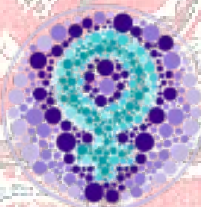


The Impact of Human Trafficking and Exploitation on the Health and Well-Being of Women



**7th Australian
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WIFM

(What's in It For Me?)

1. Conceptual clarity – people trafficking, slavery, slavery-like practices
2. Identify and respond
3. Understand the impact on health

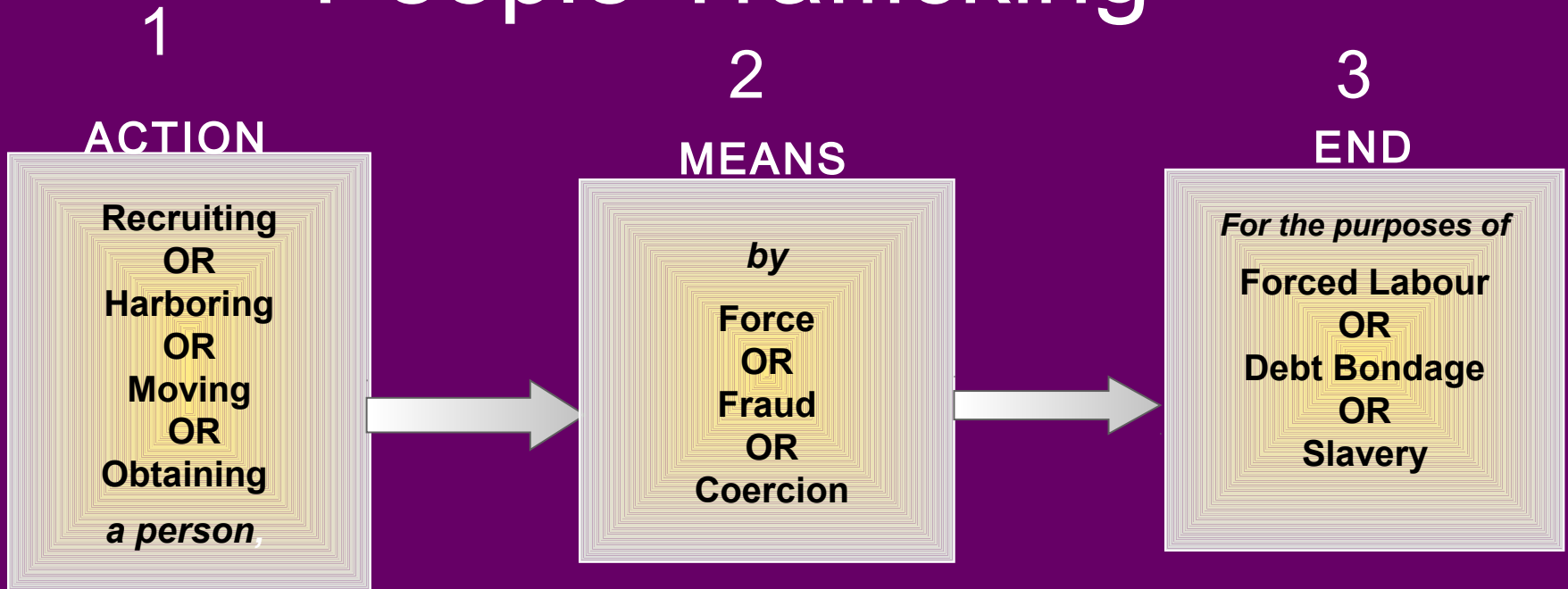


People trafficking

Slavery

Slavery-like practices

Three Elements of People Trafficking



Trafficking in Persons

- 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 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 labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs

Slavery

- The condition of a person over whom any or all of the powers attaching to the right of ownership are exercised, including where such a condition results from a debt or contract made by the person.
- A social and economic relationship marked by the **loss of free will** where a person is forced through violence or threat of violence to give up the ability to sell freely his/her own labour power.

Slavery-like Practices

- Forced labour - All work or service that is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the said person has not offered himself or herself voluntarily
- Debt Bondage - The status or condition arising from a pledge by a debtor of his personal services or of those of a person under his control as security for a debt, if the value of those services as reasonably assessed is not applied towards the liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of those services are not respectively limited and defined

Forced Marriage

- Marriage that is not freely and fully consented to because of the use of coercion, threat or deception.
- The new offences relate to adults as well as children who are forced into marriage by either the person they are marrying or another person, such as a parent.
- The amendments apply to marriages that occur in Australia, as well as to marriages that occur in another country that involve Australian citizens.

