

# Context in Latin America, including Disaster, and Strategies to End Trafficking.

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#### Haiti and the Earth Quake.



Haiti is not the only country with high vulnerability to climate change, the same situation happened in Chile and other countries. Thousand of children and teenagers became orphaned and immediately the traffickers and pimps took advantage of this issue to recruit and trafficked girls and boys to be sexually exploited in Dominican Republic and the USA.

# Prostitution & Human Trafficking



- Prostitution and Human Trafficking for sexual exploitation is a lucrative criminal activity that affects nearly every country in the western hemisphere and is a growing problem in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Traffickers take advantage of poor young women and girls, in the contexts in disasters, with minimal education in countries where extreme poverty, political instability, high unemployment and corruption exist or in those where Climate changes beaten with great force.
  - Latin America is a primary source for the estimated 14,500 to 17,500 people trafficked into the US every year.

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#### The Legal Strategy

- Three Issues deserve particular emphasis:
- Divide the crime in all the process before the slavery, exploitation or servitude, which includes recruitment, transportation or not, privation of liberty or not, seduction, force, change of identity, harboring, etc.
- As different crimes the slavery, which also includes the sexual slavery, the different forms of servitude and forced work.
- All forms of exploitation, including the others prostitution, pornography, sex tourism, child prostitution, child pornography, child marriages, child sexual tourism, forced marriages, sell and buy of brides, forced pregnancy, trafficking in organs, cells, body fluids, medical illicit experimentation with humans, child soldiers or recruited for organized crime activities, illegal adoptions, forced begging, migration work, etc.

# CATWLAC stance on the DEMAND for Trafficking

- We have identified a need to promote awareness raising and action points that addresses the demand of sexual exploitation as a means to end trafficking.
- A method that does not address the demand side of prostitution is doomed to fail.

- Focus should be placed on:
  - The responsibility of those who buy women in any form of commercial sexual exploitation, and
  - Their strategic role in the chain of slavery.



#### Our Model

The model to combat the demand for sexual exploitation consists of two primary components:

- Educational Workshops
  - National Directors facilitate CATWLAC workshops and tailor the model materials to local groups of young males in schools or community organizations.
  - Materials used:
    - Handbook "Get it Man: Masculinity, Sexual Initiation and Consumption of Prostitution"
    - Multi-media materials used to engage young men between the ages of 12-18
- National Campaigns
  - To raise awareness about the consequences of the demand for any form of sexual exploitation.
    - Composed of two posters and two leaflets, a radio-novel and theater performance.

# Successful Precedents



- Our model is based on the successful implementation of a CATW-AP MODEL and a 2006 **CATWLAC** initiated prevention project in Mexico addressing the demand aspect of prostitution and all forms of commercial sexual exploitation, which was applied with young men, taxi drivers and police officials.
  - Now we are heading the global campaign against Sex Tourism for Brazil 2014 and 2016.

### Successful Workshops in 2008







#### Police Workshop in Mexico City, 2008





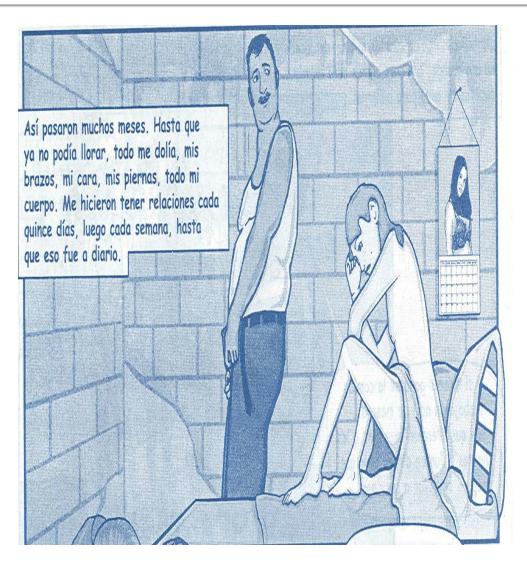
#### Our Vision...



By educating young men, members of law enforcement and policy makers about the harmful effects of trafficking in women and children, we will END the potential future DEMAND for this industry and ELIMINATE sexual exploitation of women and children!

Without demand there will be no supply!

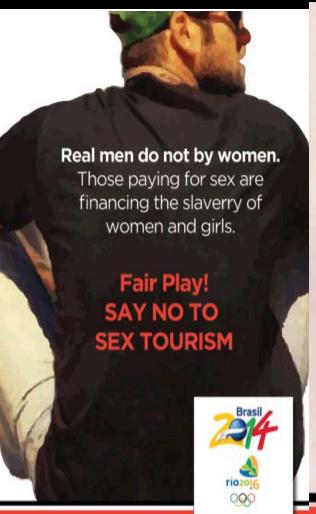
#### **Projects Against the Demand**



IT WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.

Comic books teach girls and boys about the reality and danger of sexual exploitation and the recruiting practices through internet.

### Sex Tourism is not a Sport











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