

# Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center

## Blue Blindfold Campaign



Human  
Smuggling and  
Trafficking Center



**Combating Trafficking in  
Person's Conference**

**Fort Belvoir, VA**

**August 2009**

# HSTC Background

- Although the idea for a fusion center was conceived before 9/11, that event provided the catalyst for its creation
- Provides the USG with a centralized coordination point to combat human smugglers, human traffickers, and facilitators of clandestine terrorist travel
- Shared responsibilities

# What is the HSTC

## Interagency Fusion Center and Clearinghouse



- Issues and initiatives are vetted across a broad spectrum of disciplines within multiple agencies, providing for a comprehensive review in the most efficient manner possible

# Three Primary Missions

## Human Smuggling



## Human Trafficking



## Terrorist Travel Facilitation



# Equal Agency Partners



**ICE, CBP, I&A,  
USCG, CIS, TSA,  
DHS Policy**



**DS, INL,  
Consular  
Affairs**

Human Smuggling  
&  
Trafficking Center  
(Steering Group)



**FBI,  
Criminal &  
Civil Rights**



**CIA,  
NCTC,  
NSA,**



# Why the HSTC is Necessary?

State Dept.

Foreign Relations, Foreign Assistance,  
Visa and Passport Fraud

CBP/USCG

Interdiction

Intelligence  
Community

Collection

Investigations and  
Law Enforcement

ICE/FBI/DS

Numerous USG Agencies  
Combat Smuggling and  
Trafficking





# Why the HSTC is Necessary?

## STOVEPIPES

### INTELLIGENCE

*Does not always collect on targets of law enforcement or diplomatic interest*

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*May demarche at the same time LEAs are investigating a target*

### LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

*Do not efficiently share with other agencies*

# Intelligence into Action

- **Post 9/11 impact on intelligence collection and human smuggling**
- **Dissemination of raw intelligence to prosecutors and case agents**
- **Parallel construction**







# Blue Blindfold



# International Symbols



# Blue Blindfold Campaign

- **Launched by the U.K. in December 2007.**
- **Used within the UK law enforcement community.**
- **Endorsed and being developed within a G6 anti-trafficking campaign, including Europol and Interpol. Countries involved in various strands of activity are Italy, Spain, Poland, UK, the Netherlands and Ireland.**
- **European Parliament Adopts Blue Blindfold**
- **Interpol Trafficking group is currently discussing embedding this as a possible campaign and will be considered, with other work, within a new specific prevention group.**
- **'Crimestoppers International' has endorsed the 'blueblindfold' as their global brand on human trafficking. Crimestoppers has over 1200 projects worldwide.**

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2004



2009

10.09.2008

0000/2008

## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

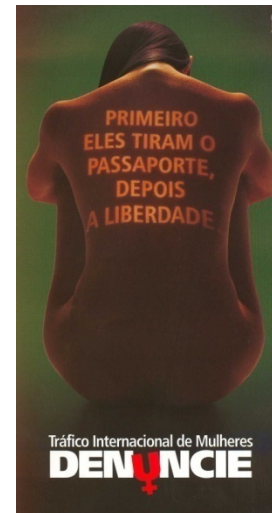
by Liz Lynne, Jean Lambert, Edit Bauer, Marianne Mikko

on the Blue Blindfold campaign to stop Human Trafficking



# Why Should We Partner

- **Victim Awareness**
  - Safely gets a message to the victim
  - Easily recognized
  - Single message throughout travel
  - Education and language not a factor



# Why Should We Partner

- **Common Thread**
  - Public recognition
  - Links US message with international partners
  - Links USG agencies regardless of branding or 800#
  - Force multiplier – USG/Foreign/NGO

Human Trafficking:  
Sexual Exploitation.  
Forced to Work Against My Will.



**Hidden in Plain Sight**  
Report It:  
**1-866-DHS-2-ICE**



U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement  
[www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)


**Look  
the  
Beneath  
Surface**

**Human Trafficking Is Modern-Day Slavery**

Any child engaged in commercial sex is the victim of human trafficking. Children made to work against their will (such as in farm labor, domestic servitude or sweatshop factories) are victims of human trafficking.


There are safe housing, health, immigration, food, income, employment, legal and interpretation services available to child victims, but first they must be identified.

