

The background features a collage of various postage stamps and currency notes. Visible stamps include 'PAR AVION' (air mail), '100.00', 'MADRID', and 'COSTA RICA'. Currency notes include a 100 Euro note and a 100 US Dollar note. The collage is rendered in a faded, golden-yellow color scheme.

# SEX TRAFFICKING

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Enslavement in the Global Sex Industry

# Sex Trafficking

## What is it?



- ✦ Sex trafficking is a sub-category of the larger issue of human trafficking
- ✦ By definition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime human trafficking is, specifically in Article 3, paragraph (a) of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Trafficking in Persons is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring 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 or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs

## ACT

Recruitment  
Transport  
Transfer  
Harbouring  
Receipt of persons

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## MEANS

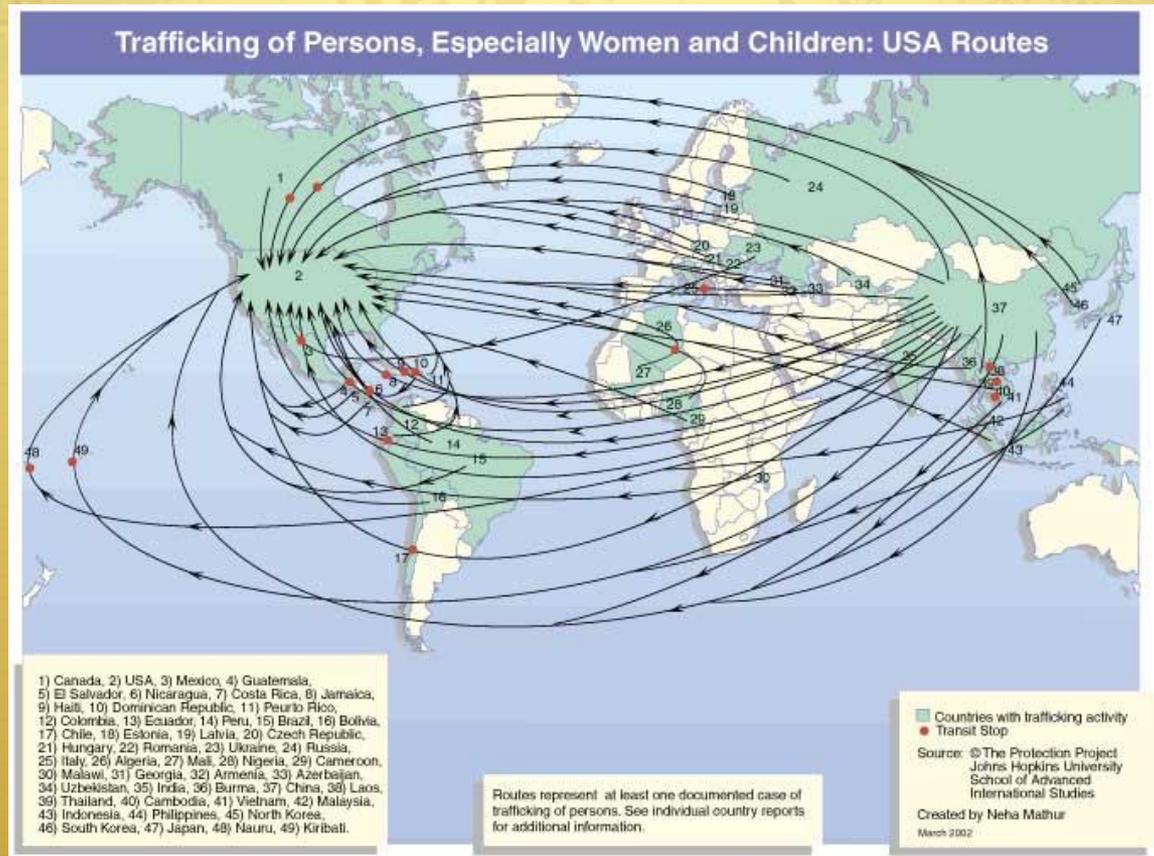
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Abuse of power or vulnerability  
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## PURPOSE

