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### Abstract

Human trafficking is a worldwide escalating epidemic that affects the nation's safety and security. Human trafficking is a mode of slavery, which we have termed "modern day slavery". There are several deceptive tactics used to lure those into this involuntary bondage. In the enclosed document, we will further discuss the techniques currently used at helping victims to overcome this problem and describe what methods are used in prosecuting victimizers. There will also be discussion regarding the impact this crime has throughout the nations and the significant role the United States of America is partaking to combat this escalating world-wide epidemic.

### What is human trafficking?

Trafficking of human being is a modern day slavery involving people such as females, minors and males that are forced, coerced, and defrauded, for sexual exploitation. The person trafficked is entrapped, and over time they receive deceitful and abusive treatment. The trafficker takes away their freedom. Traffickers use many different manipulative tactics such as physical force, intimidation, deception, feigned love, threat, mistreatment and coercion such as force feeding the victims drugs to control them. Deceitful lies told concerning employment or promises of marriage in other countries are used to allure victims. Annually there are about 800,000 individuals mainly females and kids are trafficked across the world according to statistics. 80% are females and up to half are minors, which do not calculate the millions, trafficked inside their individual nations. An anticipated 14,500, people are trafficked into the United States every year, although again because trafficking is illegal in most countries, therefore accurate statistics are difficult to obtain. (Lagon, 2007)

Women are the highest of trafficking victims; many are coerced into occupations after answering bogus ads, promised good jobs, opportunities for study, modeling contracts, or just kidnapped, and forced into prostitution. Trafficking of minors children most often involves the misuse of their family's destitution. Thousands kids from Africa, Asia, and South America are sold into the worldwide sex trade annually. Most are orphans, but their own parents sell many for personal gain. The children sold serve for both labor and sexual abuse. In some countries, they force children into militia groups to serve as child Soldiers. Though not as common, men are also victims of human trafficking. They use men for unskilled labor involving hard work. There is

many other reason why males are targets of human trafficking to include, domestic servitude, forced marriage and sweat shop labor. (Author, 2005)

What help is available for trafficking victims?

Anyone that resides in America recognized by a law enforcement agency as a victim has many options towards certain benefits, social services, including immigration relief, and refugee benefit programs. When recognized by the Attorney General, a person previously subjected to human trafficking can have a continued presence in the United States giving them permission to reside in America temporarily during the investigation phase or trial process of their court case. They may request for a “T-visa,” this individual three-year visa is offered to the human trafficking victim. They may request for permanent residency status at the conclusion of the investigation three-year period. The person must be willing to support himself or herself throughout the whole process to be eligible for the T-visa unless their under the age of 18. (XVI, 2005) A person given permanent residency is entitled for benefits and services to the similar degree as a refugee. The status permits the victim to resettlement service, public benefits, Refugee Medical Assistance and food stamps. (XVI, 2005)

What impact does human trafficking have on the world?

Human trafficking is a multi-threat: depriving human being of their human rights and freedoms, it is a worldwide health risk, which fuels the growth to organized crime, human trafficking is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most profitable crime, in the world. Trafficking persons has a terrible impact on individual person, who often suffer physical and emotional abuse, passport theft, rape, threats against self and family, and even death. (Author, 2005)

What is the United States doing to stop trafficking?

Human Trafficking affects many nations, including America. For this reason, the Ambassador pledges to take significant and serious efforts on fighting this escalating and serious crime. An example of the government's efforts to tackle this problem include congressional legislative supports so that US citizen that prey and target upon kids will be legally convicted and sentenced to 30 years in prison (Author, 2005)

Our Justice Department concentrates on the amount of trafficking persons rescued and the amount of conviction of traffickers. The Health and Human Services (HHS) certifies trafficking person so they meet the criteria for some help obtainable thru HHS. HHS as well sponsors a main public knowledge promotion, to inform people inside America about the problem with human trafficking. (Author, 2005)

Administration of the Defense has zero-tolerance against any person that partakes in the process of trafficking humans. The Department of Labor and Homeland Security, plus additional governmental agencies are implementing strategies toward fighting this crime. In a recent address to the UN General Assembly, the President elevated the issue of trafficking persons urged the leaders of the globe to act jointly to stop it. As results were working together, Department of State is working diligently together with governments on action tactics for avoidance, defense of persons, and prosecution of violators. Congress most recent improved anti-trafficking legislation, \$82 million in financial support universal for efforts to end slavery. The US is providing currency about the world for treatment and work centers for persons.

The US is supporting human trafficking victims around the world by providing and for victims to receive particular housing shelters, supporting law enforcement training, and legal improvement help, initiating informational campaigns, providing unpaid restitution for displace

persons, funding education for social workers, medical staff, plus immigration officials, and fighting sex tourism rescuing persons from slave comparable situations. (Author, 2005)

#### What needs to be done?

Dealing with something as significant as human trafficking, is a large order. America is asking other government agencies across the world to promptly address and institute anti-trafficking efforts. At hand is an urgent call for advanced rescue efforts and prosecution of traffickers. Persons free since enslavement will be treated as victims of the crime, not criminals.

U.S. law that guide anti-human trafficking efforts, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, since amended (TVPA), states that the reason of fighting human trafficking is to convict traffickers, to defend persons, and to stop trafficking from happening. Freeing those trapped in enslavement circumstances is the final goal of this Report of the U.S Government's anti-human trafficking policy (Trafficking in Person Report, 2007).

#### Conclusion

There has been growing concern regarding human trafficking. It is an escalating and serious problem referred to as modern-day slavery or a new type of worldwide slave trade. Victimiziers prey on the most weak, largely women and kids, for profit and gain. They deceive victims into involuntary enslavement and sexual bondage. Its threatening impact on all nations undermines the security and safety of the world. To deal with this multi-dimensional crime which is ranked third in all illegal crimes, the U.S. is steadfast to helping victims by granting continued presence and offering the opportunity of victims to apply for a T-visa. We have taken significant actions by developing the Tier system and imposing sanctions against countries who are not taking the necessary steps to combat this escalating worldwide epidemic.

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