

# **Trafficking in Women – Website Guide**

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The aim of this guide is to provide a comprehensive list of websites which deal with the subject of trafficking in women. It is addressed to students, researchers, policy makers, scholars and/or anyone interested in such issues.

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MIGS hopes you find the guide helpful and welcomes additional updates.

#### http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/campaign\_kits/index.html

This website – maintained by the US **Department of Health and Human Services** – hosts the campaign to rescue and restore victims of human trafficking. On this site are 'rescue and restore campaign' tool kits, intended for use by health care providers, social service organizations and law enforcement officers.

# http://www.antislavery.org/

**Anti-Slavery International** works to combat human slavery and trafficking by conducting advocacy campaigns with governments and intergovernmental agencies to make slavery a priority issue; supporting research to assess the scale of slavery in order to identify measures to end it; working with local organizations to raise public awareness of slavery; and educating the public about the realities of slavery and campaigning for its end.

#### • <a href="http://www.belgium.iom.int/STOPConference/">http://www.belgium.iom.int/STOPConference/</a>

This is the website for the 2002 European Conference on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, organized by International Organization for Migration (IOM), in co-operation with the European Commission (EC), European Parliament (EP) and EU Member States and Candidate Countries.

#### http://www.catwinternational.org

The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW) is a non-governmental organization that promotes women's human rights. CATW works internationally to combat sexual exploitation in all its forms. On this site you will find a resource library with international resolutions and agreements, reports, articles and documents. Also you may find the CATW fact book on Global Sexual Exploitation, which includes collected facts, statistics and known cases of global sexual exploitation.

#### http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk/toolkits/tp00.htm

This site – maintained by the **Government of the UK** – hosts the crime reduction toolkit. This toolkit is designed to help those who deal with illegal immigrants and trafficking victims in the UK to identify victims and assist them appropriately and sensitively. While focused on the UK context, this site contains information and tools that are relevant for those working in other countries as well.

#### http://www.december18.net/web/general/start.php

This is the website of **December 18**, a migrant rights organization named after the international day for migrants' rights. The site hosts an international calendar of events; news articles and newsletters on trafficking and migration; and international campaigns for migrant workers rights in various countries. The site also has many resources related to migration and trafficking including national and international trafficking legislation; trafficking related documents on issues such as irregular migration and migrant children; and a sub-section devoted to the issue of trafficking.

# http://eir.library.utoronto.ca/whrr/display\_annotation.cfm?ID=24&s ister=utl

This is the website of the **Women's Human Rights Resources section** of the **Bora Laskin Law Library** at the **University of Toronto** in Canada. On the subject of trafficking, the site includes annotated bibliographic references to scholarly articles with links to full text, where available. In addition, there are annotated references to United Nations Conventions and reports, NGO reports, case law and legislation. In some cases the full text of these resources is also available.

# • <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice\_home/news/8mars\_en.htm">http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice\_home/news/8mars\_en.htm</a>

This is the **European Commission** website for trafficking which includes information about European responses to trafficking as well as details of funding available for counter trafficking work through the European Commission.

#### http://www.femmigration.net/

This website offers an easily accessible and understandable explanation of relevant legal and factual information concerning trafficking in women, violence against sex workers and migration into the sex industry in the EU. It provides up to date and comprehensive information on these legal and human rights issues, thereby providing NGOs and authorities with information they require to assist beneficiaries.

#### http://www.gaatw.org/

Global Alliance against Traffic in Women (GAATW) is a non-governmental organization based in Thailand that aims to ensure that the human rights of women are taken into consideration by authorities and agencies working against the global traffic in women.

#### http://www.globalrights.org/

Global Rights is a human rights advocacy group that is partners with local activists with the aim of challenging injustice and amplifying new voices within the global discourse. Trafficking is one of the issues addressed by the organizations and their site has links to some trafficking resources as well as the freedom network of the USA.

#### http://www.hrlawgroup.org/initiatives/trafficking\_persons/

International Human Rights Law Group (IHRLG) is a non-profit organization of human rights and legal professionals from more than 20 countries, engaged in advocacy, human rights law and training around the world.

#### http://www.hrw.org

**Human Rights Watch (HRW)** is an independent, non-governmental organization, which conducts fact-finding investigations into human rights abuses in all regions of the world and undertakes advocacy to address these abuses. Trafficking is among the issues addressed by HRW.

#### http://www.humantrafficking.com/humantrafficking/htindex.aspx

This is the web site of the **Polaris Project**, a grassroots anti-trafficking organization in the United States with over 1500 members and supporters around the world. The site has a searchable database on trafficking including downloadable reports and documents, news articles, a database of counter-trafficking organizations from around the world and a calendar of events. The site also includes ant-trafficking toolkits and testimony from trafficking victims.

#### http://www.humantrafficking.org

This website hosts information about counter-trafficking best practices and activities in the areas of prevention, prosecution, protection and reintegration. In addition, there are a number of relevant resources on the subject of combating trafficking.