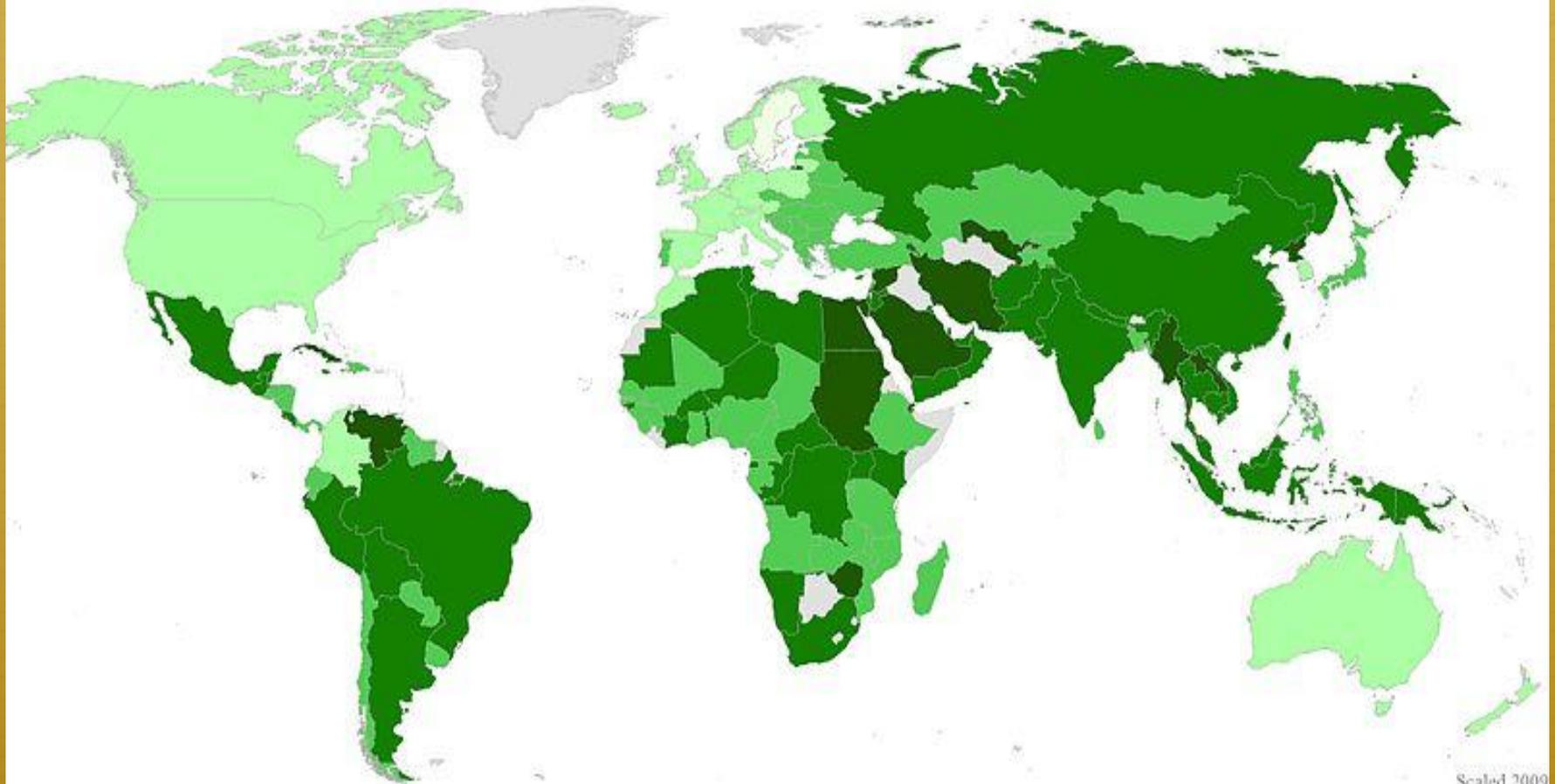
Exploitation, including  
Prostitution of others  
Sexual exploitation  
Forced labour  
Slavery or similar practices  
Removal of organs  
Other types of exploitation

= **TRAFFICKING**



According to the above map, almost every country in the world is affected by sex trafficking. As shown in the map, there are 3 types of countries involved in the global sex trade: **countries of origin, countries of transit, and countries of destination.**

# Trafficking of Females



Scaled 2009

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|---|--|
|  No Data   |  Trafficking is illegal but is still practiced        |
|  Trafficking is illegal and rare                 |  Trafficking is limitedly illegal and is practiced    |
|  Trafficking is illegal but problems still exist |  Trafficking is not illegal and is commonly practiced |

