



Human Trafficking

And

Prostitution Outreach Training Manual

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Introduction

The purpose of this tool is to train volunteers, police, church groups and other community groups to reach out to prostituted women with the primary aim to offer a step toward restoration and a new life and the added component of combating human trafficking. Justice ACTs is a counter-trafficking organization that feels combating this social injustice can be done more effectively by reaching out to those selling themselves and should not be done without this component of mercy.

Notes to presenter:

Prepare: The following is a faith-based presentation, with tips added in for the police. Remember to adapt to the audience you are training, emphasizing information most relevant to them, removing the faith-based information when it is not appropriate.

Presentation:

Begin Training with General Human Trafficking Awareness Power Point. (all 47 Slides)

If you did not receive a CD version of this powerpoint. Go to www.justiceacts.org to download the powerpoint with its script. It is a 40 minute presentation which defines and explores human trafficking.

What is Human Trafficking?



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Why Reach Out to Women In Prostitution?

(20 Minutes)

Prostitutes are women who Jesus was intentional about ministering to. When he spoke with these women, it was with compassion and gentleness. He taught the greater the transgression, the greater the transformation. They could be a walking testament of the power and glory of God. He believed these women (and men) could find God, find healing and he loved them. Now in present day South Africa we wish to do the same.

Tell the story of the four girls who were rescued in one week through prostitution outreach. (Here are the basic points.)

- Regular weekly street outreach by Justice ACTs staff and trained church.
- Goal to see transformation/provide hope for an exit from prostitution in the women we talk with.
- Four prostituted women indicated they wanted to leave the sex industry, and it was arranged for places for them in safe houses.
- Later, after the girls were safe, each felt secure enough to tell their full stories. All four were trafficking victims and one of them under-aged.
- This is prostitution outreach at its best. We extend mercy and hope, and God rescues victims.

1. We want to give both men and women in prostitution an opportunity to exit this dehumanizing and illegal trade, to give them assistance and offer them hope.

Let's look at the effects on women:

(Studies are hard to come by, but here are a few statistics from the USA and Netherlands.)

- A study in Portland, Oregon found that prostituted women were raped on average once a week.
- Ninety-four percent of those in street prostitution in Minnesota experienced sexual assault, and 75% were raped by one or more client.
- In the Netherlands (where prostitution is legal) 60% of prostituted women suffered physical assaults; 70% experienced verbal threats of assault, 40% experienced sexual violence and 40% were forced into prostitution.
- Sexual abuse usually precedes entry into prostitution. From 55% to 90% of prostitutes report a childhood sexual abuse history.

2. What the Bible Says (For faith based NGO's)

USE TRAINING TOOL B

(30 minutes)

3. Let's look at the men who buy sex:

When dealing with men in the sex trade

- We must realize sex can be an addiction as powerful as many drug/or substance abuse addictions
- Men buying women for sex are broken, hurting, or are often times unfulfilled in their lives and seeking that fulfillment through sex

UK-based 'Eaves for Women' and a U.S based Prostitution and Research Education teamed up to interview 103 men in London who had bought commercial sex. Of those men:

- 55% believed that the majority of women were lured, tricked, or trafficked into the sex industry unwillingly.
- Most of the men interviewed, also claimed at least a third of women in prostitution began when they were under 18.
- Half the men were aware they were using a woman who was being controlled by a pimp.
- Despite believing that a majority of women in prostitution were currently or had once been victims of human trafficking, these men bought sex from them.

4. While our main priority in outreach to women in prostitution is not investigation, it is important to be aware of the potential of coming across possible victims (15 Minutes):

- Show relevant slides from 'Human Trafficking Laws and Trafficking Case' Power Point by Advocate Val Lotin of Organized Crime Department in KZD. (Slides to show are the following... You can read them directly.)

From these cases we have identified signs of HT such as:

- Evidence of **control** and lack of ability to move freely or leave job
- Signs of **physical abuse / threats** of abuse
- **Fear or depression**
- **Non-English speaking**
- **Recent arrival** from Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Canada, Africa, India or within the country.



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- **For Police Audiences:**
(The following two slides and subsequent information are more appropriate for law enforcement.)