#### • http://www.icmc.net/docs/en

The International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) in an international NGO based in Geneva. The ICMC website site includes information about ICMC's counter trafficking programs in Albania, Croatia, Lebanon, Indonesia, Europe and Southeast Europe as well as publications on trafficking.

#### http://www.ilo.org

This is the official website of the International Labor Organization (ILO) and contains news updates, reports and publications on a range of issues including trafficking, child labor and gender issues as well as counter-trafficking interventions worldwide. In addition, ILO conventions can be found here. Of particular interest for counter-trafficking actors are Conventions on Forced Labor (No. 29), Abolition of Forced Labor (No.105), Freedom of Association (No. 87) and Protection of Wages (No. 95).

#### http://www.iom.int

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) works in the area of migration management including encouraging social and economic development through migration and upholding the rights of migrants. As a sub-set of migration, trafficking has become an increasingly relevant issue for the IOM. IOM works in the areas of victim assistance, prevention and research. This website outlines the work of IOM and also hosts regular press briefings about the organization's work.

# http://www.kvinnoforum.se/english/

This is the website of the Swedish organization **Kvinnoforum** which works to enhance women's empowerment in their personal life, their working life and at a societal level around the globe. The website hosts a description of the organization's work both in Sweden and abroad as well as a list of publications, a number of which are relevant for counter trafficking work.

#### http://www.legislationline.org

This web site contains anti-trafficking legislation from around the world, with particular attention to legislation in Europe. In addition, the site hosts international and European anti-trafficking instruments. Other topics with relevance for counter-trafficking efforts include information about migration, the judiciary and NGOs.

#### http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org

This website is hosted by a non-profit organization which promotes and contributes to projects of social, political, and economic themes relating to gender. The Institute is based in Cyprus where it has produced and circulated information leaflets and posters and is conducting qualitative research in the field of trafficking in women. Their website includes organizational activities, publications, news, conferences as well as past and future projects.

# http://www.migrantwatch.org/

**Migrants Rights International** is an independent global monitoring body focusing on the human rights of migrants. The website hosts details of the organization's activities, recent developments and resources on migration.

#### http://www.mrgraaf.nl/foundationframe.htm

The **Mr. A. de Graaf Foundation** is the Dutch national centre for research, documentation, public information, policy development and advice on the issue of prostitution and related phenomena. The central objective is to diminish the (social) problems connected to prostitution.

#### http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/trafficking\_info.htm

This is the website of the **U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women**. It provides information about the work of the office as well as U.S. government initiatives to combat trafficking in persons. Additionally, in the publications section there are downloadable brochures and publications that provide information about gender-based violence, including trafficking.

#### http://www.osce.org/attf/

The Stability Pact Task Force on Trafficking in Human Beings (SPTF) works to combat trafficking in persons in Southeastern Europe. The site outlines the work of the Task Force, which is under Working Table Three of the Stability Pact, as well as projects that are related to the SPTF work. Also available are links to relevant organizations, meeting notes, national plans of actions and reports.

# http://www.osce.org/odihr/?page=democratization&div=antitrafficking

The OSCE website provides an overview of the organization's work in the area of Anti trafficking, under the OSCE **Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)**. The site hosts details of the OSCE's activities on counter-trafficking, news briefings and key statements and documents from the organization.

#### http://www.protectionproject.org

This is the web site of the **Protection Project**, a legal human rights research institute based at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. The project documents and disseminates information about the scope of the problem of trafficking in persons, especially with regard to women and children, with a focus on national and international law, case law, and the implications of trafficking on U.S. and international foreign policy. This website includes a legal library as well as reports documenting and mapping trafficking around the world. In addition, there are news headlines and trafficking documentaries, which can be viewed on-line.

#### http://www.gweb.kvinnoforum.se/

This website is a project run by the Swedish organization **Kvinnoforum**, a worldwide network for the exchange of knowledge, experience and ideas on women's health and gender issues. Among the projects hosted on the site is the Trafficking Project that develops a network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other parties to combat trafficking. In addition, the site provides links to relevant organizations as well as lists of articles and books, on-line articles, discussion forum, and other resources.

#### http://www.state.gov/g/wi/

This is the website of the **United States Department of State**. Its trafficking section hosts United States government documents, reports and legislation related to trafficking of women and children. This includes downloadable copies of its annual *Trafficking in Persons Report*.

#### http://www.stop-traffic.org

The **Stop-Traffic** website is an open, facilitated, international electronic list funded by the **Women's Reproductive Health Initiative** of the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health and hosts an archive of past discussions. Also available on the website are a list of relevant resources and documents and links to NGOs and government agencies involved in countering trafficking around the world.