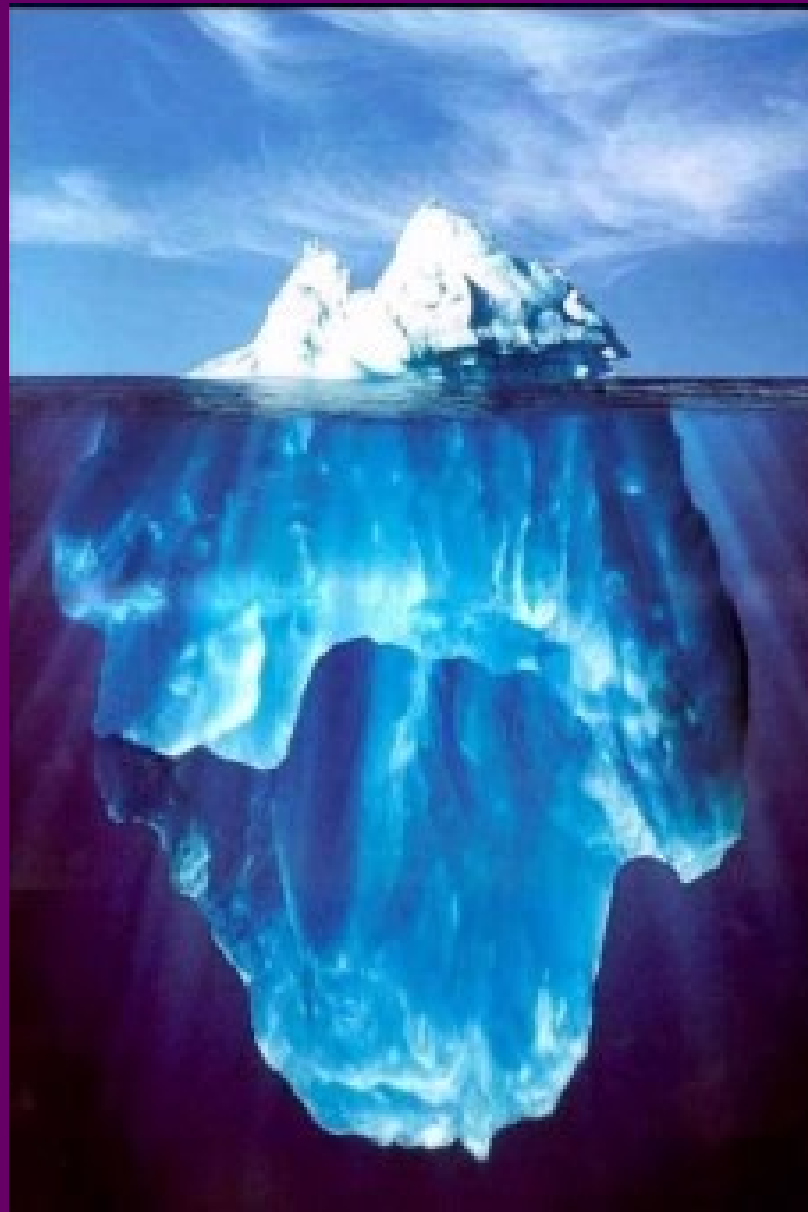


Modern-Day Slavery: A Prison Without Walls



Shackles and chains have been replaced by:

- Debt-bondage
- Threats of deportation
- Withholding of documents
- Threats to family members in home country
- Isolation
- Verbal abuse, humiliation
- Psychological coercion is often coupled with threatened or actual physical violence and sexual assault



What We Know...

