

TRAFFICKING FOR ADOPTION



"People were created to be loved. Things were created to be used. The reason why the world is in chaos is because things are being loved and people are being used." – Unknown

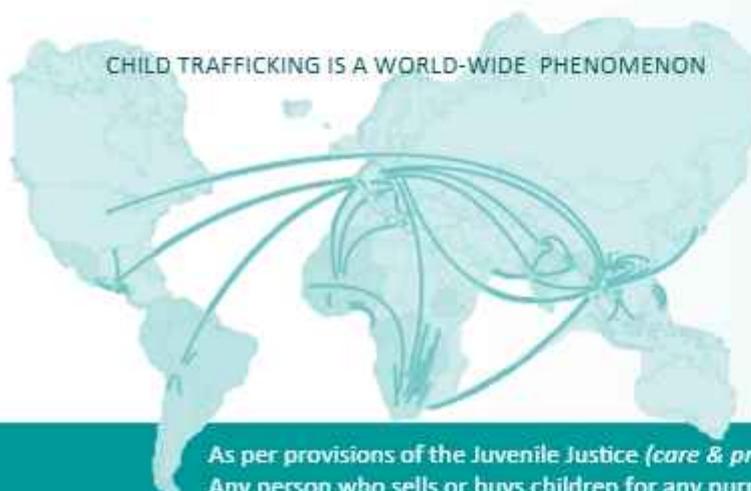
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Trafficking is an illicit trade, usually taking goods across a frontier. Traditionally, it referred to illegal transfers of weapons and drug smuggling. Since 1990 there have also been an increasing number of references to 'trafficking in people', 'human trafficking', 'trafficking in women and children', as well as specific references to 'child trafficking'. The phrase 'child trafficking' itself puts the emphasis on the way children are moved. Trafficking children is inextricably associated with their

subsequent exploitation by others in a way that violates their human rights—usually by being forced to make money for them by working. In the case of babies, they are trafficked for adoption to satisfy the demands of those who take control of them in other ways. It has been turned into a profitable business by traffickers, particularly as adoption has become 'Globalised'. In India there is a rapid increase in children born in poor families sold or trafficked to wealthier families. In some cases, mothers or parents are paid to sell their baby or young child. In others, mothers are told that a baby was stillborn so that hospital staff can traffic the baby.

DB YaR Forum through its campaign on "Prevent Trafficking of Children" is introducing you to the topic "Trafficking for adoption". Let us become aware of this issues and alert the possible victims. Let's save our children from Trafficking give them back their childhood.



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As per provisions of the Juvenile Justice (care & protection of children) Act 2015, Any person who sells or buys children for any purpose is punishable with imprisonment, which may extend up to five years, and will also be liable for a fine of Rs 1 Lakhs.

HOW TRAFFICKED CHILDREN ARE EXPLOITED

TYPE OF EXPLOITATION

CHILDREN INVOLVED

MAIN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS



Commercial sexual exploitation- Mainly teenage girls; also some boys. Girls of 16 and 17 are trafficked into industrialized countries alongside adult women. In certain regions there is demand for younger children.

Widespread. Often associated with sex tourism. Patterns of cross-border trafficking involving adult women frequently involve younger teenage girls as well, often travelling with passports forged to suggest they are adults.



Child Marriage - Teenage girls

Asia Countries



Adoption - Usually Babies

Notably children taken from Latin American countries to North America and from Eastern to Western Europe; also reported elsewhere.



Slavery or Bonded labour -(children working in exchange for a loan to their relative). Teenager agricultural workers kept in virtual captivity.

Reported primarily in South Asia, e.g. in India's carpet industry.
Reported mainly in West Africa.



Domestic Servants - Either many teenage girls, or younger girls and boys recruited under 10 yrs.

Widespread within and sometimes between developing countries. Some teenagers brought to industrialized countries.



Begging - Younger children - in worst case deliberately maimed to provoke pity.

Widespread within India, in Southeast Asia, South Asian Children taken to Saudi Arabia, Albanian children taken to Greece.



Illicit activities - Children used to carry out house break-ins or other theft; Children used (in industrialized countries) for claiming social security payments.

Romanian children exploited in EU countries such as France, Germany and Italy. Reported in the United Kingdom.



Hazardous Child Labour - Both children under 14 (too young in most countries to be in any form of employment) and older children.

Widespread in Africa and Asia

Why illegal adoptions take place



MARKET IN CHILDREN

A general explanation for illegal adoptions is the existence of a market for children. Adoption involves demand of prospective parents, offer of children deprived from a family, intermediaries such as adoption agencies, and money paid for the adoption. This was the result of social and demographic changes such as lowering birth rates, birth control, legal abortions, acceptance of single parenthood and the availability of social benefits. Because of the restricted supply in these countries, children became a highly desirable commodity. Trafficking in human beings is commonly regarded as a contemporary form of slavery.

