

CHILD TRAFFICKING

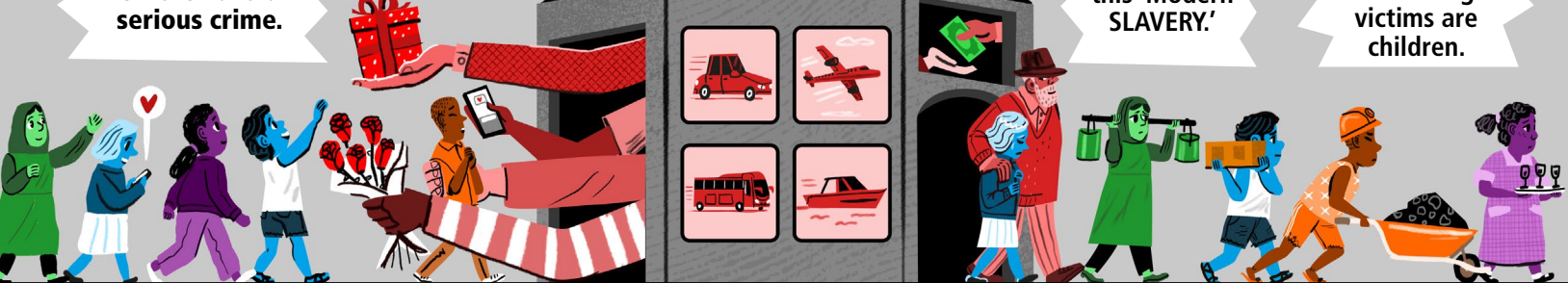
A crime against children that needs to end today

It is a form of violence against children and a serious crime.

Child trafficking is when someone takes advantage of children to exploit them in different ways.

Some people call this 'Modern SLAVERY.'

Worldwide, one-third of trafficking victims are children.



WHEN CHILDREN ARE TRAFFICKED THEY OFTEN ARE:

RECRUITED OR TAKEN
(sometimes forced or tricked)
.....
MOVED OR TRANSPORTED
(not always)

EXPLOITED

Exploitation is when somebody takes advantage of a child, to encourage or force them to do things that are harmful (or in violation of their rights), and makes money or receives something in exchange.



AS A CHILD YOU CANNOT AGREE TO BE EXPLOITED.

CHILDREN ARE TRAFFICKED TO BE FORCED INTO DIFFERENT SITUATIONS THAT ARE HARMFUL:



To be sexually exploited and abused



To be slaved or exploited in child labour



To be adopted illegally



To be forced to do illegal work for criminal or armed groups



To be married

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

Anyone, but certain groups of children are more at risk, like:

Children with disabilities



Children living in poverty

Children deprived of parental care



Children in street situations

Displaced children, and children escaping war, conflict, natural disasters, poverty



Children living in places of war and conflict



AND WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?



Those who commit these crimes are called '**traffickers**'. They may act alone, or as part of criminal networks.

Traffickers are not always strangers. They might be someone children know and trust.

TECHNOLOGIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE



Child trafficking happens in person, but digital technologies are sometimes used to trick children to be trafficked. For example, traffickers may use technologies to find and contact children, and also to contact other criminals involved.



WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO END CHILD TRAFFICKING?

ICAT

Inter-Agency Coordination Group
against Trafficking in Persons

Preventing and ending child trafficking is a shared responsibility.

That's why the **United Nations** coordinates a special group called '**ICAT: the Inter-Agency Coordination Group Against Trafficking in Persons**', and they came up with a set of **recommendations for governments and other organizations.**



These recommendations include...

PREVENTING TRAFFICKING.

Children in vulnerable situations are at risk.

If governments identify vulnerable children at risk, and make sure they have access to things like food, shelter, health, education and justice, child trafficking can be prevented.

All children should be educated on online safety to help prevent online interactions that can put them at risk.



PROTECTING CHILD VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING.

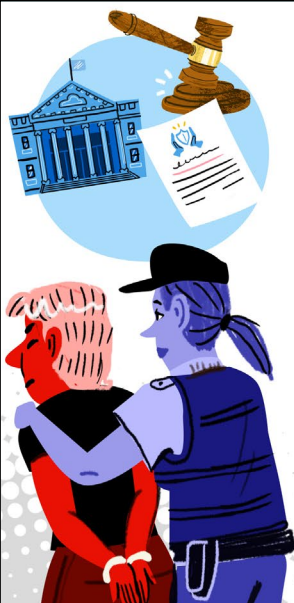
Children who have been trafficked need to be identified, so they receive the support and protection they need, including access to justice. They should be seen as victims of crimes, and should never be criminalized or detained. They have to be informed about their rights, including their right to be heard.

PROSECUTING.

Traffickers need to be brought to justice and pay for their crimes.

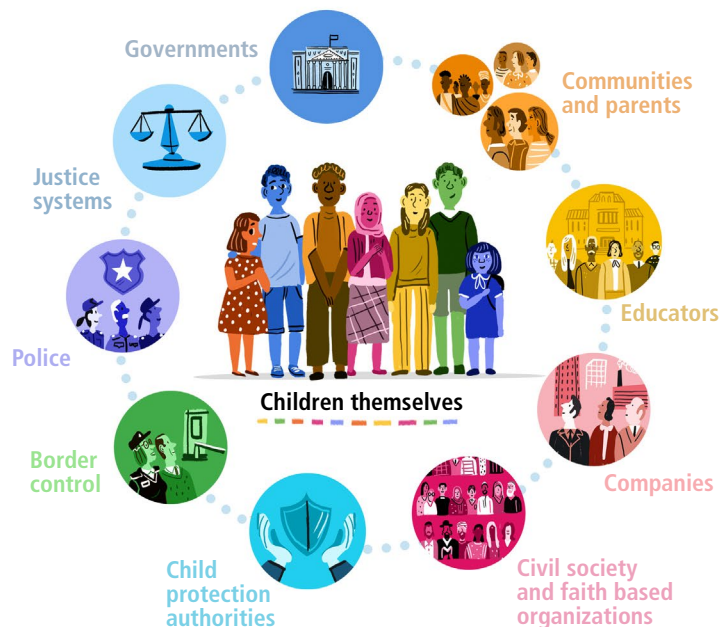
Governments should have strong laws and use them to stop traffickers so they don't harm other children. Police and justice systems can help detect, investigate, and hold traffickers accountable, so they face the consequences of their crimes.

Governments should require companies to help prevent and respond to child trafficking. This includes technology companies and banks who can track where the money is coming from and help find traffickers.



PARTNERSHIPS.

Everyone should work together within and across countries. It's everybody's business.



CHILDREN PART OF THE SOLUTIONS!

Everything done to prevent and respond to child trafficking needs to be informed and shaped by children. Their lived experiences can help improve systems to ensure that child trafficking is stopped.



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