

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is Human Trafficking?**

Human Trafficking involves the recruiting, transporting, transferring, harbouring and or receiving a person by force, coercion or other means for the purpose of exploitation.

### **2. What type of exploitation is associated with Human Trafficking?**

- a. Forced Labour
- b. Sexual Exploitation
- c. Involuntary Domestic Servitude
- d. Child Marriage
- e. Child Soldiers
- f. Organ Extraction

### **3. What are some of the indicators of Human Trafficking?**

- a. Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- b. Has a child stopped attending school?
- c. Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- d. Is a juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts?
- e. Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- f. Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- g. Is the person fearful, timid, or shy?
- h. Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- i. Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- j. Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- k. Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?

- l. Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- m. Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

***Not all indicators listed above are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.***

**4. Where can victims be found?**

- a. Massage Parlours
- b. Escort Services
- c. Bars and Strip Clubs
- d. Resort Areas
- e. Hotels and Night Clubs
- f. Some homes
- g. Hair and Nail salons
- h. Agricultural work
- i. Restaurants
- j. Drug Sale and cultivation
- k. Commercial sex areas
- l. Forced begging
- m. Among Magazine Crews

**5. How can I report suspicious activities or a suspected case of Human Trafficking?**

- a) Call the following numbers:
  - 811
  - 1-888-PROTECT (FOR CHILD VICTIMS)
  - 119 OR NEAREST Police Station
  - 876- 967-1389 or 876-922-3771
  
- b) Email- [tip.ocid@jcf.gov.jm](mailto:tip.ocid@jcf.gov.jm)

***Do not at any time attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to your suspicions. Your safety as well as the victim's safety is paramount. Instead, please contact the numbers listed above.***

**6. What is the Legislative Framework to combat Trafficking in Persons in Jamaica?**

The Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Suppression and Punishment) Act, 2007 is the main piece of legislation used to prosecute the offence of trafficking in persons however, other supportive legislations are also used in that regard.

**7. Will I be protected as a victim of Human Trafficking in Jamaica?**

YES-The Government of Jamaica will take all reasonable measures to ensure you are not recaptured, re-trafficked, intimidated and do not become the object of reprisal by traffickers and their associates.

**8. If I am a victim of Human Trafficking can I be charged with a crime in Jamaica?**

NO- Where you provide evidence that you are a victim, you shall not be liable to prosecution for any offence against the laws of Jamaica relating to immigration and prostitution that is a direct result of the offence of Trafficking in Persons committed against you.

**9. Which day is Anti Trafficking in Persons Day?**

July 30 is known as World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

**10. What is the Blue Heart Campaign?**

The Blue Heart Campaign is an international awareness raising initiative by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to fight Human Trafficking and its impact on society. The Campaign seeks to encourage involvement and inspire action to help stop this crime. Additionally, the color blue is internationally symbolic of human trafficking awareness.

Having regard to the transnational nature of Human Trafficking, the Campaign seeks to raise awareness of the plight of victims and to build political support to fight the criminals behind trafficking. Countries all over the world have adopted this Campaign, which seeks

to encourage involvement and inspire action to combat Human Trafficking. These countries include Brazil, Colombia, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, and Switzerland. Significantly, Jamaica is the first Caribbean island to formally adopt the Blue Heart Campaign.