If you think a child may be a victim of human trafficking, call toll-free **1.888.3737.888**.  
For more information about human trafficking visit [www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking).



combat  
organized crime syndicates  
trafficking in persons

Be a voice...



sex slaves and child prostitutes - human faces of modern day slavery

report human trafficking

e-mail us at  
[bullae@dodig.osd.mil](mailto:bullae@dodig.osd.mil)

"There's a special evil in the abuse and exploitation of the most innocent and vulnerable. The victims of sex trade see little of life before they see the worst of life - an underground of brutality and misery here. Those who patronize this industry debase themselves and deepen the misery of others. And governments that tolerate this trade are tolerating a form of slavery."

President George W. Bush  
September 25, 2006

hotline

To report fraud, waste, mismanagement, and abuse of authority within the Department of Defense, send written complaints to: Defense Hotline, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1800  
855-624-6308 Commercial 703-604-6379 [www.dodig.osd.mil/hotline](http://www.dodig.osd.mil/hotline)

STAYING IN THE UNITED STATES OR GOING HOME.

You also may be able to stay in the United States for a longer time depending upon your situation. Some of the ways you may be able to stay in the United States include:

- ✓ the T visa, a program for certain trafficking in persons victims.
- ✓ the E-visa, a program for certain crime victims who have been hurt and are working with law enforcement officials.
- ✓ the S visa, a program for certain people helping in criminal investigations.
- ✓ asylum, a program for certain people who have experienced or are facing persecution in their home country.

**HELP FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND FORCED LABOR**

There may be other immigration programs that are right for you. It is important to talk with an immigration lawyer or community organization that can advise you about your choices. A victim specialist may be able to help you find a free or low-cost lawyer.

If you want to go back to your home country, please talk to us, or contact your victim specialist, a community organization or your own lawyer.

**HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL VICTIMS OF CRIME**

**FOR HELP, CALL 1-888-428-7581 (VOICE AND TTY)**



Human Trafficking:  
Sexual Exploitation.  
Forced to Work  
Against My Will.

# Hidden in Plain Sight Report It: 1-866-DHS-2-ICE

U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement  
www.ice.gov



Фотка Кид Чаризм, Пасификский Департамент США

## Смерть – не единственный способ лишиться жизни!

Будьте бдительны! Сильны! Свободны!

Обратитесь за помощью, если:

- У Вас забрали документы, удостоверяющие личность.
- Вы задожили контрабандистам или работодателю и вынуждены отработать свой долг.
- Вы или Ваша семья подвергаетесь угрозам или притеснениям.
- Вам не разрешают покидать свой дом или рабочее место или ограничивают свободу перемещения.
- Вас вынуждают действовать против своей воли.
- Вам отказывают в свободе выбора или человеческих правах.

Будьте бдительны! Сильны! Свободны!

Правительство Соединенных Штатов оказывает помощь и обеспечивает защиту жертв торговли людьми. Обратитесь за помощью в любое из следующих учреждений:

Служба таможенного и пограничного контроля США,  
тел. 1-800-BE-ALERT (1-800-232-5378)

Министерство здравоохранения и социального обеспечения США,  
тел. 1-888-373-7888

Министерство юстиции США, целевая группа по расследованию случаев торговли людьми и притеснения работников  
Линия приема жалоб:  
1-888-428-7581

Вы также можете связаться с местными правоохранительными службами или позвонить по телефону 911



U.S. Customs and Border Protection



WWW.CBP.GOV

CBP Publication No. 0000-0649 Revised 03/08 (Russian)

# Look the Beneath Surface

Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery

Any child engaged in commercial sex is the victim of human trafficking. Children made to work against their will (such as in farm labor, domestic servitude or sweatshop factories) are victims of human trafficking.

There are safe housing, health, immigration, food, income, employment, legal and interpretation services available to child victims, but first they must be identified.

### STAYING IN THE UNITED STATES OR GOING HOME...

You also may be able to stay in the United States for a longer time depending upon your situation. Some of the ways you may be able to stay in the United States include:

- ✓ the T Visa, a program for certain trafficking in persons victims;
- ✓ the U Visa, a program for certain crime victims who have been hurt and are working with law enforcement officials;
- ✓ the S Visa, a program for certain people helping in criminal investigations;
- ✓ asylum, a program for certain people who have experienced or are facing persecution in their home country.

HELP FOR  
VICTIMS OF  
TRAFFICKING  
IN PERSONS  
AND  
FORCED LABOR

HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL  
VICTIMS OF CRIME

### HELP FOR VICTIMS

There may be other immigration programs that are right for you. It is important to talk with an immigration lawyer or community organization that can advise you about your choices. A victim specialist may be able to help you find a free or low-cost lawyer.

