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Modern Day Slavery is the Human Rights Issue of our Time

Traveler's Aid, Airports & Airlines can help Stop Human Trafficking



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A helping hand along the way



Airline Ambassadors leverages contacts with airlines to
Protect & Provide for vulnerable populations worldwide.

AAI is the only humanitarian organization
of the overall airline industry.



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Background

- A U.S. registered 501(c)3 non governmental organization - 1996
- Began with airline personnel using their passes to assist children and families in need
- Expanded to members from all backgrounds and ages, *traveling to make a difference.*
- DPI and ECOSOC NGO at the UN





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Children's Medical Escort Program

- **Over 3,000 children have been escorted** to the to the U.S. for life changing medical care, and hundreds of orphans accompanied traveling to a new home and new family



Humanitarian Program



\$60M in humanitarian aid



\$60 M in aid to 62 countries

- AAI leverages commercial carriers to provide medical and humanitarian relief.
- Hand delivering food, medicine, supplies.
- 500,000 children and families served.
- Teams hand deliver needed aid to orphans and vulnerable children.
 - Poverty and Hunger
 - Education - Literacy
 - Maternal Health
 - Women and Girls Empowerment
 - Community Development
 - Disaster Relief



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On monthly humanitarian missions we saw children in need.



*...but we did not know the
reality of Human Trafficking.*



Cambodia August 2009
We saved “Somnang” &
decided to get involved.



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Humanitarian Mission to Dominican Republic Mission 10/09

Our team correctly identified
human trafficking on
FOUR airlines!



NO AIRLINE IS EXEMPT

6/7/17



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2000 Palermo Protocol



**117 countries signed:
agreeing to
“prevent commercial
carriers from being
used as a means of
transport in
(trafficking)
offenses.”**

Also in 2000

**U.S. adopted the “Trafficking Victims Protection Act”.
Congressman Smith, NJ**



**Coordinated effort between Homeland Security,
Customs & Border Protection and
Department of Transportation to fight Human Trafficking**

Industry Reports

Women for Sale at Britain's Gatwick Airport's "Sex Slave Auctions"



Brothel owners bid on women as young as 14 who were promised well paid work in bars or cafes.

One auction took place outside a coffee shop in the arrivals hall; it is believed that others have been staged at Heathrow, Stansted and other UK airports.

Human Trafficking is linked to other crimes- Coordination with Law Enforcement Vital



The Airline/Travel Industry Needs Training



- Airline, airport & hospitality personnel are in a unique position to detect and discern human trafficking.
- They can provide vital intelligence to law enforcement.

Traffickers Use Commercial Air Travel



Thousands of victims are transported across national borders every year.



Airlines provide Emergency Procedure Training annually for flight crew

A simple procedure to report potential trafficking on flights could stop thousands of traffickers and **save thousands of victims.**



Training can be provided at virtually no cost.
(infrastructure is in place)¹⁵

2010 AAI coordinated two Congressional Briefings encouraging airlines to: Educate Flight Crew



American Airlines®

Flight Attendant Bulletin
American Way Article





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AAI developed first “industry specific” training on Human Trafficking Awareness

AAI's newest program for Airlines – Airports – Hotels

- Reviewed with State Dept.,
- Homeland Security,
- Customs Border Protection
- Department of Transportation.



Began Airport Training pre Super-Bowl 2011

*The SuperBowl is a magnet for human traffickers
and many of the victims are young American children*

Do you know the signs to look for and what to do?

YOU might be the **ONLY** person who
has the opportunity to help them.

*Join Airline Ambassadors International (AAI) for an
important training on human trafficking awareness.*

Friday, January 18 at 2:00 pm

Aviation Board Room (above entrance to Concourse C)
Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport

**Human Trafficking
Recognize it = Report it!**

Meet leaders in the fight against human trafficking

RSVP: angels@airlineamb.org

Questions? 866-ANGEL-86 or 415-359-8006



Provided 54 Trainings so far
Critical partnerships with Airports

We teach Airline Personnel to be aware of the indicators of trafficking

- Be observant of passengers, especially children and young women traveling alone
- Note who accompanies them and if someone controls their movement
- Initiate pleasant, non-threatening conversation



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Coordinate with *Captain and Local Airport Operations*

- Contact upcoming airport via cockpit radio
- Communicate information from flight attendants.



- Operations calls Law Enforcement



human
trafficking

Why Traffickers Use Commercial Air Travel

- Avoid immediate detection
- Reduce chances of victims returning home
- Keep the victim powerless

What are the indicators of a victim?

