

Trafficking in the Mesoamerican Corridor: a threat to regional and human security

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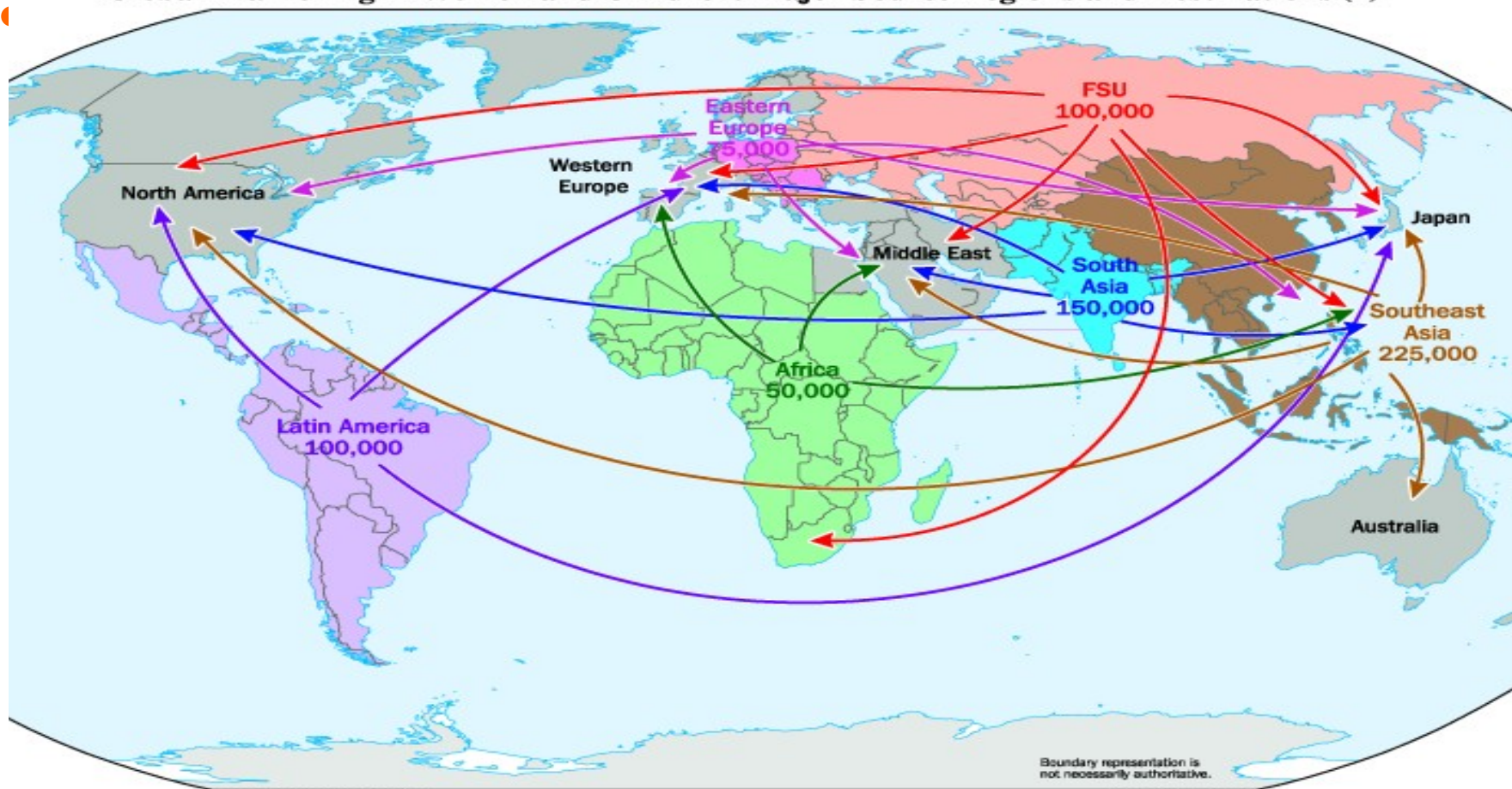
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Trafficking in Persons

- AN UNDERREPORTED CRIME. A HIGH NUMBER OF WOMEN, MEN, ADOLESCENTS, BOYS AND GIRLS BECOME VICTIMS EACH YEAR
- TRAFFICKING IS A PROCESS, STARTING WITH THE RECRUITMENT AND ENDING WITH THE EXPLOITATION OF THE VICTIM
- TRAFFICKING IS A SEVERE CRIME THAT VIOLATES THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THEIR VICTIMS
- THE PATTERNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING – GLOBAL ECONOMY CHANGES SO THE INVENTIVENESS OF TRAFFICKERS

International Routes

Global Trafficking in Women and Children: Major Source Regions and Destinations (C)