If you want to go back to your home country, please talk to us, or contact your victim specialist, a community organization or your own lawyer.

FOR HELP, CALL 1-888-428-7581  
(VOICE AND TTY)



Are only young  
women trafficked?

## Trafficking is not just

a problem for young women. Children as young as five are made to beg and steal and are forced into sexual slavery and pornography. Grown men and teenage boys are used for forced labour, older women as domestic workers. Young women are at greater risk. They are often naive and willing to believe the promises of traffickers. And they have no shortage of ambition for a better life. Their youth makes them more desirable to traffickers looking for young girls to service their male clientele.

See what you can do @ bluebirdfold.co.uk



SHE LIVED.  
SOME DON'T.

SEX IS BEING BOUGHT FROM A CHILD  
RIGHT NOW. IT'S CHILD ABUSE.



10 SUPPORT CHILD ABUSE, PHONE 120 1234





# Why Should We Partner

- **Solidarity**
  - Generic symbol
  - US partners with TIP countries



**LIHAT LEBIH DALAM**

**PERDAGANGAN MANUSIA ADALAH PERBUDAKAN ZAMAN MODERN**

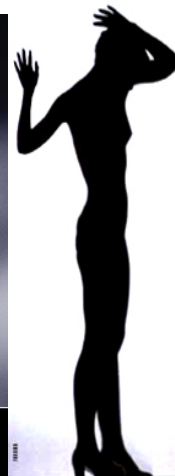
Seorang korban perdagangan manusia mungkin terlihat seperti kebanyakan orang yang Anda lihat setiap harinya.

Alukan pertanyaan yang tepat dan cari tanda-tandanya. Anda sangat penting karena Anda mungkin satu-satunya orang luar yang mendapat kesempatan untuk berbicara dengan korban.

Tersedia pelayanan pemukiman yang aman, kesehatan, imigrasi, pangan, pendapatan, pekerjaan, hukum, dan juru bahasa bagi korban perdagangan manusia, tetapi pertama-tama, mereka harus terlebih dahulu ditemukan.

Jika Anda merasa bahwa seseorang adalah korban perdagangan manusia, **hubungi 1.888.3737.888**  
Untuk informasi lebih lanjut mengenai perdagangan manusia, kunjungi [www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking).

Agentura Free Way  
Zajisti studentkám a mladým dívkám  
práci v zahraničí  
Informace P. O. BOX 000



**Cesta za svobodou může skončit jeji naprostou ztrátou**

Málo známému hrozbí na práci v zahraničí?  
Může se ti dostat nad rámec tělesné?

**Walk in a punter. Walk out a rapist.**

Trafficked women are forced into selling sex, against their will.  
So if you see for one with a trafficked woman, what does that mean?  
If you suspect a woman has been trafficked, please contact the police or the National Crime Agency.  
And if you're not enough, call Crimestoppers.

Le Shoo - Infoline  
02-57 31 31 32 (pá-pá 10h-18h)  
[www.iam.ce](http://www.iam.ce)

IOI International Organization for Migration  
IOI Migrants' organization pro migrants

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
0800 555 111

Human Trafficking:  
Sexual Exploitation.  
Forced to Work Against My Will.

**Hidden in Plain Sight**  
Report It:  
**1-866-DHS-2-ICE**



U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement  
[www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)



- **One Front**
  - Provides a unified front to criminals
  - Strength in numbers
  - Promotes team rather than individual effort
  - “P”revention – Puts the “Brinks” sign in the front yard





**An international campaign  
against a modern form  
of slavery**

Human trafficking is a crime that strips people of their rights, ruins their dreams, and robs them of their dignity. It is a crime that shames us all. Human trafficking is a global problem and no country is immune. Millions of victims are entrapped and exploited every year in this modern form of slavery. To rally world public opinion against human trafficking, UNODC has launched the **Blue Heart Campaign**. It is open to all those who want to participate and wear the **Blue Heart** as a symbol of their support for this campaign.