Challenges to investigations:

- HT is a Crime that may be difficult to identify and detect – due to its covert nature
- Victims are threatened / afraid to talk
- Exploitation takes place behind the fronts of legitimate businesses
- Language barriers
- Inexperienced police and prosecutors unable to identify, investigate or prosecute effectively the crime of TIP

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Most cases are not directly reported as Human Trafficking

**It is usually the underlying offences of
“prostitution”
keeping a brothel
Immigration Offences
that are reported**

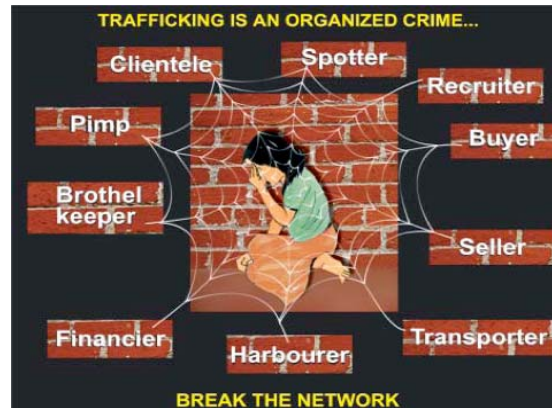
Certain of these offences can form the basis of a Human trafficking investigation and includes elements of organised crime

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If you think you have encountered a human trafficking crime scene, there are a number of factors you need to consider when identifying between the victims and the traffickers:

- A person who is trafficked may look like anyone you encounter at a crime scene, but sensitively asking the right questions and looking for small clues will help you identify those people who have been fraudulently induced, forced or coerced into a life of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Look for the following clues: [Refer to list of clues on the slide]
- You should also take into consideration victims’ cultural and social background as these traits will impact the way victims should be managed as witnesses, as well as the way the investigation of their cases is carried out.
- Victims may not be able to communicate with you because of language or cultural barriers.
- Victims often have a fear of being deported.
- Victims may appear to you as a prostitute or a willing participant in the trafficker’s enterprise.
- Victims frequently do not self-identify themselves as victims.

- Victims may display an allegiance to their trafficker/employer



Procedure if you find a trafficking victim:

For South African Police and Law Enforcement

(20 Minutes)

It is Important to treat her as a victim until this is confirmed or otherwise.

THE VICTIM CHARTER MUST BE ADHERED:

- Treated with fairness, respect and their dignity is protected
- Offer information by making a statement
- Receive information on matters pertinent to their cases
- Are protected from further victimization (treating a trafficking victim as a criminal would be considered secondary victimization)
- Are provided with practical assistance
- *Remember, she is terrified of the police and will not confide to you.*

SCREEN TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Open a docket and take detailed initial statement and register with CAS.
- If there are allegations of coercion, exploitation, abduction and deception or an indication of these, you must immediately call out a member of the Organised Crime environment to take over the investigation
- In the meantime, make the victim comfortable until the detective on call arrives.

WHEN A PERSON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- If victim is identified away from the police station immediately refer them to the Victim Friendly Rooms for further assistance
- Station Commanders must identify a suitable SAPS member (not volunteers) to co-ordinate activities to assist victims of Human Trafficking
- A list of service providers should be consulted at the station in order to make referrals in accordance with the needs of the victim, if no list is available call IOM. Normally, the first step is to get the victim into a safe house that can deal with victims of human trafficking.

Procedure if you find a trafficking victim:

For Non- law enforcement (regular volunteers, churches, NGO's, etc.)

(10 Minutes)

(You will later in this program be teaching on how to best communicate to these women/girls)

- It is not recommended to ever remove a trafficking victim yourself for various safety reasons. (Victims could and often will be followed by the trafficker. Victims could be manipulating you or potentially commit a crime against you. Victims have been known to frame NGO workers as they often negatively affect business.)
- First suggestion: Call the human trafficking hotline (SA: 0800 555 999) or the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and tell them you have identified a trafficking victim that wants out. Walk with them, until the case is picked up. This will take persistence.
- Practical experience has shown, help is not always willing or able to come when we must get victims (or even girls wanting to exit unforced prostitution) to a place of safety.
 - I. Arrange to meet in a public place known to both of you at a later time. Never take a victim with you on the spot, as she is probably being watched.
 - II. Contact a safe house in your area that can take a trafficking victim. (IOM should be able to refer one to you, and will probably want to assume responsibility for the girl at that point, which is good.)
 - III. Be careful to make sure you and the girl are not being watched or followed.
 - IV. Drive the girl to the safe house and hand her off to the caregivers. (Again be very careful that you are not being followed for the safety of the safe house.)
 - V. At this point, the safe house workers can take over and contact the police and various service providers necessary

Preparation for Prostitution Outreach

(60 minutes)

Now that you know WHY prostitution outreach is vital to God's heart and to counter human trafficking, let's learn how to do it:

What you need to know:

Typical language in the sex industry:

- **Buyer:** The man whom is buying the prostitutes body for a short length of time.
- **Client:** The buyer of sex; this is often what the girls call the men.
- **Business:** The girls will often call their work "business".
- **Boyfriend:** In other parts of the world known as a "Pimp". This is the man/women that contracts the women out.
- **Brothel:** A house, flat, or building where buyers can come to find a prostitute.
- **Mama san:** Usually an older women who helps run the brothel and keeps the prostitutes in check, known as a Madam in other nations.
- **Human Trafficking:** The selling of a person from one area to another area against their wishes and are then exploited.