- Not in possession of their passports or travel documents





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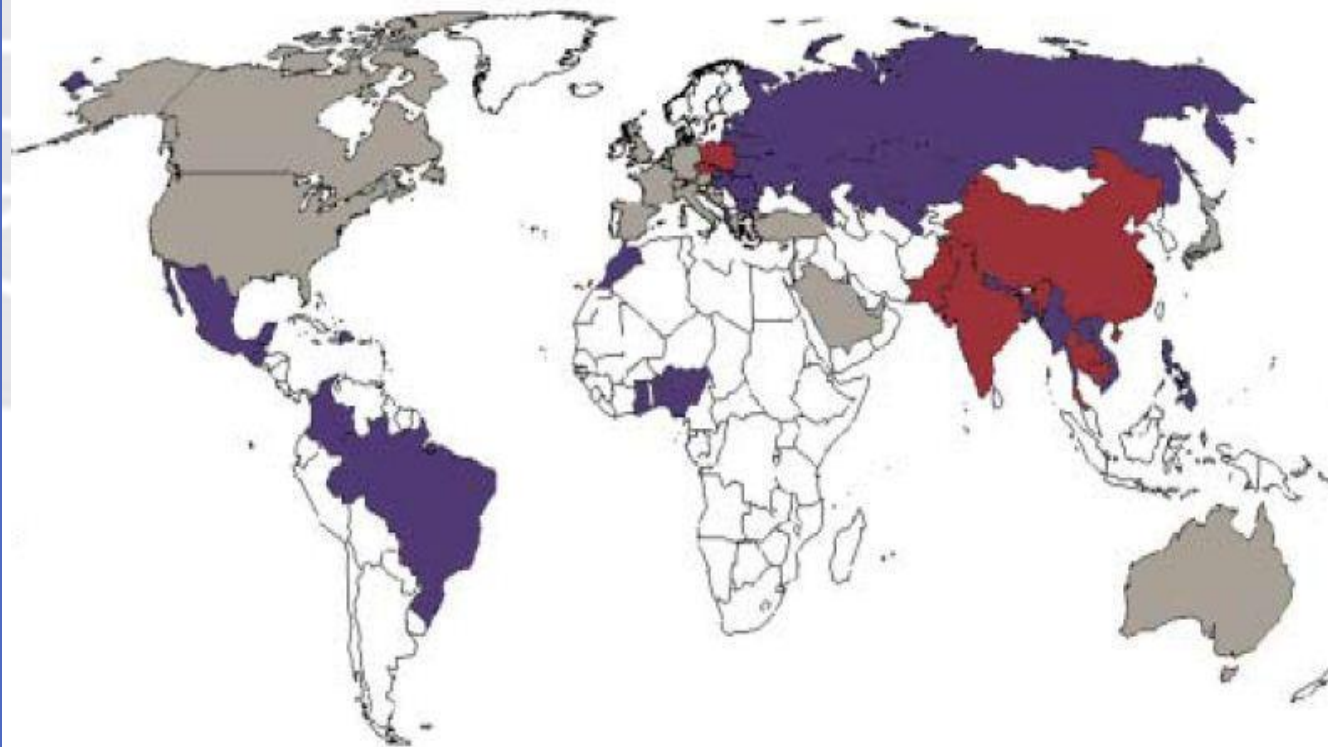
Intl. Labor Organization

2014 Report 21 M victims globally

Victims are usually trafficked from poorer to wealthier countries

There are 4 times as many slaves in the world today as in 1860

Human Slavery is a \$150B Business!





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Young people are vulnerable

- Often, young people run away from homes with domestic abuse
- 60% victims had been in foster care in the US

14.5 : average age of victims entry into sex trade

(FBI)



Traffickers or “pimps” first pose as boyfriends to earn the victims love and trust.



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Vulnerability leads to Slavery



After earning trust, he turns her out for prostitution. Average pimp has 4–6 girls. He makes **\$150,000 - \$200,000 per child**
Ctr. for Missing and Exploited Children

- She becomes trapped through fear, beatings or intimidation. May be **forced to have sex dozens of times per day**

Who Can Be a Potential Victim?

- Young men and women traveling alone
- People with mental health or substance abuse issues
- Refugees of disaster or political unrest



- Forced Labor
- Debt Bondage
- Sex Trafficking
- Involuntary Domestic Servitude
- Involuntary Organ Donors

How do traffickers exploit their victims?



Trafficking exploded with the internet.

- Traffickers immediately adopted new technology.
- The internet facilitates protection for traffickers.

