



A2 ACTIVITIES TO REVEAL HIDDEN ISSUES

The lies traffickers tell



Why use this activity?

Communicating through pictures is an effective way to raise awareness about the lies which traffickers use to trick people. This activity helps communities be aware of, and prepared for, the lies that human traffickers use.

Explaining the words we use:

Human trafficking is the transporting or abduction of people for the purposes of exploitation, using coercion, fraud or deception. It is a modern form of **slavery**.



A brief description

Using pictures to help a group to understand the lies that traffickers use. This helps discussion about who might be vulnerable to being approached by human traffickers, and how they can be informed, educated and protected.



You will need

Pictures showing the lies that human traffickers tell. You could use the pictures provided on the last page of this tool, or you could re-draw them to reflect your context. Please see **Tool A1 – Revealing human trafficking (slavery)** for background information on this issue.



Time taken

1-2 hours



What to do

Explain to the group that you are about to do an activity about the ways that human traffickers persuade people to leave their communities. These people then become victims of human trafficking and are unable to leave their captors.

People will need a basic understanding of human trafficking before carrying out the activity below. If this is the first time you are looking at human trafficking with this group, we suggest you give a brief introduction. Please see **Tool A2: Understanding vulnerability to human trafficking (slavery)** where we suggest some points you could make.

Show your group the pictures showing the lies that traffickers tell (either use the ones on the last page of this tool, or draw your own).

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Ask the group to try to work out the lies (untruths) each picture shows. Give them the opportunity to discuss and make suggestions of what the picture is showing before giving them your ideas (listed below).

- **Picture 1: Offer of marriage**

A man asks to marry a couple's beautiful daughter. His real intention is very different: to sell the young woman to a brothel.

- **Picture 2: Job offer**

A woman offers a young girl a job in a clothes factory so she can support her family. In fact, she plans to make her work there without any pay.

- **Picture 3: Courtship**

A man tells a young girl he loves her; she falls in love with him. They go out for a romantic walk - which leads to a brothel, where he sells her.

- **Picture 4: A trip to the city**

A woman is persuaded to visit the city by a friend and fellow worker in the paddy (rice) fields. In fact, the friend plans to sell her to a brothel.

- **Picture 5: Exploitation**

All trafficking leads to exploitation. This might be through prostitution or other unpaid work (eg in factories, agriculture or catering).

- **Picture 6: A wealthy employer**

A woman tells a family she will take their daughter to work for a rich man in the city. In fact she wants to force her to work as a housemaid without pay.

- **Picture 7: Abduction**

A trafficker approaches children who are playing in a field away from their village. He tells them that their parents say that they need to come with him. They believe him and go. In fact, he plans to sell them into child prostitution.

- **Picture 8: Work overseas**

A man talks to young people about the good jobs and high salaries they can get abroad. The youths listen excitedly. In fact, he intends to traffic them.

- **Picture 9: Adoption**

A woman offers a mother money to adopt her child. The mother wants a better life for her child than she can provide. In fact, he will be sold and exploited.

Discussion

Once you have been through all of the pictures, encourage the group to discuss the following questions. If you are a large group of people, you may wish to split into smaller groups (of 4-6 people), for these discussions:

- Who in our community is vulnerable to be approached by human traffickers?
- We've looked at some of the lies traffickers tell. Are there other lies that traffickers use?
- How can we inform and educate them about the risks of human trafficking and the lies that human traffickers tell?
- How can we ensure that everyone in our community is protected from human trafficking?



Notes

This activity is based on content first published in Tearfund (2015) Footsteps 96 – Human trafficking. http://tilz.tearfund.org/en/resources/publications/footsteps/footsteps_91-100/footsteps_96/ This in turn had been adapted from an original anti-trafficking poster produced by World Relief, Cambodia. Website: www.worldrelief.org



Finding out more

- Tearfund (2015) Footsteps 96 – *Human trafficking*
- The Born to Fly Project is a child trafficking prevention programme that educates children and their parents about the dangers of child trafficking. All the materials can be downloaded free of charge but you will need to register on the Born to Fly website to receive a password to access the documents <http://born2fly.org>
- FAAST is an alliance of Christian organizations working together to combat slavery and human trafficking <http://faastinternational.org/>

Related tools:

