




REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNTER TRAFFICKING UNIT

Human Trafficking in Trinidad and Tobago

“Leave No One Behind - End Violence Against Women and Girls”



“To those who are struggling. To talk about a struggle, you're likely to forget about it. To be shown a struggle, you're likely not to forget it. But, to live through a struggle, you'll understand it.”

Trafficking in Nigeria— Valerie Owens

Push/Pull factors of Human Trafficking



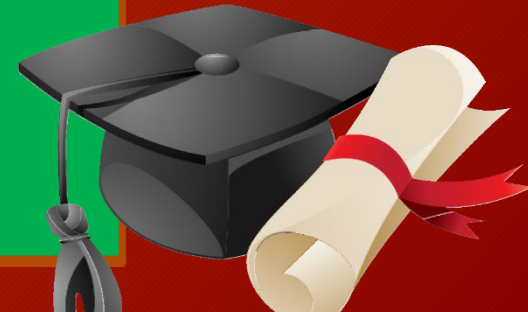
Push Factors

- Low wages.
- War/Political conflict.
- Opportunities for women.
- Famine/Food shortages.



Pull Factors

- Better education.
- Better healthcare.
- Higher wages.
- There are distinguished communities there.
- Favourable political system.



Who is at risk ?

- Victims of domestic violence (any age, gender)
- Victims of bullying and abuse
- Victims of sexual abuse
- Persons in poverty/need
- Single-parent and dysfunctional families
- Naive/overprotected children
- Transgender
- **Anyone can be trafficked**



Violence against women manifests itself as physical, sexual, emotional and economic

The most universally common forms include:

- domestic and intimate partner violence
- **sexual violence (including rape)**
- **Human trafficking and sexual exploitation**
- sexual harassment
- emotional/psychological violence
- **child marriage**
- female genital mutilation/cutting

Trinidad and Tobago Statistics (% of Female VOTs)

- 84% (2013)
- 80% (2014)
- 89% (2015)
- 85% (2016)

(This is slightly more than the global average of 70-80 % women and girls)

- *Majority age range is 18 to 29 years*

Recruitment/Grooming Methods



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Key Questions Used to Identify Victims of Trafficking

- How did you get here?
- Where do you live, eat and sleep?
- Do you owe someone money?
- Is someone keeping your legal/travel documents?
- Were you threatened if you tried to leave?
- Has your family been threatened?
- Were you ever physically abused?
- Were you ever forced to stay in one place?
- Who are you afraid of?

Travel Indicators for HT Victims

- Often pose as family members, no resemblance, not from the same district
- They do not know travel route
- They know very little about the country
- If accompanied, the next person usually answers the questions

Communication Tips

- Most victims fear deportation
- Many of these victims' current situation may actually be better than where they came from. Therefore, it will be important for you to convey to the victim that they are safe and that they will not be deported.
- Do not ask “Are you a slave?”; “Are you a trafficking victim?”



Ministry of National Security Response to Violence Against Women:

1. The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (2000):

- Signed in 2001 and ratified in 2007
- proclamation of the T&T TiPs Act Chapter 12:10 in January 2013, to give effect to this Protocol

2. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979):

- Signed in 1985 and ratified in 1990
- in 2016, the CTU contributed to T&T submissions to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Violence Against Women (UN CEDAW)
- in 2017, CTU contributed to T&T submission on CEDAW's Draft General Recommendation No. 35 on Gender-Related Dimensions of Disaster Risk Reduction in a Changing Climate, on Thematic Issue H - GBVAW



I can be...
any race
any age
any child or teenager
HELD AGAINST MY WILL.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

BE AWARE



LEARN THE SIGNS
**DON'T BE A
VICTIM**

VENUES

Predators find their victims
SOCIAL NETWORKS
HOME NEIGHBOURHOOD
CLUBS OR BARS
INTERNET
SCHOOL

DON'T BE TRICKED

CALL:

Counter Trafficking Unit Hotline...800 - 4288
Victim & Witness Support Unit.....628 - 2164





What if this were YOUR CHILD?... What Would YOU Do?

BE AWARE & DON'T BE FOOLED

FACT

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is the fastest growing business industry in the world,
second only to the drug trade.

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Movie Screenings

Public discussions
held after
Movie Screenings



MOVING PARTS

Writer/Director: Emilie Upczak
Trinidad and Tobago/English/Narrative Feature/90'
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'Trafficked' wows London

WE RETURNED to the scene of the crime, so to speak, as our investigation into drug trafficking between both countries began back in 2009.

Garth St Clair, co-host of the award-winning radio show *Eye on Dependency*, was speaking about the recent private screenings of the local film *Trafficked* in London, England.

St Clair and his wife and co-host, Natascha Nunez, wanted to wrap up the year-long run of the film in England as a gesture of thanks to the many individuals and organisations which contributed to their travels and to the interviewees with prisoners, one of which was turned into film.

"The trade in drugs, and more recently humans, has been a passion of ours for some time," said St Clair, "and we could not have accomplished any of our work over the years without the tremendous support and encouragement from the staff and leaders of the British High Commission." The current and former high commissioners attended the private screening.



FOREIGN SUPPORT: British High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago HE Tim Stew introduces *Trafficked* to the audience, during a private screening at the Odéon Pantan Street Theatre in London, England, on October 13.

In London on October 13, along with several other specially invited guests, including BBC journalist and former prisoner Raphael Rowe and BBC World Service announcer Neil Nixon.