# Origin Countries



- ✦ In April 2006 report by the UNODC, “Trafficking in Persons: Global Patterns,” helped to identify 127 countries of origin
- ✦ Such countries include developing countries of a relatively low income per capita
  - ✦ For example: A few countries on the human trafficking “watchlist” include Afghanistan, Thailand, Bangladesh, Brunei, and Micronesia
- ✦ Impoverished families will sell their female members to men for a couple hundred dollars.
- ✦ Three main destination countries are:
  - ✦ Philippines
  - ✦ Ukraine
  - ✦ Nigeria

# Philippines



- ✦ One of the largest source of sex trafficking is the Philippines, whose 4th largest source of national income is the exportation of people into the sex industry as well as migrant labor, and even indentured servitude
- ✦ Women and children are sought out in small villages, and men lure women with little or no education with the promise of respectable jobs as maids or nannies.

# Ukraine



- ✦ Many female traffickers seem to victims as comforting “mothers” and are frequently lured in by women because they are seen as less of a threat.
- ✦ The Ukraine is listed as Tier 2 watch list.
- ✦ Those who aren't trafficked into commercial sexual slavery are put into domestic servitude.
- ✦ Women are often kidnapped at everyday, public places, and drugs used to subdue female victims.

# Nigeria



- ✦ As well as having its own internal trafficking issues, there is evidence that Nigeria is a major origin country.
- ✦ Target women in small villages where only the sons are sent to school
  - ✦ School can be very expensive in developing countries especially Nigeria
- ✦ Usually sent to transit sites in the major cities all over Africa and Europe
- ✦ A place with internal sexual violence and sex trafficking

# Transit Countries

- ✦ UNODC has assisted many of the NGOs in the fight against human trafficking, and they have labeled 98 countries as transit countries.
- ✦ By definition, a transit country is one where the traffickers send the victims to stay in brothels until they are sent to the destinations.
- ✦ The three main transit countries are:
  - ✦ Cambodia
  - ✦ Burma
  - ✦ Hungary

# Cambodia



- ✦ Known to be a source and a transit country
- ✦ Transit between China and Thailand
- ✦ Traffickers are using more false documentation with passports and IDs
- ✦ Store hundreds of women and children in houses
- ✦ Average of 15 men a day in a brothel
- ✦ Many of these women will die because of STDs and other issues
- ✦ Kidnapped, sold, and beaten by people they know (especially family members)
- ✦ Only 5% of Cambodian women graduate school making them easily deceived

# Burma



- ✦ Burma is both a transit and an origin country.
- ✦ Victims are transited from:
  - ✦ China
  - ✦ Malaysia
  - ✦ Singapore
- ✦ Multiple illegal citizens are shipped in secretly.
- ✦ Women are often subjected to cruel treatment, such as being shipped in a suitcase like a piece of cargo.

# Hungary



- ✦ Hungary is a large transit nation for both child sex workers and forced laborers.
- ✦ Victims are trafficked to Austria, the UK, USA, and other places in Europe
- ✦ Prostitution in Hungary has been legalized and regulated since 1999, but it is illegal to force any person into this profession.
- ✦ In Hungary the majority of traffickers are small family-based businesses.

# Destination Countries



- ✦ Destination countries are the final stop for women that are being sex trafficked
- ✦ Women are sold to various buyers and will remain with these buyers until customers no longer want them or they die from STDs.
- ✦ The Three Main Destination Countries:
  - ✦ United States
  - ✦ Japan
  - ✦ Australia

# United States



- ✦ In the US, sex trafficking is an \$8 billion dollar organization
- ✦ San Francisco is one of the top American cities for international sex traffickers to do business.
- ✦ Other main cities include:
  - ✦ New York City
  - ✦ Dallas
  - ✦ Las Vegas
- ✦ Since it is so underground the number of victims in the US is unknown.
  - ✦ CIA estimates that 14,500 that 14,500-17,500 women are trafficked through the US each year.
- ✦ Women are stationed in massage parlors and bars, and are often locked behind double security doors.