WHY CHILDREN ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRAFFICKING

- Poverty, globalization & restrictions on migration
- Lack of education
- Other social factors
- Discrimination
- Cultural norms
- Domestic violence
- Crises: natural and man-made
- Ambition and hope



METHODS OF OPERATION

CHILD BUYING SCENARIO I

- Traffickers create a system for purchasing infants and children from birth families.
- Systems usually involve persons at the head of the conspiracy who interact with adoption agencies and prospective adoptive parents.
- The targets of this recruiting are generally the poor of poor societies. Who are in desperate financial circumstance.
- Often, the inducements are as much false statements as money.
- The person at the top of this criminal with ample amount to pay intermediaries to pay birth family, bribes of government officials as well as pay legitimate costs of child care and still making a large profit.



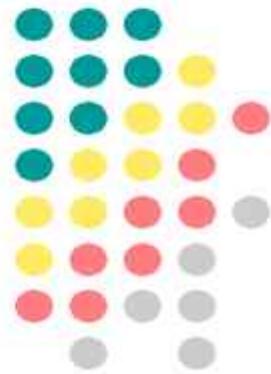
CHILD BUYING SCENARIO II

- Sometimes the kind of child buying scheme described above will include citizens of the recipient nations, who intentionally facilitate child buying or other illicit conduct.
- In these instances, a citizen of the recipient nation operates within the sending nation as the head of criminal conspiracy, and is directly involved in hiring recruiters, bribing government officials, and other illicit conduct.
- As a practical matter, this scenario, although apparently much rarer, is more likely to lead to criminal prosecution, because the recipient nation may be more willing to investigate criminal acts by their own citizens.

CHILD STEALING/KIDNAPING SCENARIO

- Kidnaping Children Placed into Orphanages, Hostels / Schools for Purposes of Education or Care
- Obtaining Children Through False Pretenses
- Lost Children
- Traditional Kidnaping
- Intra—Familial Kidnaping
- "Your Money or Your Baby:" Taking Children in Payment of a Debt

OVERCOMING THE WEAKNESSES IN THE CURRENT ADOPTION SYSTEM



Money as the Root of All Evil

1. Weakness in Adoption System
2. Reforms and Money
 - α. Required Fee Disclosure in Standardized Format
 - β. Fee and Mandatory Donation Limitations
3. Government Disclosure of Agency Fees/Mandatory Donations

Ineffective Licensing & Regulation of Adoption Agencies

1. The Dangers of Weak Licensing and Regulation of Adoptions Agencies
2. Reforming the Licensure of Adoption Agencies

Child Laundering As a Crime

1. The Lack of Child Trafficking or Child Laundering Criminal Prohibition Breaches the Treaty Obligations and Weakens the Inter-country Adoption System



PREVENTING CHILD FROM BEING TRAFFICKED

1. **Near to home - preventing trafficking where children are recruited**
 1. **Birth registration**
 2. **Education**
 3. **Increasing household income**
 4. **Information campaigns to increase awareness of the risk of trafficking**
 5. **Information for specific audiences**
 6. **Social Work**
 7. **Difficulties to overcome**
8. **Away from home - prevention in places where children are exploited**
 9. **Help-line**
 10. **Education employers**
 11. **Education 'consumers' (tackling 'demand')**
 12. **Influencing men who buy sex**





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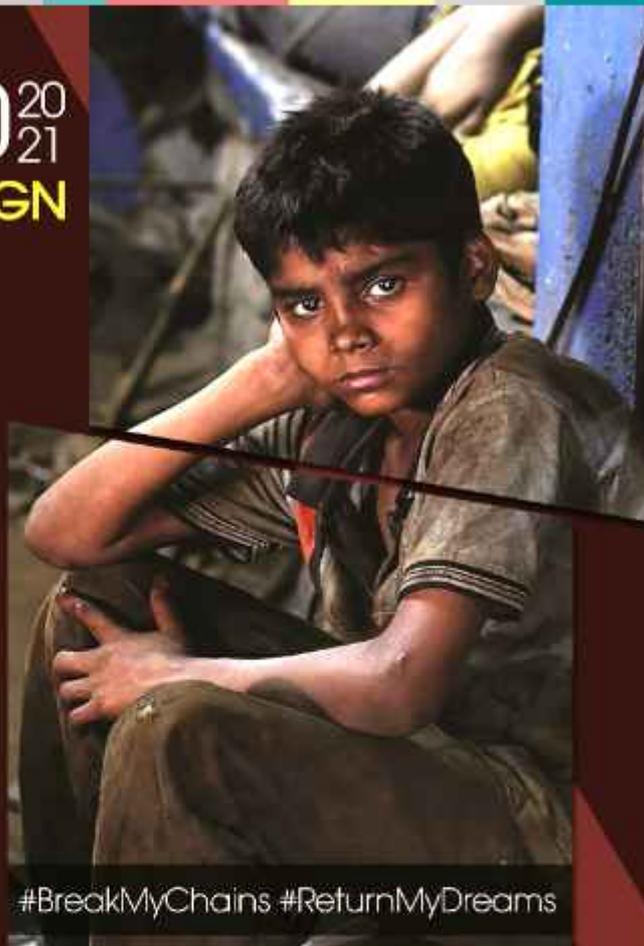
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