Types of Prostitution:

Human Trafficking for sexual purposes-

- These women have no choice. They are bought and sold into the sex slave industry. They are either pimped out, raped, beaten into submission, or they are hooked on drugs and are only promised their next fix if they get enough clients. They work for and are owned by an individual or business.

Last Resort-

- These are the single mothers, the daughters that have been cast out. They need to put food on the table for their children, or they themselves are hungry and this is the only

thing they can think of. These are the women that if given opportunity would get out of the sex industry.

Forced prostitution-

- These women often started out of as women who used prostitution as a last resort and got caught up in the life. These women have found “boyfriends” that provide things like drugs, shelter, or security, but in turn will beat her if she does not make enough money for him. There is little chance of a peaceful break from this life.

Life style prostitution-

- These women are often, from a young age, victims of sexual molestation or other sexual offenses. This leads to a skewed view of how they see themselves and men, and the acceptance of selling their bodies, and even stating that they enjoy or willingly choose this lifestyle.

INTERCESSION

HAND OUT AND USE TRAINING TOOL B:

Your first step in outreach to women in prostitution is ALWAYS intercession, if it's a faith based organisation.

Guidelines for Night Outreach:

Justice ACTs was formed to combat present day slavery. We take a stance each person created is valuable in the sight of God and deserves to hear how much they are loved. We believe the love of God will transform lives. While serving in outreaches geared towards prostitution, our goal is to show and reveal the love God has for them with the hope some will exit this trade and find healing. We have guidelines we have put into place that help us best communicate this love as well as keep our team safe as possible.

We want to walk where faith and wisdom meet. We work hard to make the women feel as comfortable as possible, while keeping our safety a priority.

- We work in a 4-6-person team format. Each person has a role to play while approaching the women.
- Two of the team members will approach the women, while the third member of the team stays back a few meters and intercedes (prays) and keeps look out for signs of danger or evidence of being watched or followed.
- We suggest that one person approaching the women will take the 'lead'. The second person will act as the support in prayer and conversation. This helps the women to only focus on one person, as she will often be under the influence of drugs or under the control of pimp.
- Watch the woman's body language. If she seems fearful to talk or is not at all interested in a conversation, walk away. She may be under surveillance by a pimp or trafficker. We do not want to put the women in danger of retaliation from their 'boyfriends'.
- Watch carefully to make sure you are not being followed by a pimp as you leave. If you are, slip into a local restaurant or shop until he leaves. It's good to let others know you are out doing this and to have the police number handy to call.
- We never give money out.
- We never make promises.
- We only invite the women to church, if they are truly seeking and asking.
- We never go **by ourselves** to meet privately with a woman, on the spot or later. But, we do meet with them in non-working hours in pairs. (If you befriend a girl, feel free to arrange to meet for coffee in a public place. Never go alone. Transformation starts with a basic friendship. Again, do not offer any physical assistance, money or gifts. This will separate those girls manipulating you for gain, from those who are truly seeking a way out.)
- Acknowledge her presence if and when you see her in an everyday occasion.

We as a ministry want this to be a Holy Spirit led outreach. We want faith to be mixed inseparably with wisdom, and we believe that we can see great change, in the womens' lives, in human trafficking and in the community.

Communicating with Prostituted Women and Men

Reactions from your presence will vary from annoyance to joy, and you have to learn to be flexible with your own reactions. The more often you do this kind of work, the more comfortable you will feel. Continue in prayer for God's word and God's heart in this area, and He will give them to you.

Regarding prostitution outreach, many people feel apprehensive about starting conversation with one of these people. That is completely normal and expected. The goal is to get over that in order to show them the love of Jesus. It is worth getting past the anxious feelings in order to do this work. We've seen lives transformed and victims rescued because of a group of people who cared enough to say 'hello'.

Note For Police:

- Prostitutes believe and have been told: That the police have all been bribed; the police will rape you; you or a family member will be beaten or killed if you speak to police, etc. They are more than likely terrified of police or bitter towards them.
- They will not tell you they are victims; you must look for the signs, take an initial statement and call the Organized Crime Division.
- It is important to treat women in prostitution with respect and love, always aware that she is a potential victim.