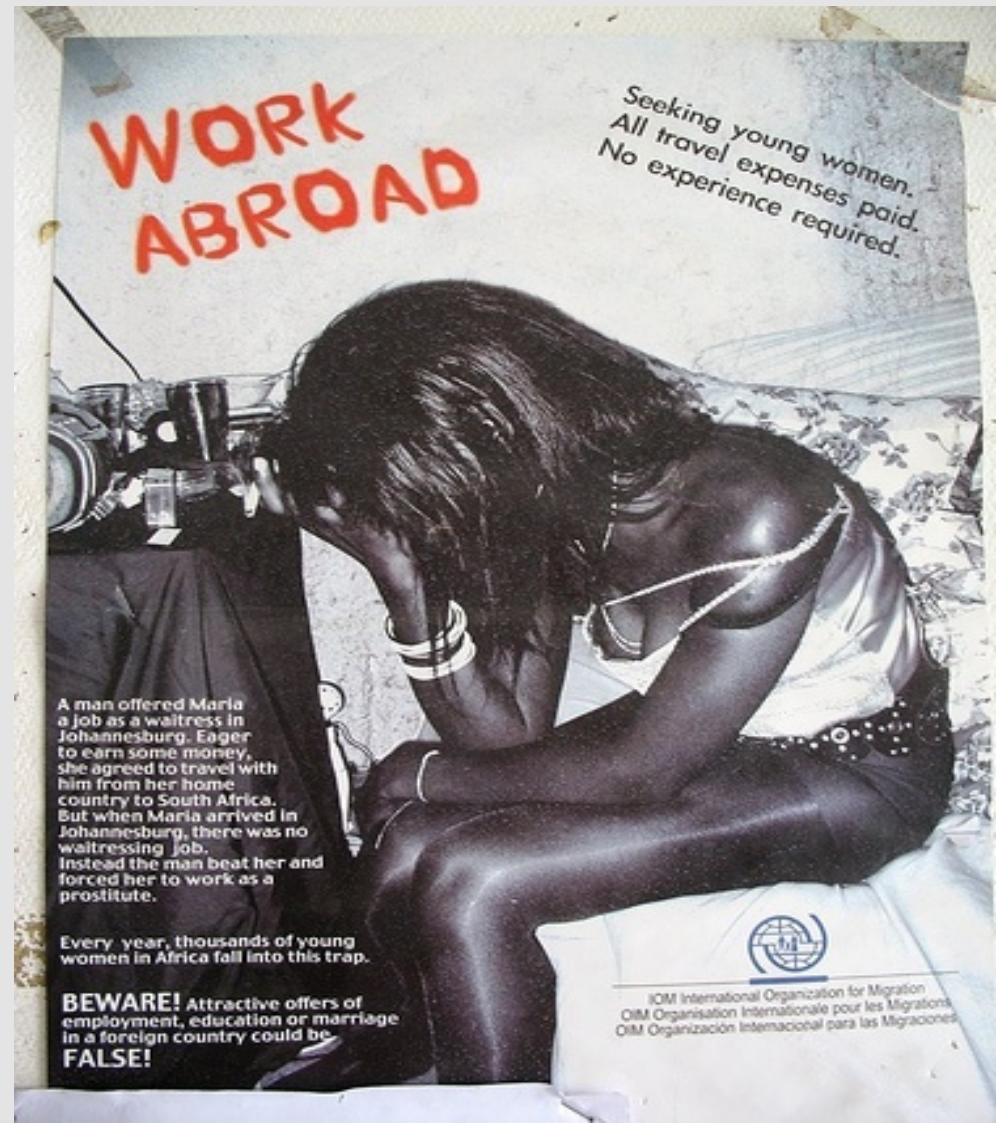


ORD – FLL: an 18 year old girl was traveling on a ticket sent to her by a man on Facebook.

Flight attendant Kim Vosnos provided critical information.

Posters advertise for exciting jobs Like for AAI trainer Marcella Loaiza

- With “*no experience necessary*” or “*all expenses paid.*”
- Jobs, money and glamour are used by sophisticated traffickers.
- Marcella was trafficked by Japanese Mafia for 2 years, as she answered an ad for a job.



Why Don't Victims Escape?

- Don't know their location
- Told families will be harmed
- Beatings and torture
- The Stockholm Syndrome
- Self-blame and deep shame about their predicament

Psychological
manipulation

Long Term Psychological Damage

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Substance abuse
- Eating disorders
- Suicidal thoughts
- Self-hatred

May break physical chains, however psychological chains remain a lifetime.



