

# Exploitation Scandal in Africa

Women's trafficking and exploitation

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There are innocent women and children crying out for help. Trafficking and exploiting is nothing new, Then why isn't anyone doing anything about it? South Africa's exploitation and trafficking is getting worse, no one one is anything about it, Children are being used to transport drugs; women and even children are being tossed around for prostitution against their will. We should not be allowing this, it's time America do something about this.

There are people overseas from Africa trafficking women and children for their own use. Trafficking is basically trading humans, (women and children) illegally as if they are some sort of trading cards, once your tired of it you sell it to someone else, or throw it away, (murder the young women or child). The civil war was to get rid of slavery, not to have it brought again. we fought for freedom, women and children, (sometimes men) should not be treated this way. Part I is going to be about women exploitation. Part II is going to be about Women's trafficking. Part III is going to be about children exploitation and Trafficking.

## **Part I**

In Africa, young women are sold to men to marry because their family will need the money, They will be in a loveless marriage, where they have to do what they are told because He (the husbands) reminds her everyday that he owns her. They cannot run because they were bought, and if they run the parents or original owner will have to return the money and is likely to kill the 'young lady.'

**A.**

Mothers and Fathers in Africa are selling their children for money. They sell them because they are too lazy to work; they have more children to sell them. Men will buy the young girls and take them away without a word ever again. They will send 'Children' to Refugee camps where they will sell their bodies for as little as a sand which or shoes. When Women are sold and are asked what they think of their parents selling them, they shrug and say "they needed the money, That's the way things are done here" This was an interview that Judith Mattloff a staff writer wrote, when she interviewed a young girl, only 16, who was sold to man, taken three hundred miles away and is reminded everyday that she cannot run, or stop exploiting herself to this man, because he owns her. No one should own someone like that.

**B.**

It's not human. The myth that having sex with a young girl will cure AIDS is also contributing to demand. They are selling women unwilling taking away the women's children, and trafficking them also. Judith Mattloff also wrote: Among them was Justine Kalandanya, 15, who has been a prostitute for four years, along with her mother and older sister. "It all began when my daddy died, and I had to earn money for school fees," she said, cradling a baby, her third. She joined a rehabilitation center, Tacintha, but now the program is running out of money. Justine has returned to the streets to earn money for food for themselves and sometimes their family.

**C.**

She was out of options but to sell herself for school, someone dedicated to go to school, no one should have to be put through the torture of having to sell herself for the money for school fees, now she has Three children, She's 15, She's had to sell her body for four years, I cannot think of a harder way for a young lady to live. When male Refugees are close to unemployment in south Africa some decided to recruit some female relatives, From wherever they are in the world and bring them to South Africa, most of the time these women are at least 25 years old, married and have children.

**Part II**

The only jobs Africa will give women (that are likely) is either a waitress or a sex worker. Some women have men smuggle them across the border and are forced to work as a sex slave until the debt is paid, the debt is usually 700 American U.S. dollars. Some African clients marry their victims By buying their contracts, some are forced to continue doing sex work after they are married to earn money for their husbands.

**A.**

Eastern European women are often promised jobs as waitresses, dancers, strippers and hostesses, in south Africa but they are not told that they must pay \$2000 U.S. every month for six months or more as sex workers, until they arrive in south Africa, If they refuse to cooperate with the man, (men or women) they and their family are threatened with violence.

**B.**

If the women were to refuse such sex work, the male would rape her as initiation to the sex trafficking and exploitation. The male refugee will take all the money that the women as earned, in some cases they are shared 10% of the earnings but it is not likely, It is common that the “Owner” or male will invest some of the earnings to ‘assist’ her to gain Refugee statues to prevent deportation if the police detain her, in order to protect his investment.

**C.**

This needs to stop, Women should not be handed around there they are animals, They are human beings, Africa needs to Step-up the punishments for the penalties for such a crime, that the fugitives doing all these horrible things cannot just get away with it. America must stop them because it is Americas duty to fight for freedom and justice. Fugitives have started taking women from bars, and Las Vegas. (Hung Lu, From the university of Nevada, Las Vegas,) It’ll get worse if we do not do something now.

**A.**

Children today all over the world are being kidnapped then trafficking, along with the trafficking, They are also being raped, molested, made to pose for pornographic images, and are being exploited all over the Internet, being passes on owner to owner until they reach an age outside the owners preference and are likely to leave them on the street to find their own way, or kill them.

### Part III

Fugitives in Africa more than often kidnap young children and perform open surgery on their bodies to smuggle drugs inside their body to get across borders, or past securities. Some parents in Africa are so low in money they will actually sell out their child for this kind of drug trafficking. Many fugitives guilt young children in trafficking for them.

#### A.

They will say things such as, “Your parents are old they won't be able to pay for your home anymore, they will run out of food, you can help them,” very few fugitives will use this approach, they use this in case they were to get caught they could say the child was willing and the penalty for the punishment will be much lighter, inverse if the child was unwilling and being forced to do so. (Jonathon Martin, maciej ‘mac’ peiczkowski, and bernadette van Vuuren-symth, in the pectoria, South Africa.)

#### B.

Children all over the world are being made to pose for pornography, Drugged up to take sexual assault, Some parents action them out, They will have very young girls at the age of ten, parents actioning out their virginity to the highest bidder. Often times when kids would try to run, they would kill them or drug them up to the point that they are like a vegetable, and they do not know what is happening around them, they have no control over anything, they are likely to suffer long term brain damage, or any kind of brain damage for that matter. They are more likely to be diagnosed for cancer, and when Children are trafficked around they get diseases.

## C.

Children are being targeted more and more everyday, Fugitives will take almost any child, attaining to their preference or a customers. They would kidnap the child from a far away city, state, or country, to ensure that they will not be found, Sometimes right around the corner, of the child's home would be the 'hideout' Because they think that the parents, 'nor the police would suspect the fugitive to be so close to the child's home.

My conclusion is that things are getting worse, That is more then plain to see, what is not so plain, is what can we do about it. Some say we can, keep everyone close, checking on them constantly, check there online pages, send out more police in Africa and the area in America where they are taking them, Send out more protecting. All of these look like very simple things that people may be capable of. The truth is they are. There just is not enough people who are aware of the situation, who don't even realize what is happening to other human beings, We need to get the word out, Tell everyone to become self aware.

Then maybe everyone will come together and actually do something at the task at hand. A paper written by **By Jacqueline Bhabha** from **Harvard University** on march first, 2005. She said "In recent years, the smuggling of human beings across international borders has grown rapidly. A small-scale cross border activity affecting a handful of countries has become a multimillion-dollar activity that is global in scope. Information about human smuggling — the numbers of people smuggled, the conditions that they endure in transit and their treatment on arrival — is patchy at best. It is currently estimated that some 800,000 people are smuggled across borders every year." Once again. Its TIME we did something to help these women and children.

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