#### http://www.strada.cz/en/

This is the website of **La Strada**, an international program that operates in the Netherlands, Poland, Bulgaria, Czechia, Macedonia, Moldova, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Belarus and Ukraine. La Strada focuses on prevention of trafficking in women, support of victims of trafficking, influencing legislation and disseminating information on the issue. This website provides links to each of the La Strada countries on which you can read about national projects, activities and project partners as well as download news resources and publications. See the next section for country specific websites of the various La Strada partner organizations.

#### http://www.tampep.com/

**TAMPEP – Transnational AIDS/STI Prevention Among Migrant Prostitutes in Europe** – is an international networking and intervention project operating in 24 countries in Europe, including 7 countries in Central and Eastern Europe. Its general aims are to advocate for the human and civil rights of migrant sex workers; facilitate the sharing of knowledge, experience and good practice amongst members; and develop and implement effective strategies of health promotion and social protection amongst migrant sex workers across Europe.

# http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/trafficking\_human\_beings.html

The website of the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime** includes information about the organization's activities, newsletters, press releases, publications and resources as well as counter-trafficking awareness-raising materials including video clips.

#### http://www.unhchr.ch/

The website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) hosts details about the work of the agency, international human rights instruments, press releases and other resources and information related to human rights. In addition, by clicking on the following link (<a href="http://www.unhchr.ch/women/focustrafficking.html">http://www.unhchr.ch/women/focustrafficking.html</a>), you can connect with information about OHCHR's Trafficking Program. Its objective is to work towards the integration of a human rights perspective into international, regional and national anti-trafficking initiatives.

#### http://www.unicef-icdc.org/

The Innocenti Research Centre works to strengthen the capacity of UNICEF and its cooperating institutions to respond to the evolving needs of children and to develop a new global ethic for children. One area of research is on trafficking of minors with the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre currently engaged in research activities on trafficking of children in Europe. This website describes Innocenti's work and provides access to its press centre.

## http://www.unifem.org/

**UNIFEM's** website provides information about UNIFEM's work around the world with its efforts to combat trafficking falling under the rubric of advancing women's human rights. The website provides information about the Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women, which aims to identify and support innovative projects aimed specifically at preventing and eliminating violence against women.

#### http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/

This is the website for the **United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library**. This site hosts a range of UN documents and materials.

#### http://www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/hughes/

This is the website of **Dr. Donna Hughes**, of the **University of Rhodes Island**. Her research focuses on women's rights including violence, slavery, sexual exploitation, and women's organized resistance to violence and exploitation. This website hosts a number of her publications including one section on trafficking in women.

#### http://usinfo.state.gov/qi/global\_issues/human\_trafficking.html

The website of the **U.S. Department of State's Office of International Information Programs** provides links to American and international fact sheets on human trafficking, congressional testimonies, documents of American government initiatives, documents of international initiatives, and web sites.

#### http://www.un.org/womenwatch/

**Women Watch** is a central gateway to information and resources on the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women throughout the United Nations system. It is a joint **United Nations** project created to provide Internet space for global gender equality issues and to support the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Platform for Action. The site has a directory of resources as well as downloadable documents. Trafficking resources can be found under 'Thematic Issues', 'Rights of Women' or by clicking on the following link: Human http://www.un.org/womenwatch/asp/user/list.asp?ParentID=10312.

#### http://www.vitalvoices.org/

This is the website of **Vital Voices**, a global partnership that trains women leaders in emerging nations to build democracies, strong economies and peace. Among its three critical areas of work is fighting trafficking in women and girls and other human rights abuses. The website hosts details of its anti-trafficking program as well as links to its Anti-Trafficking Tool Kit which is intended to raise awareness at the community level about trafficking in women and girls.

## http://www.who.int/svri/en/

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI), funded by the Global Forum for Health Research (GFHR) and currently hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO), aims to create a network of experienced and committed researchers, policy makers, activists and donors who will work together to combat sexual violence, including trafficking. The SVRI will focus on the sexual violence including trafficking in women and girls for sex. The SVRI website provides details of the program as well as links to WHO resources including research tools and publications.

# http://women3rdworld.about.com/newsissues/women3rdworld/blor gtrafficking.htm

This page provides information about the various international women's organizations that work against trafficking in women and children including details of their work at both a local and global level. In addition, there are links to resources on trafficking in women.

# • <a href="http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/svaw/trafficking">http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/svaw/trafficking</a>

This is the website of the **Stop Violence Against Women Project** which is a part of the **Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights** and the **University of Minnesota Human Rights Library**. The site includes links, useful information and sites related to trafficking law and policy, training materials, research and reports.

#### http://www.wunrn.com/

The Women's UN Report Program & Network (WUNRN) is a non-governmental organization that implements the conclusions and recommendations of a United Nations Study on Freedom of Religion of Belief, and the Status of Women From the Viewpoint of Religion and Traditions (E/CN.4/2002/73/Add.2). This study is a major, universal, comprehensive U.N. approach to intolerance and discrimination against women based on religion and traditions.

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