- A1 – Revealing human trafficking (slavery): background information for facilitators [A1: *Migration & trafficking-2*]
- A2 – Understanding vulnerability to human trafficking (slavery) [A2: *Migration & trafficking-3*]
- A2 – Life after human trafficking: understanding the journey of healing [A2: *Migration & trafficking-5*]
- B – Loving the outcast (Bible study) [B: *Discrimination & inclusion-2*]
- B – Each of us is special to God [B: *Discrimination inclusion-5*]
- C2 – Protecting our communities from human trafficking [C2: *Migration & trafficking-1*]

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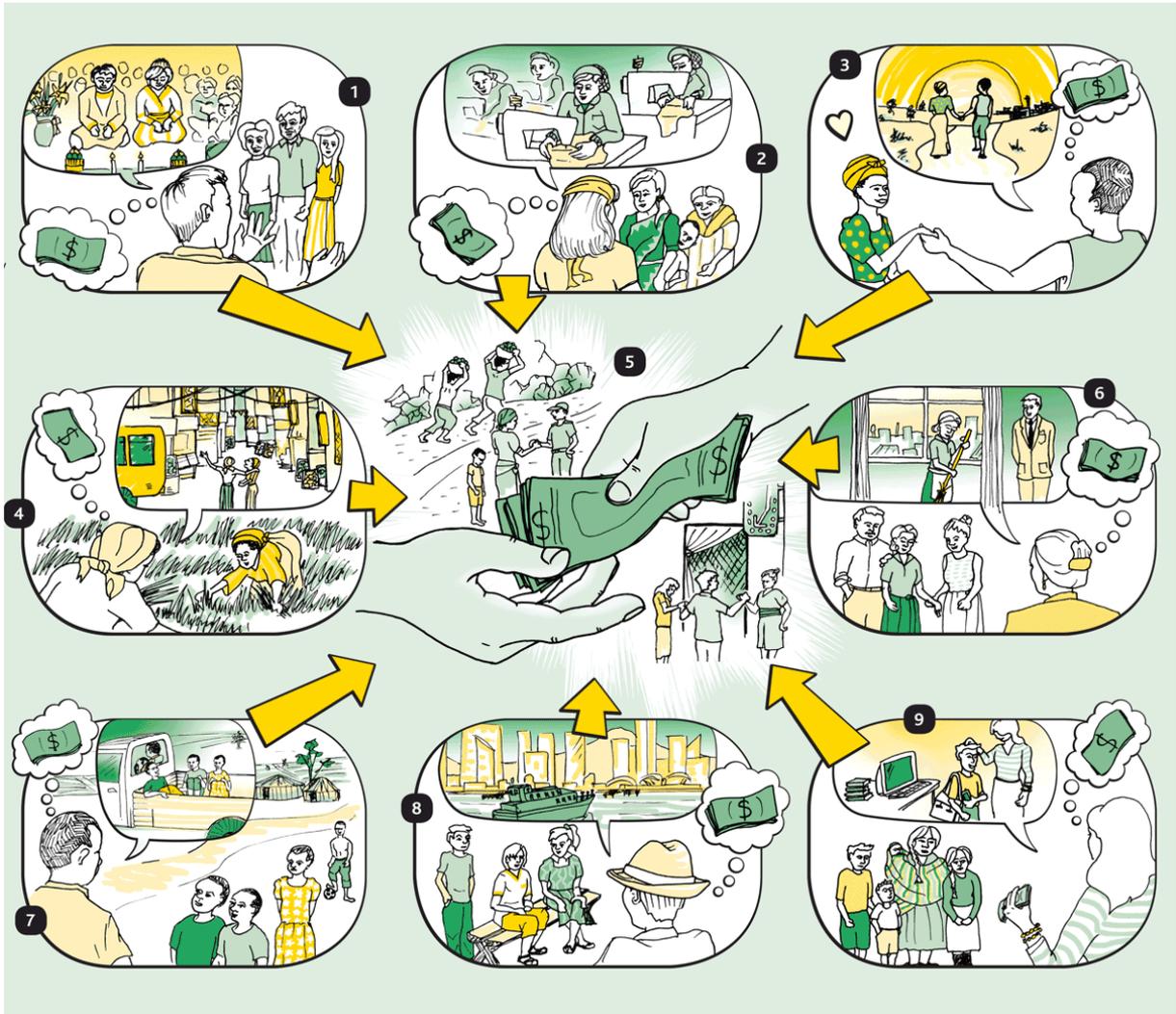
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