trusted anti-trafficking organization.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Your awareness, your voice, and your action can help end human trafficking.

