CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION

A Global Affair
“Sexual Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation (within national or across international borders), transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE). Sexual trafficking is accomplished by means of fraud, deception, threat of or use of force, abuse of a position of vulnerability, and other forms of coercion.” (IAST, 2009)
Exploitation

- Trafficked children have a very high risk of being exploited.
Exploitation may include:

- Prostitution, Sex tourism
- Pornography
- Child labor
  - Domestic
  - Factory
  - Agricultural
  - Begging
  - Soldier

(ECPAT)
(Love 146.org, 2009)
The child trafficking industry is one of the most profitable illegal industries throughout the world. Trafficking children is second to drug trafficking, making it “the second most lucrative crime in the world”

(Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2006)
The trafficking industry makes well into the billions each year, making the same annual income as McDonalds.

**McDonalds annual income is 32 billion dollars**
(yahoo finance, 2010)

**Child Trafficking Industries income is also 32 billion dollars**
(UNDOC, 2010)
Another 28 billion dollars is generated from commercial sexual exploitation (International Labor Organization, 2009).
How does it all start?

Low income, poverty, and welfare
- People are more easily persuaded when they are bribed with money

Risk factors

Tricked
- Children are more vulnerable than adults and are not aware of their rights so they are easily tricked or persuaded into doing things

Sold by parents
- Many parents sell their children into trafficking due to loss of money, in debt to someone, or just for the sake of getting rid of the child

Kidnapped
- Many of the children that are trafficked are kidnapped and transported over seas
Reality

Look at the picture and create the situation:

About how old is the child?
How do you think she was put into the world of trafficking and exploitation?

Think about:
- Educational deprivation
- Physical health problems
- Emotional wellbeing
- Behavioral problems
- Possible Developmental delays
The Effects

- **Educational:** trafficked children are robbed of a education and therefore are never informed on the rights they have as a human being.
Physical: trafficked children are often abused and are denied any right to health care. Sexually Transmitted Diseases and unsafe abortions are highly likely for most of the girls.
The Effects

- **Emotional**: trafficked children experience trauma, depression, hopelessness, guilt, shame, nightmares, etc.
Behavioral: Trafficked children are more than likely to show anger, resentment, and strong aggression toward others, especially adults.
What role does government play?

- **Thailand**
  The Prostitution and Prevention and Suppression Act of 1996

- **Cambodia**
  The Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia
  - Article 46, Article 48
  The Special Protection of Children against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act of 1992

- **United States of America**
  US Dept. of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
  Involuntary Servitude Law

  (IAST, 2009)
Abolitionists

- Private Organizations
  - Love 146
  - UNICEF
  - Individual abolitionists
Psychology plays major role
- Recovery: after a child is saved
- Rehabilitation: working on their state of mind
- Reintegration: helping them fit back into society
- Resituation: help with finding them a good home
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