When speaking with these women:

Starter questions:

- Where are you from?
- Where did you grow up?
- How did you come to this city?
- Do you have any children?
- Do you live with your family?
- What did you do before this?
- Where do you stay now?

Innocent questions can also reveal if a person is a possible victim of human trafficking. (Discuss with participants how this is so. Ex. Where are you from? Is she from a far away location? How could she have found enough money to get to this nation?/ Where do you stay? With a

“boyfriend”? In group housing?/ Do you have children? If not, why is she working the streets? How is she so desperate? Etc.) Again, investigation is not your aim. The real stories unfold through relationship as trust is gained. Don't push for information she is reluctant to give or could put you in danger.

After a few of those questions you can ask:

(These questions can sometimes seem extremely forward, however they are acceptable in these situations.)

-How long have you worked here (this street or block)?

-How is business tonight?

-How do you feel after a client?

-Would you get out if you could?

-If you could do anything else what would you do?

-Would you be free sometime, when you are not working, to get a cup of coffee and just talk about life?

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Body Language:

It is important to smile. Often, this little thing is forgotten because of nerves, but remember these are children of God and you are there to shine light. The joy of the Lord is in you, and your job is to let them see a piece of it.

70% of how you communicate is through your body. So try to keep your facial expressions and the rest of your body in a non-offensive or non-defensive position. Try to maintain an air of neutrality; you will be received in a less defensive way.

If the girl you are speaking with is seated and while using your wisdom and discernment, it is best if you are able to be at eye level or lower. This is especially important with men. Our goal is to make her feel loved and comfortable, and if we are a threat to her, we will be unable to do either.

Men in outreach:

Men doing this kind of ministry have potential to be incredible influencers. They have the ability to be a healing presence in the lives of girls who have possibly never seen or felt brotherly love before. However, to show them this love well, you must be aware of how you stand and act, never doing anything that could be portrayed as an act of aggression. Seeking to constantly keep your body 'neutral' and making sure your words are not misconstrued to mean anything other than words of life and truth.

Accents:

Often, due to different accents, it is difficult to hear their words and keep focused. Don't feel bad if you have to ask them to repeat.

Your accent might also be hard for them to understand; this will be especially true for those girls/boys whom have been trafficked or brought over from other parts of the country or world. So, speaking slowly and with articulation is necessary.

Reactions to your presence:

Will vary from annoyance, to joy, and you have to learn to be flexible with your own reactions. The more often you do this kind of work, the more comfortable you will feel. Continue in prayer for God's word and God's heart in this area, and He will give them to you.

Physical touch:

We suggest no physical touch. These women have been repeatedly raped, beaten, or otherwise abused. What may seem acceptable to us, may feel and be horrendous for them, therefore, hindering us from being able to properly speak into their lives.

For Police: It is against SAPS policy for a member of the opposite sex to touch a suspect. Law prohibits you from touching these women.

Conclusion

Tell the story of Grace – a trafficking victim reached through prostitution outreach, who is now clean, sober, off the streets, in school and using her story to see justice done, as well as reach out to others like her. Her transformation started with a ‘hello’ from a Justice ACTs staff.

Grace was held captive in a brothel in South Africa for a couple days, being broken, before being put to work on the streets by her gangster pimp. The Justice ACTs co-director met Grace on the streets during a regular outreach. We call it night hunting. It's our prostitution outreach where we hunt for girls whose lives God is ready to set free and transform. Our co-director saw God was at work in this precious woman and pursued meeting with her regularly. Over time, they became friends, and Grace accepted Jesus into her life. Grace was living on the streets and began an on-going battle to escape her pimp.

When she was ready, Grace became a part of our Adopt-A-Girl program. Job skills are key to escaping a life of prostitution, so Grace is worked in a coffee shop and then a YWAM ministry base kitchen, under our supervision, gaining valuable experience. As part of this program, we pay her salary, and she receives on-going counseling and discipleship. We also offer parenting assistance, drug and alcohol detox help and computer classes. Grace is now in process of completing a six-month intensive Discipleship Training School. She's discovered the resolve to seek justice for herself and for the other girls who were victims of the same trafficker. When she graduates the lecture phase, Grace will go on an international outreach. A former prostitute can be transformed into a world-changer! Jesus believed it and lived it, so do we!

Pray (If a faith-based audience.) Thank you for your time.

Resources: SEE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES INDEX

Give the audience an opportunity to ask questions on prostitution outreach.