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Child Trafficking

The modern day SLAVERY

Child trafficking is a new emerging global problem. Trafficking in human persons is the fastest growing form of transnational organized crime. Children and their families are often unaware of the dangers of trafficking, believing that better employment and lives lie in other places or countries.

DO WE HAVE A LAW ON CHILD TRAFFICKING?

Philippines enacted Republic Act No. 9208, otherwise known as The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003. The law lays policies and procedures for a comprehensive approach to combating trafficking in person (TIP). It also adopts the definition under the Protocol and expands it to afford more protection to victims. Within the same year, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9208 were also promulgated by the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT).

WHAT IS TRAFFICKING?

Trafficking in Persons – refers to the recruitment, transportation, transfer or harboring, or receipt of persons with or without the victim's consent or knowledge, within or across national borders, by means of threat or use of force, or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or of position, taking advantage of the vulnerability of the person, or, 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 which includes at a minimum, the exploitation or the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery, servitude or the removal or sale of organs.

The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation shall be considered as 'trafficking in persons' even if it does not involve any of the means set forth in the preceding paragraph."

ACTS

- ▶ Recruitment
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Transfer
- ▶ Harboring
- ▶ Receipt

MEANS

- ▶ Threat
- ▶ Use of force
- ▶ Other forms of coercion
- ▶ Abduction
- ▶ Fraud
- ▶ Deception
- ▶ Abuse of power or position
- ▶ Taking advantage of the vulnerability of a person

EXPLOITATION which includes:

- ▶ Prostitution
- ▶ Other forms of sexual exploitation
- ▶ Forced labor or services
- ▶ Slavery
- ▶ Servitude
- ▶ Removal or sale of organs

HOW "ACTS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS" ARE COMMITTED

"Acts of Trafficking in Persons" may be committed in eight (8) ways (based on Section 4 of the Act):

- (a) Trafficking through recruitment and other acts for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor
- (b) Trafficking by introducing or matching for marriage
- (c) Trafficking by offering or contracting marriage
- (d) Trafficking through tours and travel plans
- (e) Trafficking by maintaining or hiring for prostitution or pornography
- (f) Trafficking through adoption
- (g) Trafficking for the removal or sale of organs
- (h) Trafficking of children for armed activities

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