

FACT SHEET



Human Trafficking

Trafficking in persons (TIP), particularly in women and children, is the modern day slave trade. It is a multi-billion dollar business and the third largest criminal industry next to trafficking illegal drugs and weapons. The International Labor Organization estimates that global profits from forced labor and trafficked victims reach \$44.3 billion every year. An estimated 27 million people are held captive around the world at any given time—forced into sexual slavery, labor, domestic servitude, armed conflict, begging networks, or bought and sold for their body parts. Victims of this horrific market suffer repeated rapes, beatings, forced abortions, mental abuse, and isolation. They also endure physical and mental health implications, including HIV/AIDS, reproductive complications, post-traumatic stress, and severe depression. In addition to the gross human rights abuses suffered by victims, TIP fuels internal and cross-border conflicts that destabilize whole regions, encourages transnational and organized crime, and promotes corruption at all levels of government. World Hope International's (WHI) mission is to prevent TIP and to care for people who have been victims of trafficking.

Source: World Hope International
www.worldhope.org/trafficking/overview.htm