# Japan

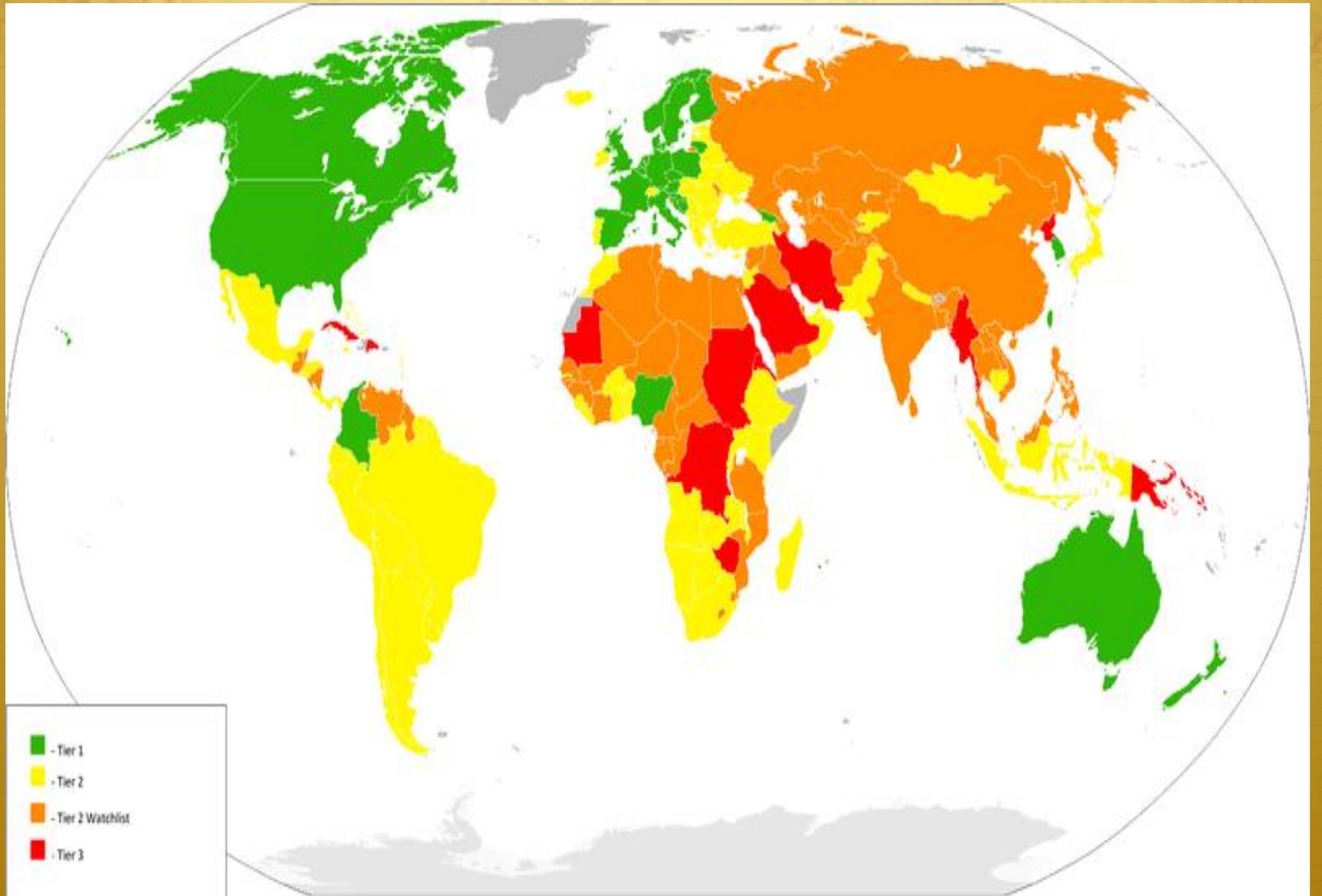


- ✦ Japan is a destination country for women and children who are trafficked from China, Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, and some Latin American countries.
- ✦ They are coerced into commercial exploitation in strip clubs, hostess bars, private video rooms, escort services, sex shops, and mail-order video services.
- ✦ NGOs have reported that brokers use drugs to control victims.
- ✦ One infamous crime family involved in Japanese sex trafficking has been labeled as the Yakuza.

# Australia



- ✦ Australia is a major area for sex tourism.
  - ✦ Sex tourism consists of planned trips that people can take to visit various sex trafficking brothels.
- ✦ Victims are brought in from various transit areas such as:
  - ✦ Thailand
  - ✦ Cambodia
  - ✦ other areas in Southeast Asia
- ✦ It is a Tier 1 country
- ✦ In relation to the amount of crime, conviction numbers are very low.