Donna's Story – What you don't know

- Valedictorian
- Most Likely to Succeed
- Miss Black DC
- Mother of 7
- College Graduate
- Firefighter
- Ordained Minister
- Prison Chaplain

**Human Trafficking
Survivor**



Donna's Story – What you need to know

- It can happen to anyone
- You can be part of the solution and not part of the problem.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
 - **DO SOMETHING.**

**We are our Brother/
Sister's Keeper**



Donna's Story – What you should know

It's a community effort.

It's a human rights issue.

YOU can make a difference.

- **Giving back is moving forward.**



[Women at the Well Transition Center](#)

Our future can be better than our past

Common Victim Indicators

- Few or no personal items
- Less well dressed than companion(s), or clothing that doesn't fit route of travel.
- Anxious around uniformed security
- Unsure of destination, or who will be meeting them
- Scripted or inconsistent stories



What are the indicators of a victim?

- Not in possession of their passports or travel documents



What are the indicators of a victim?

Under the control of those they are with.

- Not free to speak for themselves when asked questions, or “translator” speaks for them.
- Restricted from lavatory use or from moving about cabin independently.



What are the indicators of a victim?

- Wounds or bruises
- No eye contact



What are indicators of a victim?

- Seem disoriented or do not know where she/ he is
- May appear to be drugged
- Appear malnourished and/or eats as if ravenously hungry



What are indicators of a victim?



- Barcode tattoo.

- Branding with a man's name or "*Daddy*".



How to Spot Traffickers

those willing to exploit another for profit

- May answer questions for victim
- Observes victim persistently
- Gives evasive answers
- May not know child's name or personal information
- Poses as a relative



Traffickers can be young, old, male female, parent, intimate partner or gang member.

What You Should Remember - **CARE**

- **C** - Do **NOT** confront anyone you suspect of engaging in trafficking.
- **A** - Do **NOT** display any unusual concern or alarm.
- **R** - Do **NOT** try to rescue any possible victim.
- **E** - Do **NOT** endanger yourself or others.



The background of the slide is a photograph of an airport terminal. In the upper left, a flight information board is visible, showing flight numbers and destinations. The rest of the image shows the interior of the terminal with its high ceiling, lights, and structural columns.

Human Trafficking *Recognize It! Report It!*

- Report anonymous tips
(You hope you are wrong – but your action may save a life)
 - **866.347.2423** DHS “Tip”line
(Blue Lightning protocol - Law enforcement)
 - Nat’l Human Trafficking Resource Center: (for victim’s services) **888.3737.888**
 - As a backup call **911** or Airport Police
- AAI Tip Line App contacts all three**



Download & Register on your
smartphone our

TIP Line APP

Trafficking Intelligence Platform

- * Anonymously report 'tips'.
- * Auto Connect to Law Enforcement
- * Report via Voice, Text, Photo, Video
- * Data Rich & Time Sensitive
Information to Law Enforcement

Innovation for Reporting



On AA's daily flight
Moscow – Chicago,
there were usually
4-5 teenage girls
that were told they
were coming to the
U.S. to be models
or work on TV.

*However
The girls did not
speak English*



PHOTOGRAPHER: VALENTINA BALASHOVA

Travel documents had been arranged and their itinerary stated they would have to ride a bus to New York City.

They were being trafficked into the sex trade.



Flight attendant Sandi Hodges called the Hotline and an under-cover Custom's Agent was assigned to monitor that flight

To stop the flow of trafficking out of Moscow

Flight attendant rescues girl after spotting signs of human trafficking



Shelia Fredrick, Alaska Airlines flight attendant, saved a young girl on her flight.

Each of us can make a difference, by being observant in our workplace



Message from Association of Flight Attendants



Influenced U.S. National Legislation

July 2016

FAA Reauthorization Act
requires Flight Attendants
to Recognize and Report
suspected Human
Trafficking

**Recent work re trafficking
and huge flow of
unaccompanied minors
Into the U.S.**



Current situation at Airports

- Thousands of badged employees
- No mandated Human Trafficking Training
- Training focused on airport security & safety
- Human Trafficking is law enforcement area



**Encourage your airport to
become a Blue Heart Partner**


Blue Heart Airport Partner - \$3000

Help build a culture of awareness

- Schedule a Recognize It – Report It AAI training
- Certification to use materials for 1 year
- Video /signs/ templates for airport badging office
- ❖ Possible use of unsold advertising spots through revision of airport's advertising agreement



One Travelers Aid volunteer interacts with 500 people per week. Training of 100 participants enables evaluation of 2,400,000 passengers!

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- Recognizing indicators of trafficking
 - Reporting anonymous “tips”
 - Save LIVES!

Often, this is the very last trace
of an abducted child.

Unless we all join together in combating
human trafficking.



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