Trafficking from and to the Americas

Japan

Europe



Asia

Trafficking Trends: Asia / Americas



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Countries of Origin, Transit, and Destination

North America

E. Europe

W. Europe



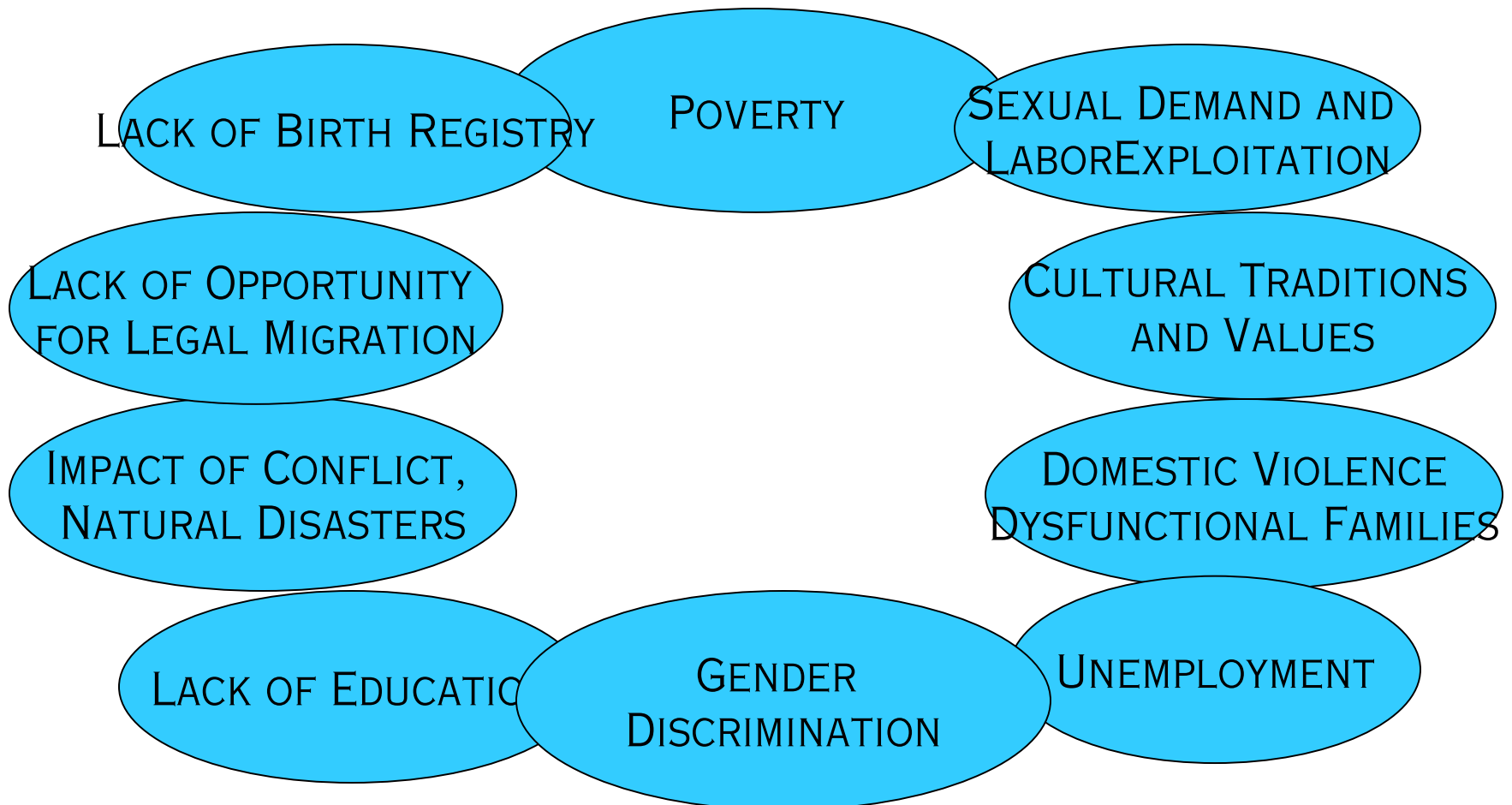
Caribbean Routes



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TIP in the Americas: Push Factors



TIP in the Americas: Pull Factors

EXPECTATION OF EMPLOYMENT
FINANCIAL REWARD

IN SEX INDUSTRY,
EXPECTATIONS
OF FINANCIAL REWARD

DEMAND FOR CHEAP LABOR
MEN AND WOMEN

MATERIAL / GLAMOROUS
BENEFITS OF THE WEST

DEMAND FOR "EXOTIC"
WOMEN AS PROSTITUTES

DEMAND FOR PRODUCTIVE
WORK OF WOMEN

Commitment of the OAS Member States

- Dedicated State action to combat trafficking in persons
- Anti TIP law enforcement
- Identification of victims.
- Data collection
- Prevention-Protection



Cooperation Agreements

- **IOM.** The Caribbean, México, Bolivia, Belize, Perú. Consular and Peacekeeping materials
- **UNODC.** Chile
- **UNICEF.** Civil Society of the Americas
- **ILO.** Ecuador
- **Save the Children-Sweden.** Network of Missing People (RLD)
- **Local Civil Society.** Asian Trafficking
- **Government Sector.** Canada, USA, Mexico, Colombia, Greece, Philippines, Sweden.