Statistics

Some guesstimates of the scope of the problem

- 2 million people trafficked worldwide annually (United Nations)
- 27 million people in slavery around the world (Free the Slaves)
- 30 billion dollars of profits annually (United Nations)
- 12 million people in forced labour (Int'l Labour Org)

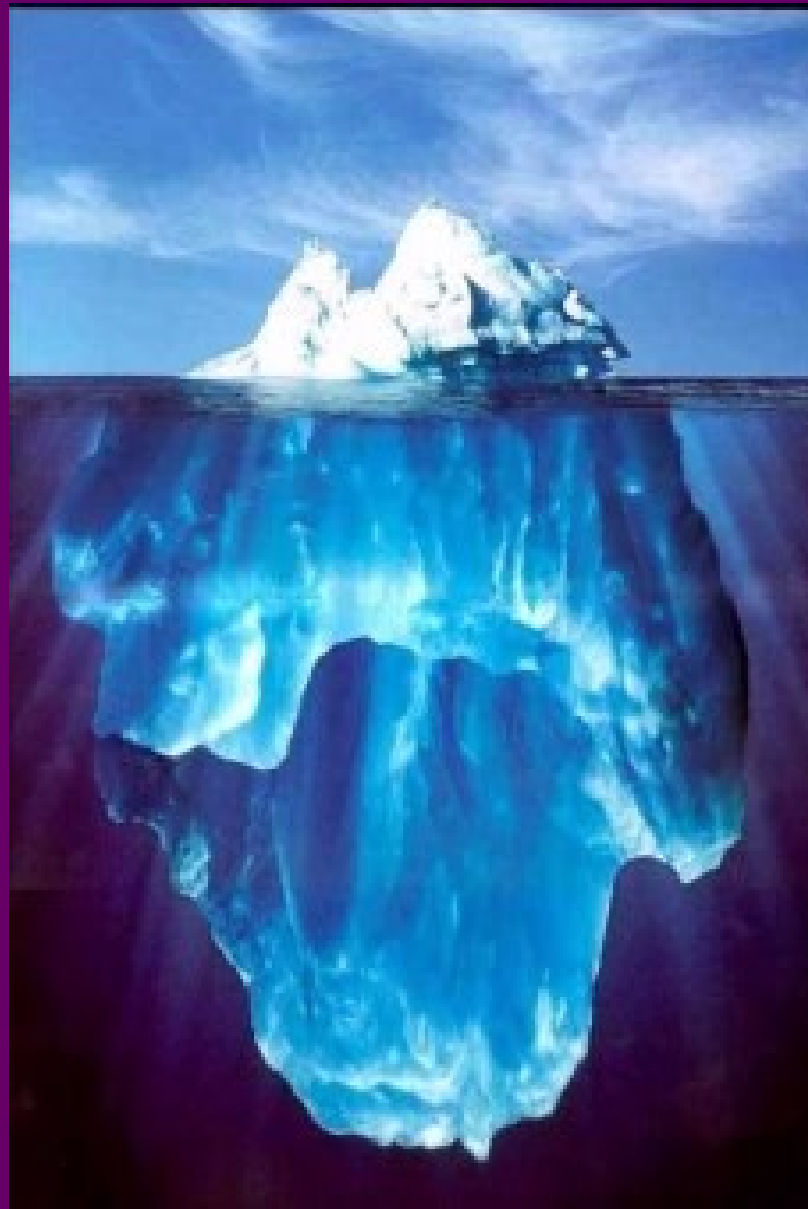


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Australia

Policy Focus

- Migrant sex workers working voluntarily in the sex industry via debt contracts
- Migrating to Australia where sex work is legal and conditions are better
- Do not see themselves as “sex slaves” or in need of “rescue”
- Shifting focus towards *all forms of slavery*

Policy (Gov't) Response to Trafficking in Australia

- *Prevention in sending countries (ARTIP & AusAid)*
- *Regional Leadership (Bali Process)*
- *Criminal Offences*
- *Human Trafficking Team (Aus Fed Police)*
- *National Roundtable on People Trafficking*
- *Inter-Departmental Committee*
- *Visas for cooperating victim witnesses*
- *Red Cross Support Program for victim witnesses*
- *Research – Aus Institute of Criminology*

Criminal Offences

- *Slavery (25 years max penalty)*
- *Sexual servitude (19 years max penalty)*
- *Deceptive recruiting for sexual services (9 years max penalty)*
- *Trafficking in persons (12 years max penalty)*
- *Debt bondage (12 months max penalty)*
- *Child trafficking (25 years max penalty)*
- *Domestic trafficking*
- *Forced Labour*
- *Servitude*
- *Forced Marriage*
- *Trafficking for Organ Removal*



Australian Federal Police Human Trafficking Team

- *Assess for trafficking/slavery crimes*
- *Refer victim to government support program*
- *Initiate all visas via DIAC/Atty Gen Dept*
- *Take witness statement*
- *Investigate allegations*
- *Submit brief of evidence to Dept of Public Prosecutions*
- *Liaise with state police as required*

