



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking is a human rights issue with the greatest impact on women and girls and we recognise that Fiji is vulnerable to trafficking (both in relation to forced labour and sexual exploitation) in the region. In recognition of this, Fiji ratified United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC) in 2017 and all its three protocols. Fiji is now working closely with UNTOC to review our local laws to ensure compliance with the UN protocol on trafficking in person. A desk review has already convened following a visit by the UNTOC team in March 2019. It must be noted that in Fiji, the offence of trafficking in person in the Crimes Act are comprehensive and already the basis of convictions since 2010. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has produced informational material to raise awareness on human trafficking. Human trafficking happens if:

- You were deceived about the work you would do or the type of sexual services you are to provide; or
- Force or threats were used to make you to enter or leave Fiji; or
- You are brought into Fiji or taken out of Fiji, and you have been put at substantial risk of exploitation where you have been taken; or
- The person arranging your travel into or out of Fiji has taken your passport and keeps it from you; or
- You are brought into Fiji and you are forced to work for someone who claims a debt against you and says you must work to pay off that debt; or
- You are brought into Fiji or taken out of Fiji and you are treated in an inhumane and degrading manner, or in a way that gives rise to a danger of death or serious harm; or
- You are younger than 18 years of age and have been brought into Fiji or taken out of Fiji to have sex with strangers, or to expose your body to strangers, or to work without pay. It will not matter if you are a sex worker. No one has the right to lie to you or threaten you or make you do anything you do not want to do.

Report human trafficking if you have been forced or tricked or lied to about coming to, or leaving Fiji. Fiji's laws will protect people from being brought into Fiji, or taken out of Fiji, if they have been lied to or if they have been forced into doing something they do not want to do.

E mail your complaint to the Fiji Police Force Human Trafficking Taskforce at humantrafficking.fjipolice@yahoo.com or call them on (+679) 331 5599 Extension: 325 333

E mail your complaint to the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission at info@fhradc.org.fj or call the Commission on (+679) 330 88577 or (+679) 970 9894