

IOM: TIP in South Africa



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MANDATE AND OBJECTIVE

MANDATE

- IOM received its mandate to conduct this research into Trafficking from its fourth MIDSA workshop in Gaborone in March 2002

OBJECTIVE

- Prevention of trafficking in women and children by providing reliable information on the extent and character of the problem.

PURPOSE:

- Detail the extent and character of trafficking of women and children, primarily those trafficked for purposes of sexual exploitation
- Determine the awareness, perceptions, and approaches of law enforcement to TIP
- Recommend regionally tailored initiatives

1. **NB:** Not meant to be a Plato to NATO- type comprehensive study of TIP in the SADC region, but rather a snapshot attempt to gather the basic data required to inform programme development.



Strategic Framework: Description and Rationale

PHASE I: Why SOUTH AFRICA?

- Regional transportation hub and economic engine
- Growing influence of organized crime
- Growing and multifaceted sex industry
- Presumed country of destination, and expected easiest source for data

Target areas: Johannesburg; Pretoria; Cape Town; and Durban.

PHASE TWO: Other SADC Countries

- Strong focus on trafficking within SADC region
- Map suspected trafficking routes
- Locate vulnerable communities
- Verify information gathered in Phase One

NB: PHASE TWO NOT COVERED IN THIS PRESENTATION



METHODOLOGIES

- **Interview with:**
Victims, police, border officials, prosecutors, local NGO's, club and brothel owners, former agents, pimps, sex workers, shelter managers, refugees, embassies, private investigators, police informants, religious organizations, journalists, international organizations
- **Questionnaires distributed to:** Police and Border Officials
- **Review of existing reports** from SADC member states, NGO's, International Organizations
- **Analytical review** of media coverage of TIP
- **Site visits** to police stations, border posts, brothels, clubs, and escort agencies



PROFILES

	THAILAND	EASTERN EUROPE	CHINA
VICTIMS	•Rural, •Uneducated •Unemployed or already in hospitality industry •Sex workers, •Some have no English •Family debt	•Rural and urban areas • Professional/well educated •Unemployed •Lack of opportunity •Sex workers, strippers • May have dependents • No English	•Rural, •Poverty, •Uneducated, •Lack of opportunity, • Have family overseas •No English
TRAFFICKER	•Men and women •South African and •Thai nationals •Former victims (Mama San) •SA men married to victims •Friends and family	•Russian Mafia •Russian nationals •South African agent •Club owners •South African men may be married to former victim	•Chinese Triads •Agents with links to Triads •Individuals •Working for shipping company •Permanent residence in SA •Club owners in SA
CLIENTS	•South African men •Tourists •Businessmen	•South African men •Tourists •Businessmen	• Exclusively Chinese or Taiwanese from local community: •Sea Farers & Tourists •Businessmen



RECRUITMENT

	THAILAND	EASTERN EUROPE	CHINA AND TAIWAN
METHOD	•Advertise in media •Direct approach •Second daughter in exchange for family debt •Offer contract with repayment plan	•Advertise in media •Direct approach •Offer more money and opportunity for similar work	•Direct approach •Job in SA/USA/Europe •Education opportunity •Provide paperwork •Provide cost and payment plan •Abduction
CONTRACT	•Repayment of debt over certain period •Job in restaurant /Hotel/Club •Earn good money •Accommodation provided •Sex work for short period •Legal status	•Job in similar profession •Better money •Specific time bound contract •Able to work for self after certain period •Legal status	•No specific contract
WHAT THEY EXPECT	•Job in hospitality industry •Good money •Dancing or sex work •Marriage to SA	•Job in field of training •Stripper / dancing •Sex Work •Good Money	•Job in Chinese shop / restaurant / business •Education opportunity •Sex work



TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

	THAILAND	EASTERN EUROPE	CHINA AND TAIWAN
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	•All tickets paid and arranged by trafficker	•Visa, ticket & deposit to Embassy paid by agent	•Some money paid by victim or family upfront •All arrangements made by Agents •Counterfeit passport at each transit point
TRANSIT	•BNK/SA Dir •SA via BNK/SIN/JHB •Via JHB/Lesotho/ JHB •Transit to USA	•EE to SA Direct •Via Europe •Via Europe, SA and USA	•Via Air to Honk Kong •Via Singapore •Via SA to Mexico •Via SA to USA •VIA SA to Europe
ON ARRIVAL	•Documents removed •Escorted to place of residence /work	•Documentation removed •Brought to residence with other EE national •Introduced to debt and possible means of repayment	•Documentation removed •Escorted to Club/ Brothel •Locked up •Forced into prostitution



EXPLOITATION

	THAILAND	EASTERN EUROPE	MAINLAND CHINA TAIWAN
CAPTIVITY	•Constant surveillance •No freedom of movement •Locked up OR •Partial freedom •Resold •Marriage	•Locked up •Threat of family violence death •Threat to own safety •Initiation (Rape) •May be resold •Marriage to client	•No freedom •Escorted to and from work •Locked up •No payment •May also work in restaurant
PLACE OF WORK	•Club or Brothel •Sometimes various ones •Private home or flat	•Private Clubs and brothels •Private homes and Flats •Restaurants	•Seamen's Club •Chinese Clubs and restaurants •Ships
CONDITIONS	•Long Hours •No free time for period of contract •No contact with family	•Depends on club •More vulnerable after hours at hands of agent •Long hours for duration of contract	• Complete captivity •Working hours on client demand •Sex slavery •No specified contract



South Africa as a Source Country



Profiles

	TO TAIWAN & MAINLAND CHINA
VICTIMS	•Mainly women and young girls •Sex workers in local clubs •Sex workers advert in media •Young SA girls socializing in clubs •School leavers •Job seekers 
TRAFFICKERS	•Chinese Triads •South African Gangs with links to Triads •South Africans linked to Organized Crime •Chinese seamen •Chinese businessmen 
CLIENTS	•Wealthy Chinese men belonging to specific clubs •Usually drug involvement 



Recruitment

	TO MAINLAND CHINA & TAIWAN
METHOD	•Direct from Brothels and Clubs •From newspaper adverts •Approach young women at clubs •Befriend and date •Offer work opportunity •Kidnap/abduct
TRANSPORTATION	•By Air Direct to or via Taiwan •Via Singapore or Bangkok •By ship •Ship via Durban or Cape town
ON ARRIVAL	•Taken straight to specific club with other foreign nationals •Forced into prostitution and drugs •Documentation removed •Never leave premises •On going enslavement



Identified Needs

TRAINING:

- Training of officials and service providers
- Public awareness and Information campaigns

PROTECTION:

- Rescue & safe houses
- Call centers
- Counseling
- Medical assistance
- HIV/AIDS advice and treatment

REHABILITATION

- Contact with family
- Voluntary Repatriation
- Skills training
- Reintegration / resettlement
- Drug rehabilitation



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