



SOME STATISTICS ON THE WORLDWIDE SITUATION OF TRAFFICKING

- Every year, between 700,000 and 4 million women and children are trafficked across international borders. *US State Department- Report on Trafficking in Human Persons 2002*
- **Canada's** Solicitor General reported (1997) that migrant trafficking accounts for 8,000-16,000 illegal immigrants in Canada every year, many female youths and children who are forced to work in Canada's booming sex trade industry. The same report estimates that those profiting from the illegal trafficking of children and women in Canada earn as much as \$400 million annually.
- 30,000 young women between the ages of 15 and 25, victims of trafficking from **Nigeria** found themselves in Italy. *Report for ECPAT –UK November 2001 – Carron Somerset*
- After arms and drugs, the trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation is the third largest source of profit for organized crime.
- 17,000 - 30,000 children arrive in **Europe** each year accompanied by persons not their parents. *Report for ECPAT, UK (2001) – Carron Somerset*
- We know about 45,000 to 50,000 women are trafficked annually to the **U.S.** *US State Dept., Trafficking in Human Persons Report 2002*
- In a recent workshop in **Windsor, Ontario**, it was noted that Windsor has the highest per capita number of prostitutes in North America.
- **Brazil** is the largest Latin American source of women in the sex trade in Europe and is responsible for 15 percent of **Latin America's** human exports. *Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights*
- A growing number of sex tourists are going to **Central America**, partially as a result of the recent restrictions and operations against sex tourism in **Asia**. *Bruce Harris, CasaAlianza Latin American Regional Office, San Jose, Costa Rica, (1997)*
- Thousands of Vietnamese women are trafficked through the **Vietnam-China** border by illegal organizers who take them to **Cambodia** and from there to neighboring countries for prostitution purposes. Vietnamese pimps pretend to court village girls to bring them to the city, and then sell them to brothels.
- There are reports that the trafficking of young boys occurs in Haut-Delmas. A 1992 report by the *Centre d'Éducation populaire* identified major male and female trafficking both within and outside **Haiti**. A further report identified a key foreigner involved in the trafficking of 10-year-old boys for sexual purposes. *ECPAT, CSEC Database*
http://ecpat.net/eng/ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_datebase/index.asp

And what does trafficking look like in your area?

Spend some time looking at television, local newspapers and magazines to see if you can discover the situation regarding this "hidden" violence where you live.