Cooperation Activities

- Research
- Training and capacity-building: government, civil society, press, immigration authorities, law enforcement officers, consular officials, Pskeepers.
- Participation of key women organizations
- Public information campaign: TV and Radio
- Victim assistance: professional services
- Establishment of legal frameworks
- Discussions on Legal and public policy reforms

Peacekeeping Capacity-Building



Consular Training



Palermo Protocol

ANTIGUA Y BARBUDA	----- Nov. 19, 2002	GUYANA	SEPT. 14, 2004
ARGENTINA	SEPT. 26, 2008	HAITÍ	MARCH 12, 2009
BAHAMAS	-----	HONDURAS	APRIL 1, 2008
BARBADOS	SEPT. 26, 2003	JAMAICA	SEPT. 29, 2003
BELIZE	MAY 18, 2006	MÉXICO	MARCH 4, 2003
BOLIVIA	JAN. 29, 2004	NICARAGUA	OCT. 12, 2004
BRAZIL	AUG. 4, 2004	PANAMA	AUG. 18, 2004
COLOMBIA	MAY, 13, 2002	PARAGUAY	SEPT. 22, 2004
CANADA	NOV. 29, 2004	PERU	JAN. 23, 2002
CHILE	SEPT. 9, 2003	REPÚBLICA DOM.	FEB. 5, 2008
COSTA RICA	-----	ST. KITTS & NEVIS	MAY 21, 2004
CUBA	-----	ST. LUCIA	-----
DOMINICA	SEPT. 17, 2002	ST. VIN. & THE GRNDS	-
ECUADOR	MARCH 18, 2004	SURINAME	-
EL SALVADOR	NOV. 3, 2005	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	MAY 25, 2007
ESTADOS UNIDOS	MAY 21, 2004	URUGUAY	NOV. 6, 2007
GRENADA	APRIL 1, 2004	VENEZUELA	MARCH 4, 2005
GUATEMALA			MAY 13, 2002



Legal Frameworks in the Americas

- **Argentina:** L. 26364/08 Prevention, Prosecution, Protection of Victims
- **Bolivia:** L. 3325/06 Trafficking and Smuggling. Law, Jan.18, 2006
- **Brazil:** D. 6347/08 National Plan to Combat TIP. L. 1106/05 Penal Code
- **Canada:** L. Immigration and Protection of Refugees 6.28.02. L. C-49 Amendment to Penal Code.
- **Chile:** Art. 367 Penal Code
- **Colombia:** L. 985/05. D. 4319/06 Special Account to combat TIP. L.1336 Strengthens L.679 against Sex Tourism. L.1329 against Sexual Exploitation of Minors.
- **Costa Rica:** Art.172 Penal Code. D. 32824 Anti TIP and Smuggling Coalition.
- **Ecuador:** Decree 1823/06, TIP, Sexual & Labor Expl. Prostitution of Women, Minors, Pornography, Corruption. D. 1981/04, Law 15.06.2005
- **El Salvador:** Art. 367-B Penal Code



Legal Frameworks in the Americas

10. **U.S.A.** L. Reauthorization, Protection of Victims, 2008. L. Protection of Victims 2000
11. **Guatemala:** D. 9-2009.L. against Violence, Sexual Expl. and TIP. Art. 194 Penal Code
12. **Honduras:** Art. 149 Penal Code
13. **Mexico:** L. 27/11/2007 L. Trafficking in Persons
14. **Nicaragua:** Art. 40 Tittle IV Constitution
15. **Panamá:** Executive Decree 97/04 Establishes Commission to Promote Public Policies to Combat TIP
16. **Paraguay:** D.5093/05 Prevents and Combats TIP. L.137/03 Smuggling of Migrants and TIP
17. **Peru:** L.28950/07 Modifies Penal Code against TIP. D. 2/04. Establishes working group against TIP
18. **Dominicana Rep:** L.137/03 Illicit Smuggling of Migrants and TIP
19. **Uruguay:** L. 18250/08 Smuggling and Trafficking of Persons
20. **Venezuela:** Art.54 Constitution

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