- Tier 1
- Tier 2
- Tier 2 Watchlist
- Tier 3

# Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3



## ✦ Tier 1

- ✦ Countries whose governments fully comply with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act's minimum standards

## ✦ Tier 2

- ✦ Countries whose governments do not fully comply with the TVPA's minimum standards, but are making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliances with those standards

## ✦ Tier 3

- ✦ Countries whose governments do not fully comply with the minimum standards and are not making significant efforts to do so

# Tier 2 Watch List



- ✦ Watch list countries are those whose governments do not fully comply with global minimum standards but are making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliance with those standards.
- ✦ In tier 2 watch list countries:
  - ✦ The absolute number of victims of severe forms of trafficking is very significant or is significantly increasing
  - ✦ There is a failure to provide evidence of increasing efforts to combat severe forms of trafficking in persons from the previous year or
  - ✦ The determination that a country is making significant efforts to bring itself into compliance with minimum standards was based on commitments by the country to take additional future steps over the next year

# Child Sex Trafficking



- ✦ According to UNICEF as many as two million children are subjected to prostitution in the global commercial sex trade
- ✦ Girls and boys can be sold as young as age six
- ✦ Children are considered “hot” commodities for buyers

# Sex Trafficking and the United Nations

## ✦ UNODC

- ✦ Launched the Blue Heart campaign in March 2009
- ✦ “The Blue Heart Campaign raises awareness of the problem and inspire those with decision-making power to effect change.”
- ✦ <http://www.unodc.org/blueheart/index.html>

## ✦ UN.GIFT- UN Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking

- ✦ to promote the global fight on human trafficking, on the basis of international agreements reached at the UN
- ✦ launched in March 2007 by UNODC with a grant made on behalf of the United Arab Emirates
- ✦ managed in cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO); the International Organization for Migration (IOM); UNICEF; the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

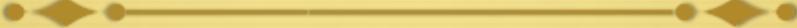
# Millenium Development Goals



## ✦ Gender Equality (3)

- ✦ Sex trafficking is a direct violation of the Millenium Development Goal promoting gender equality
- ✦ Although men and boys are also trafficked into the sex industry, the vast majority of sex workers are women
- ✦ These women are belittled, mistreated, tortured, and often treated like animals thus setting back the global efforts to empower women and promote gender equality

# MDG's Continued



## ✦ Combat HIV/AIDS (6)

- ✦ Sex workers are often forced into unprotected sex, harboring the spread of sexual transmitted diseases and infections such as HIV and AIDS

## ✦ End Poverty and Hunger (1)

- ✦ The majority of victims are low income: victims of trafficking are often lured into the sex industry by promises of a better life
- ✦ Most countries most heavily affected by sex trafficking are developing countries

# Human Rights

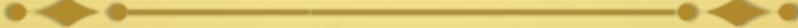


- ✦ There is no specific article that cites trafficking people for either labor or sex as a violation of human rights.
- ✦ However, Article 4 states, "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade are prohibited in all forms."

# Possible Solutions

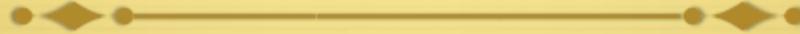
- ✦ Because the root cause of sex trafficking is the vulnerability of the victims, governments should work to provide care for victims and provide them with services to return to their homes and be re-integrated into their lives.
- ✦ To prevent sex trafficking, governments should increase the risks to traffickers through legislations and also judiciary systems that effectively convict perpetrators. Within these court systems, victims should be afforded protection and familiarity with the process.
- ✦ There is a high demand for commercial sex, but promoting education that stresses gender equality and publicizing harsh punishments for sex traffic would make it a less attractive and easy to get away with crime

# Explanations



- ✦ Sex trafficking, like most industries, functions based off supply and demand.
- ✦ Supply: sex trafficking stems from a violation of human rights. When women or families, do not have the resources to properly take care of themselves, being sold to brothels. Women are also promised jobs as maids or nannies in foreign countries, and then leave their homes only to be forced into sexual slavery.
- ✦ Demand: There is a constant demand for sexual services in all parts of the world. Additionally, the sex trade has fewer risks than other areas of crime, such as drug trafficking.

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