**"Wear" the Blue Heart on  
your website, your Facebook  
profile, your products, your  
publications — above all  
"wear" it on your heart!  
Don't let us forget those  
without a voice.**

*Join with us  
in this fight!*

**For more information on what you can do  
to support the campaign and "wear" the  
Blue Heart:**

**[www.unodc.org/blueheart](http://www.unodc.org/blueheart)**

**Photos: Kay Chemush for the U.S. State Department**

**Printed in Austria  
April 2008**



**UNODC**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



**[www.unodc.org/blueheart](http://www.unodc.org/blueheart)**

# UNODC Blue Heart

- An awareness raising initiative to fight human trafficking.
- Seeks to encourage involvement and inspire action to help stop this crime.
- Show of solidarity with the victims of human trafficking. In effect 'blue heart' will appeal to the global audience to 'open their heart' to human trafficking.
- UNODC recognizes that there was no activity behind this campaign in the sense of positive action on the ground to counter trafficking, and therefore 'Blue Blindfold' will be promoted as the international campaign driving activity .
- In the same way that the red ribbon has become the international symbol of HIV/AIDS awareness, this campaign aims to make the Blue Heart into an international symbol against human trafficking.



# Current Status

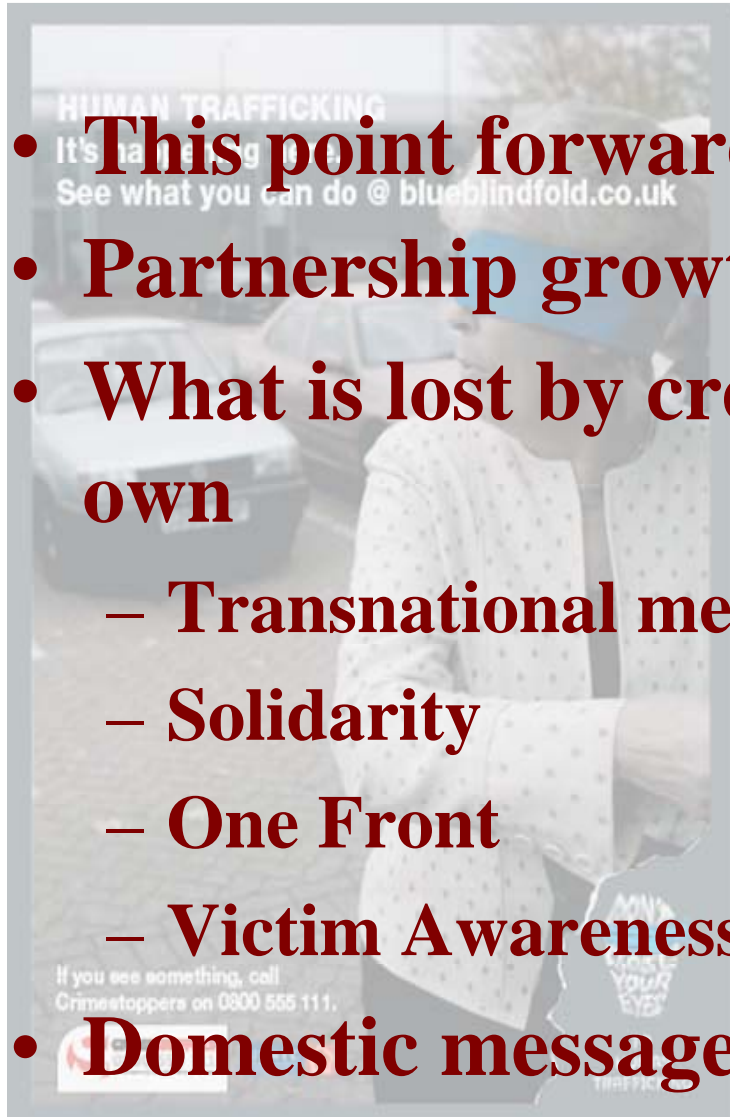
- **August 2008 – The HSTC partnered with UKHTC to endorse and support the Blue Blindfold.**
- **December 3, 2008 - European Parliament launched a campaign to have the Blue Blindfold concept against human trafficking adopted throughout the European Union.**
- **December 11, 2008 – idea was endorsed and supported by the SPOG.**
- **June 2, 2009 – The HSTC forwarded a recommendation to DHS that it should mandate that all of its components incorporate the Blue Blindfold into its future public outreach materials and public service announcements.**

# Moving Forward

- **This point forward**
- **Partnership growth**
- **What is lost by creating own**
  - Transnational message
  - Solidarity
  - One Front
  - Victim Awareness
- **Domestic message only**



800-555-5555







# Questions?

**Roy Hall**

**202-312-9746**

**Roy.Hall@dhs.gov**

**Hallrj@state.gov**