

Who are the Traffickers?

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Objectives

- To briefly examine what trafficking in persons is.
- To examine who the traffickers are in the Caribbean.
- To examine Jamaica's parent legislation
- To examine traffickers identified in Jamaica
- To conduct a case study and enquiry into the topic (Groups).

Definition- Human Trafficking?

*Human Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, harboring, transfer, or receipt of persons by means of threat or use of other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or 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....



What is Human Trafficking?



Activity (what)
Means (how)
Purpose (why)



Definition- Child Trafficking?

Child Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, harboring, transfer, or receipt of persons under the age of 18 for the purpose of exploitation....

***Activity (what)**
***Purpose (why)**



Identifying the Trafficker- Introduction





Identifying the Trafficker.

Points to remember

Human Trafficking is one of the most lucrative criminal businesses in the world with an estimated illegal profit of over US\$150 billion annually.

There is no evidence that traffickers are more likely to be of a particular race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. They may be family members, romantic partners, acquaintances, or strangers.

Traffickers seek to fill a demand by providing a service.

A lot of traffickers were initially poor and poverty stricken.



Identifying the Trafficker.

Points to remember

Traffickers prey on vulnerabilities

Vulnerabilities vary and are dependent on a victim's circumstances.

Children and teenagers are particularly vulnerable to trafficking due to their age, naivety and trusting nature.



Identifying the Trafficker

TYPES OF TRAFFICKING

Sexual Exploitation

Domestic Servitude

Forced Labour

Forced Begging

Organ Harvesting

Debt Bondage

Forced Marriage

Hidden in Plain Sight! Who are the Traffickers?



Identifying the Trafficker

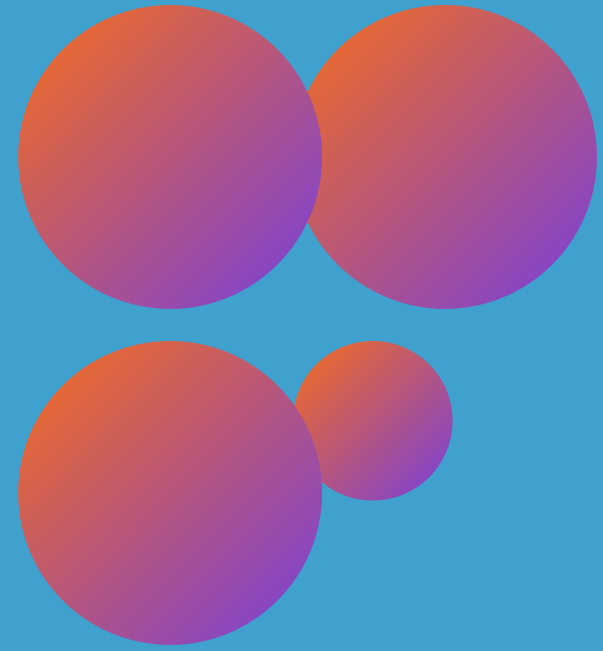
Jamaica's TIP Legislation

The Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Suppression and Punishment) Act was passed in 2007

Amended in 2013 to increase the penalties (max now 20 yrs + 10yrs for aggravating circumstances). It was also amended to allow JPs to issue warrants.

Amended in 2018 to enable a judge to try trafficking offences without a jury.

Amended in 2021 to to remove the option of fines as a penalty for certain offences.



Trafficking in Person Legislations

Who are the Traffickers?

- 1. Section 4
- 2. Section 5



Identifying the Trafficker

Examining Convictions in Jamaica

Cons #	Year of ID	Gender	Age	Nationality/ethnicity	Occupation	Description of victims	Type of Exploitation	Remarks
1	2010	M	41	Jamaican	Exotic Club Operator	Guyanese child, Panamanians, Dom Rep	Sexual	Co-Accused
2	2010	F	48	Panamanian	Exotic Club Operator		sexual	Co-accused
3	2011	M	36	Jamaican/ Indian	Store Operator (5 stores)	Indian Nationals	Labour	
4	2012	F	23	Jamaican	unemployed	Jamaican child	sexual	
5	2013	M	41	Jamaican	Fisherman	Haitian child	Domestic Servitude	Co-accused
6	2013	F	25	Jamaican	Unemployed		Domestic Servitude	Co-accused

Cons #	Year of ID	Gender	Age	Nationality/ethnicity	Occupation	Description of victims	Type of Exploitation	Remarks
7	2013	F	19	Jamaican	Unemployed	Jamaican Child	Sexual	
8	2015	M	36	Jamaican	"Farmer"	Jamaican child	Sexual	
9	2016	M	41	Jamaican	Massage Parlour Operator	Jamaican female	sexual	
10	2017	M	41	Jamaican	"Football coach"	Jamaican children	Forced begging	
11	2018	M	19	Jamaican	unemployed	Jamaican child	Sexual	

Cons #	Year of ID	Gender	Age	Nationality /ethnicity	Occupation	Description of victims	Type of Exploitation	Remarks
12	2019	M	36	Jamaican/Indian	Store Operator	Indian National	labour	Co-accused
13	2019	F	28	Jamaican	Store Operator		labour	Co-accused



Identifying the Trafficker Convictions in Jamaica

Brief analysis

Age?

Gender?

Occupation?

Nationality?



Group Activity 1. Case Study - ESTER

Who are the traffickers?



Group Activity 2.

1. Who are the traffickers as per Jamaica's TIP Legislation?
2. Who is a trafficker likely to be (Caribbean perspective)?
3. What are the vulnerabilities they are exploiting?
4. What are the push and pull factors for traffickers in the Caribbean?



Thank You

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