Other Agencies

- *Dept of Public Prosecutions*
- *Department of Immigration and Citizenship*
- *Fair Work Australia*
- *State Police*
- *Victim Compensation*
- *Commonwealth Atty General*
- *Consulate/Embassy*

Trafficking Visas

- New visa framework introduced in January 2004 for cooperating witnesses.
 1. Bridging Visa F (BVF)
 2. Criminal Justice Stay Visa
 3. Witness protection (trafficking)
(permanent)



Protection Visas

- Trafficked women have made successful applications for protection visas
 - Refugee Review Tribunal
 - V03/16442 – 25 June 2004
 - N03/47757 - (11 May 2004)
 - N02/4226 - (30 June 2003)

Victim Witnesses Can Access Gov't Services via Red Cross

- Criminal Justice Stay
Visa holders are authorised to work
- Special Benefit
- Rent Assistance
- Medicare
- English language training



Australia



Indian Stonemasons Exploited to Build Temple, 2001

\$50 a Week for Ribs and Rump, say Soweto Chefs, 2002

Deadly Slave Labour Racket Exposed - construction, 2002

Abused and Exploited and Now to Be Deported, 2005

Hung Jury in Sex Slave Trial, 2005

Foreign Nurses Exploited, Union Says, 2005

Slaves Dig Desert Ditches - labourers, 2006

Filipinos Treated as Slave Labour, 2006



Australia



Bride Forced to Work in Brothel, Court Told, 2006

Teens Bashed and Used as Slaves, 2006

Sex Slavery: First Woman Jailed, 2006

Diplomat Servant's Unpaid Slavery, 2007

Four Filipino boxers used as houseboys, 2010

Filipina Trafficked to Aus for Organ Harvesting, 2011

Three crew die in 6 weeks on "death ship," 2012

Brisbane mother jailed for trafficking daughter, nine, 2013



Identify



Anti-Slavery Australia

Community Service
Announcements

Who is Vulnerable?

Potential migrant
Irregular/Unlawful migrant
Detainee (immigration)
Sex worker (including transgendered)
Asylum seeker (offshore e.g. Xmas Island)
Asylum seeker (onshore)
Sponsored migrant (family)
Sponsored migrant (guest worker)
International student
Prospective Spouse/Temporary Spouse
Refugee
Visitor/tourist
Permanent resident
Citizen

Look Beneath the Surface: Non-government

- Homeless and community welfare services
- Domestic Violence services
- Sexual assault services
- Health care providers
- Migrant support agencies
- Legal providers
- Counsellors
- Ethnic community and faith based orgs

Look Beneath the Surface: Health Care Workers

- Family Violence
- Sexual assault
- Assault
- Emergency medical care
- Suicidal ideation/self-harm
- Overdose/drug/alcohol abuse



Barriers to Disclosure

- Unable to speak with provider alone
- Lack access to professional interpreter
- Fear of the unknown/unable to trust that there is meaningful help
- Fear of trafficker/slaveholder/associates
- Fear of police involvement/authorities



Contact Government and Community Organisations That Can Help

- The Salvation Army and Salvos Legal
- Anti-Slavery Australia, UTS
- Project Respect
- Scarlet Alliance
- Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans
- Unions



Health Impacts



Exploitation and Health

- Long hours
- No protective equipment
- Inadequate training
- Exposure to hazards
- Repetitive physical tasks
- Little or no pay
- Debt bond
- Live in work place
- Violence or threats
- Sexual violence



Health Consequences

- Exhaustion
- Injuries – possibly untreated
- Inadequate training
- Risk of addiction
- Repetitive physical tasks
- Malnutrition
- Depression
- Acute stress/anxiety
- Symptoms of trauma



Physical Symptoms

- Severe headaches
- Joint pain
- Numbness in areas of the body
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Lack of concentration
- Racing heart
- Startle response
- Nightmares and inability to sleep

Psychological Symptoms

- Flat affect/mood
- Sadness/uncontrollable crying
- Disorientation
- Intrusive memories
- Hyper-vigilance
- Poor memory recall/forgetfulness
- Panic attacks
- Difficulty making decisions
- Feelings of helplessness/hopelessness

Holistic Approach to Health
Assesses Risks and
Consequences
Before
During
After



PRESIDENT OBAMA RECOGNIZES CAST SURVIVOR AND STAFF

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