



Republic of Namibia

## **Ministry of Gender Equality and child**

### **Welfare (MGE CW)**

## **Human Trafficking/Trafficking in persons**

### **What is human Trafficking?**

**Human Trafficking refers to:**

**“Any recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons by means of:**

- Threats or abduction,
- Fraud,
- Deception,
- Abuse of power or of a
- Position of vulnerability,
- Receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation.

### **2. Targets of Human Trafficking**

- Women of any age
- Children
- Men especially boys
- People with disabilities

### 3. Types of Human Trafficking

**3.1. Sex Trafficking:** is trafficking in humans for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

#### Examples of sex trafficking:

- Forced commercial work/prostitution
- Forced participation in pornography
- Forced participation in stripping/live sex shows/ illegitimate massage parlors/ escort services

**3.2. Labour trafficking:** is trafficking in humans for the purpose of forced labour.

#### Example of labour Trafficking:

- Servitude as domestic workers, or maids
- Unremunerated forced work mainly in manufacturing. E.g. Sweet shops, service industry, construction, agriculture, entertainment and restaurants.
- Forced into begging in public places and on public transport especially children and disabled people.
- Petty Crimes. E.g. carrying or selling illicit drugs, involved in organized criminal gangs, in domestic or foreign country especially boys.

### 4. Signs that an individual is a victim of trafficking:

- Foreign individual without forms identification/passport
- Individual appear anxious especially in the presence of his/her “translator”
- Individual is tied to work-site
- Individual (or family member) has been threatened or abused
- Individual fears what will happen to her (or family member) if he/she leaves the job.
- An individual is escorted to and from work and other activities.
- Move from one brothel to the next or work in various locations.

#### In case of children:

- The child is traveling unaccompanied by adults
- Children traveling in a group (s) with persons who are not relatives
- The claim made by an adult that he or she has “found” an unaccompanied child
- Unaccompanied children carrying telephone numbers for calling taxis
- The discovery of cases involving illegal adoption.

## 5. Signs that a building is holding victims of trafficking:

- High secured building: isolated location, barred windows, expensive electronic surveillance, and guarded compound.
- Workers live and work in same building.
- Workers only leave the building with “guards”.
- Workers are driven to work by “guards”
- Workers are “guarded” when taken for medical treatment; traffickers act as translators.
- The presence of child-sized clothing typically worn for doing manual or sex work.
- The presence of toys, beds and children’s clothing in inappropriate places such as factories.

## 6. Planned Activities by MGEWCW to Mitigate against Human Trafficking/trafficking in persons

- Awareness campaign through media and workshops
- Undertake a base line study on human trafficking in Namibia.
- Capacity building of key service providers on human trafficking issues.

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