After the screening, which was introduced by His Excellency Tim Stew, British High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, the audience was typically silent but soon came to life as people expressed their understanding of the importance of the message. An important comment from Terry Saggors, a leading official at the UK's National Crime Agency, was that *Trafficked* ought to be mandatory viewing for young persons travelling independently. The sentiment was echoed by other audience members who congratulated the husband-and-wife team on their efforts and record of success, as well as the poignant

message *Trafficked* conveys. In addition to the private screening at the Odéon Pantan Street theatre, St Clair and Nunez also visited two prisons—Brixton and Ssyal—where *Trafficked* was shown in the prison chapel, which doubled as a makeshift theatre for the inmates.

"It was our first time at Ssyal," said Nunez, "which is a women's institution close to Manchester. The reaction and discussion after the film was the most touching for us. The characters in *Trafficked* resonated deeply with many of the prisoners, leading to one woman, inevitably from Trinidad, breaking down and leaving the room. It was a powerful reminder for us that the message being carried in the film is so important to get out there."

164 Prison Britain in central London is a Category B prison for

men. *Trafficked* was shown for a group of prisoners who remained attentive during the film and asked lots of questions at the end. Of course, there was a Trinidadian in the audience who was eager to be regaled of news from home. One of the prison officers standing guard was also from T&T. Most of the questions centred on the drug trade between both countries, with many prisoners lamenting that women are so often trapped or tricked into being involved.

The prison visits were made possible by a number of *Eye on Dependency*'s partners, the Prison Radio Association (PRA). Led by chief executive Phil Maguire, the PRA runs a network of over 100 prison radio stations across England and Wales called National

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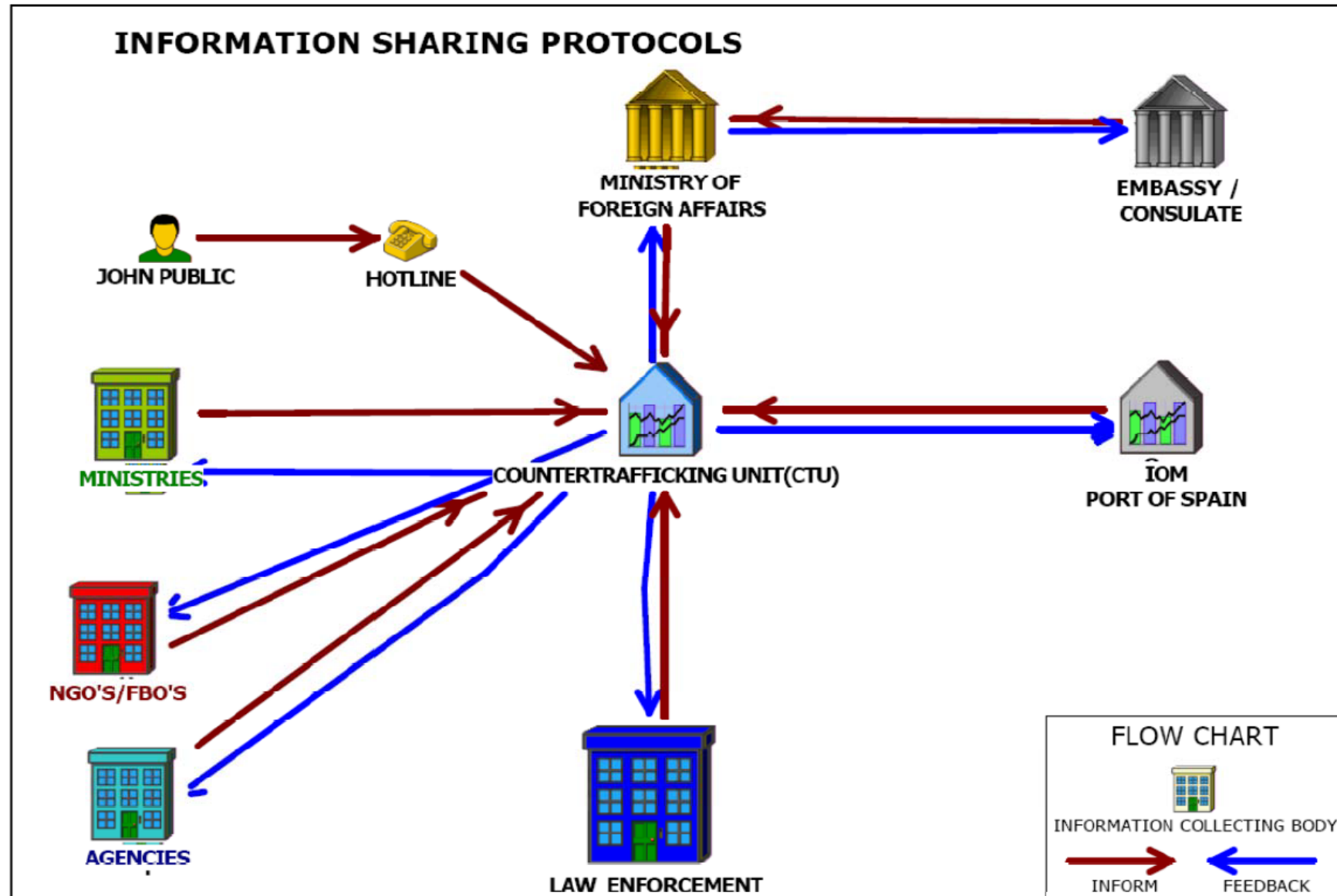


WELL-RECEIVED: Garth St Clair, centre, with Phil Maguire, PRA, from left: Max Givell, Radioactive; HE Tim Stew, BHC; Terry Saggors, NCA; Noel Feeney, former SOCA liaison at BHC T&T; and Dave King, former SOCA liaison at BHC T&T, at the Odéon Pantan Street Theatre. —Photos courtesy Eye on Dependency



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