



What is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking is the act of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring and receiving a person through the use of force, coercion or other means for the purpose of exploiting them for economic gain.

Fiji's legislation on Human Trafficking

Crimes Act 2009 section 102 – 121.

- Slavery offences
- Sexual Servitude
- Deceptive Recruiting for Sexual Services
- Cross border trafficking in persons.
- Aggravated Offence of Trafficking in Persons
- Offences of Trafficking in Persons in Children
- Offences of Domestic Trafficking in Persons
- Aggravated offence of Domestic Trafficking in Person.
- Offences of Domestic Trafficking in Persons in Children.
- Offences of Debt Bondage

Immigration Act 2003 section 17— 37

- Offence of trafficking in persons
- Offence of trafficking in person involving children
- Exploitation of person's not legally entitled to work.
- Offence related to fraudulent travel or identity documents.

Employment Relations Act 2007 section 91 criminalizes;

- All forms of labour slavery or practices similar to slavery (sale and trafficking of children, debt bondage, forced or compulsory labour, forced or compulsory recruitment of children in armed conflict.
- Use, procuring or offering of child for illicit activities
- Use, procuring or offering of a child for prostitution, production of pornography or pornography performances.

Are you a victim of human trafficking? Are you experiencing any of these indicators?

- Daily forced employment in criminal activities (bag-snatching, pickpocketing, burglary, vehicle theft, shoplifting, drug pushing) for several hours during the day
- Forced hospitalisation
- Forced cohabitation, sometimes also paying
- impossibility of living and moving autonomously
- Presence of a "controller"
- Forced begging for several hours each day, inter alia to pay the debt bondage for the travel
- Vulnerability due to disability or other psychological or physical condition of inferiority (for instance, pregnancy) for the purpose of begging
- Vulnerability for being a member of a minority for the purpose of begging and/or perpetrating illegal activities
- Reports of non-compliance with compulsory education laws for under-age victims
- Recurring reports of minors involved in begging and/or illegal activities
- Illegal international adoption of foreign minors

- They are subjected to violence or threats against themselves or against their family members and loved ones.
- They have no access to or control over their salaries.
- They show signs of their movements being controlled.
- They show fear, anxiety, distress, or nervousness.
- They are threatened with reporting to immigration authorities or threatened with deportation.
- They are scared of revealing their immigration status.
- Removal of their passports/ travel documents/ identity documents.
- Allow others to speak for them when addressed directly.
- They are forced to live or work under inhumane/ degrading conditions.
- Their travel costs were paid by facilitators, which they must payback by working or providing services.
- They work excessively long hours and days with no day offs and little compensation resulting in non-compliance to labour laws.
- They had acted based on false promises.
- Non-fulfilment of contract.
- Extreme poverty or conditions of need