

## DAY NINE, December 3<sup>rd</sup> :

### Human Trafficking

"Human trafficking is [all around us](#), in all regions of the world... in practices as forced labour, sexual servitude, recruitment of child soldiers and other forms of exploitation." Mr. Guterres, UN Secretary General [www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2017/09](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2017/09)

#### Mara's Story

Mara lived in Moldova where it was difficult to find work. She heard there were great opportunities in Western Europe so jumped at the offer of a job in a bar. Mara quickly realised that she had been deceived and was now a victim of trafficking. She was bought and sold by traffickers who took her through Albania, Italy, France and England before she arrived in Ireland. Passport and papers were taken from her and destroyed and she was put to work in a brothel. Mara had to work all day and frequently into the night, receiving only food and shelter. If she did not obey, Mara was told her family in Moldova would be killed. Mara managed to escape and got help. (Shared with permission)

#### Question:

What is my reaction to this true story?

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#### Global Facts about Human Trafficking:

1. People are trafficked for sexual exploitation, cheap labour and organ transplants. Numbers globally are 24.9 million, 71% women and girls and 29% men and boys. Almost 20% of all trafficking victims are children. [www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource](http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource)
2. Human Trafficking (HT) is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most lucrative criminal activity after illegal sale of arms and all countries are a source, transit or destination for traffickers.
3. The most common form of human trafficking (79%) is sexual exploitation, the victims of which are preeminantly women and girls. <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/global-report-on-trafficking-in-persons.html>

**Pope Francis'** describes HT as: '*Ugly, cruel and criminal...an aberrant plague and a modern form of slavery*'. He is asking for a global commitment to end the practice.

Rome, 30/07/2017



[www.aptireland.org](http://www.aptireland.org)

**UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration** - Fifth Informal Thematic Session focussed on: "*Smuggling of Migrants, Trafficking in Persons and Contemporary Forms of Slavery*." This includes identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims." (UN, NY 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017)

[www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages)

#### UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Goal 8, Target 8.7:

calls for nations to, "Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking...recruitment and use of child soldiers..." [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org)

**CEDAW:** (Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)

**Article 6:** *States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women.* <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/>

#### Action to prevent human trafficking:

1. Raise awareness about HT. Often victims are working in beauty salons, car washes and picking fruit. etc.
2. If you see anything suspicious report it to the police or an NGO working to eliminate HT.
3. Pray for victims who have been trafficked and those keeping them in slavery.

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

is a systematic and widespread human rights violation. It cuts across age, socio-economic, educational and geographic boundaries...



[www.google.ie/search?q=images+of+orange+the+world+for+free](http://www.google.ie/search?q=images+of+orange+the+world+for+free)

## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence...



**49** Countries have no laws to protect women from domestic violence. <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/violence-against-women-cause-and-consequence-inequality>.

**"GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE - A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC ... endangers the life of women & girls with negative consequences not only for them, but also for their children & communities. Ending this scourge is integral to the development of women's human capital & unleashing their contribution to economic growth."** (Feb. 2018 - World Bank study)  
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2018/02/01/more-than-1-billion-women-lack-legal-protection>

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## CHILD MARRIAGE....



[www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay](http://www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay)

New data (2018) confirm that practice of child marriage has continued to decline around the world, with accelerated progress in the last 10 years. However, **12 MILLION GIRLS** are still married in childhood each year. (UNICEF 2018).

