

Conclusions

Together
Against Trafficking
to Save Lives





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The results of this First Report on the situation of Human Trafficking in Mexico 2019-2020: “Together to Save Lives”, reflect the effort of the Citizen Council for Safety and Justice in Mexico City to contribute to the fight against this crime.

Throughout these years, the Citizen Council, through the Line and national Chat against Human Trafficking 800 5533 000 (LNCTP) contributed with raising awareness about the magnitude of this problem in Mexico, from a human rights perspective and through an integral attention to victims. Also, thanks to its quest to strengthen the State of Right in this country and fighting against impunity.

as those generated by the LNCTP, that allow to concentrate efforts in terms of prevention but also contribute with the design and generation of permanent public policies that responds to the environment we face.

Through this report, it's clear that the fight against Human Trafficking must be a responsibility that the different actors in society share.

Actions in favor of victims must emerge within authorities in charge of the procurement of justice, special civil organisms and even through transnational cooperation with international organizations and/or other countries' governments.



Obtaining data nationwide in real time during this period and in agreement with the more than 4 thousand 400 reports received at the National line, it has uncovered essential elements to identify new forms of operation of groups and/or people involved in this criminal circle.

In order to fight against Human Trafficking it's necessary to have updated statistics such

Measures must be taken to guarantee the victims' personal, psychological, medical and legal safety, and also to help them return to their communities, cities or countries of origin.

Also, they must contribute to the location, rescue and family, social and economical reintegration of people who suffer from trafficking.

Adapting to the new normality after the surge of the pandemic due to COVID-19 has also caused transformations in the criminal world. It is in this context that the inevitable fear of having more trouble identifying victims emerges, while they are more exposed to catching the virus and less prepared to prevent it or receive medical attention.

The need to get a job, precisely one of the reasons that are highlighted in this report, confirms that opening and maintaining this project of the LNCTP has become a fundamental tool in the country to determine the transformations of this criminal activity.

On the other hand, the increasing number of women who are not only victims of Human Trafficking but in some cases and under pressure and/or violence, can become part of criminal networks is concerning.

It's fundamental to continue to promote a culture of denunciation, the best way to raise awareness about the problem and fight against it.

For this reason, psychologists and lawyers who work at the LNCTP and offer attention and follow up, under a constant coordination with the corresponding authorities, carry out their job under a philosophy of promoting empowering victims by identifying their situation and helping them exercise their rights through an adequate counseling, without abandoning the search for justice and damage repair.

Promoting -perhaps through new campaigns and strategies that are available to any citizen without their condition being an issue- can become a possible public policy tool that contributes to a permanent self-care against a possible situation of Human Trafficking.

What the United Nations Office Against Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has declared: "The pandemic has worsened and made more evident the economical and systemic social inequalities that are part of the underlying causes of Human Trafficking."

Before this scenario, it's important not to lose sight of the situation adult migrants and underage people face, and who can represent a red flag in the dynamics of criminal groups.

Unemployment and the search for better life conditions may lead the most vulnerable people to fall in false promises created by these networks.

The increase in child labor due in great part to school desertion is a risk that makes children and teenagers more exposed to the worst forms of exploitation, in which Human Trafficking is included.

Another scenario to consider before the effects of the sanitary measures to confront the pandemic is the increase in website and social networks

expositions, mainly among this age group. Online videogames could also constitute a risk before the impossibility of fully knowing the person with whom underage children interact as a supposed "friend".

People in charge of bringing up kids and civil association must focus on being mindful of Internet habits as not to allow traffickers access through these routes.

The Citizen Council calls upon all sectors of society to work together to strengthen our fight against Human Trafficking.

**“Raise your voice,
you're not alone.
Human Trafficking is
real and we can
help you”**