

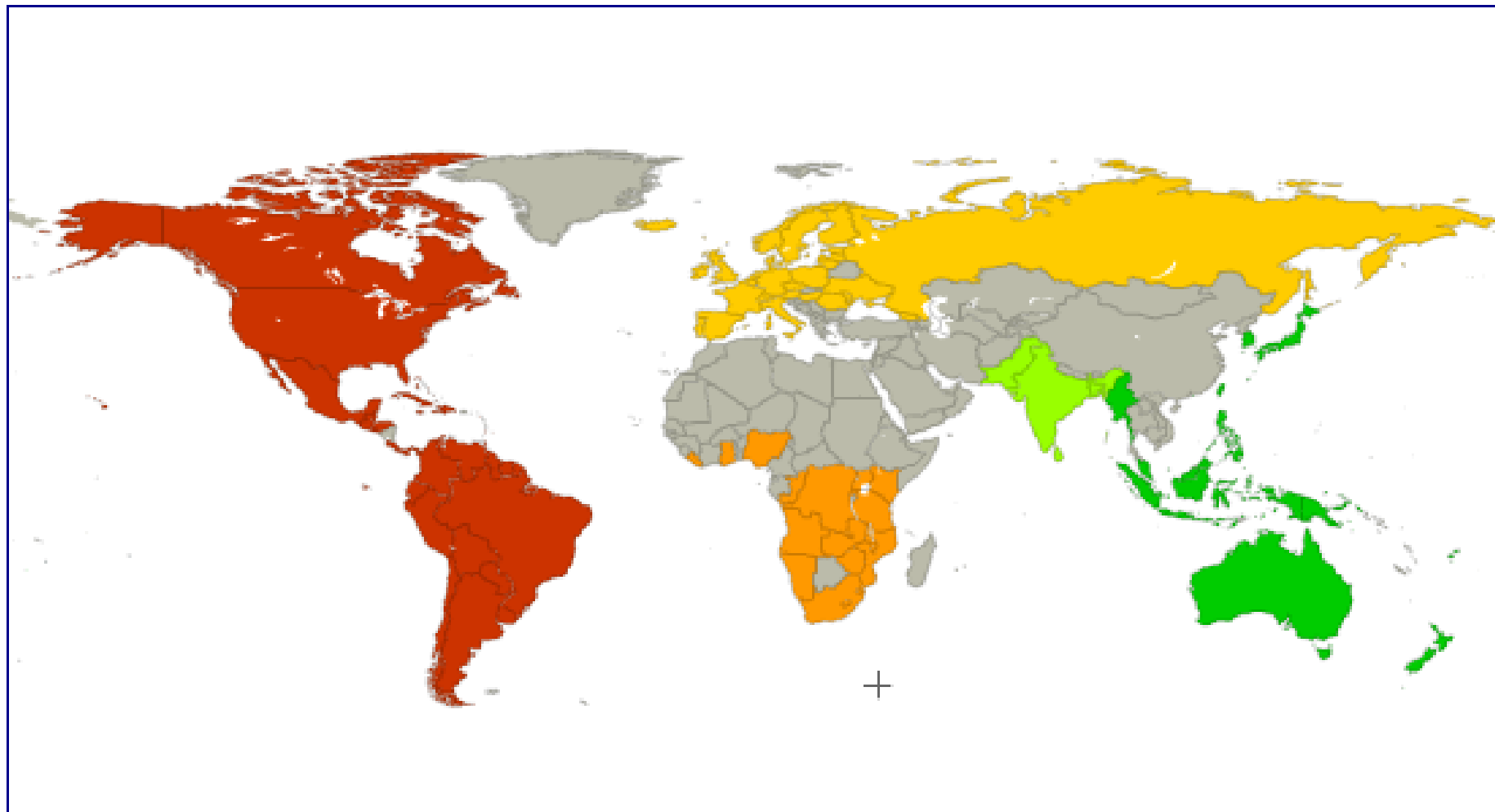
HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL OF THE NGO SECTOR

Pacific Trafficking In Persons Conference
2nd – 4th September 2009



World Map

The Salvation Army Operates in 118 countries



Human Trafficking – an organisational priority.

2004 - The General of the Salvation Army declared the issue of eradicating Human Trafficking a mission priority for The Salvation Army and called the International Salvation Army to develop a response to this issue in its own Territory.



STOP THE TRAFFIK.
PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE BOUGHT & SOLD

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

STOP PEOPLE TRAFFICKING



STOP THE TRAFFIK

- **A GLOBAL MOVEMENT** leading Up To 25.3.07, the bicentenary of the abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- Our cry is:

“PREVENT THE SALE OF PEOPLE”

“PROSECUTE THE TRAFFICKERS”

“PROTECT THE VICTIMS”

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The children forced to work on cocoa plantations are counting the days too.

Cocoa picked by trafficked children on plantations in the Ivory Coast is used to make the chocolate many of us eat at Christmas. These children endure lives of forced labour and often brutal violence. Make sure you buy Fairtrade chocolate this festive season and help end this sickening abuse.

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Much of the chocolate that finds its way into our shops and homes is made with cocoa from Ivory Coast plantations that use trafficked children. To find out what you can do to end this sickening practice visit www.stopthetraffic.org

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OUTCOMES

- ▲ **July 2008:**
Verkade committed to 100% fairtrade cocoa and sugar in their chocolate bars in Netherlands from autumn 2008.
- ▲ **February 2009:**
Swiss Noir committed to fairtrade cocoa in their chocolate bars in Netherlands from March 2009.
- ▲ **March 2009:**
Cadbury committed to fairtrade Dairy Milk.
- ▲ **April 2009:**
Six weeks after launching **STOP THE TRAFFIK** 's campaign *March on Mars*. Mars committed to traffik free (Rainforest Alliance) Galaxy in the UK and Ireland from 2010 and across whole product range globally by 2020.

The Australian Context

Does trafficking happen in Australia?

Arousal of Public Interest Awareness



Puong Tong Simaplee a 26 year old Thai woman died in Villawood detention Centre in September 2001. She had been trafficked to Australia for prostitution at age 10 or 12 and had been in the sex trade every since then.

Labour Exploitation in Australia

There have been more than 400 cases relating to 457 visas investigated by the Workplace Ombudsman with \$1.3 million in underpayments awarded to workers.

457 Visa abuses

The 457 visa requires employers to abide by strict conditions, but the *Herald* found numerous breaches, including:

- ▶ Workers in positions that have no benefit for the local workforce.
- ▶ Accommodation and meal expenses wrongly deducted directly from workers' wages.
- ▶ Workers employed in locations other than stated on their visas.
- ▶ Safety standards being routinely ignored.
- ▶ Overtime unpaid.

Workers Exploited

- Twenty Korean welders were heartbreakingly exploited in Western Australia under the 457 visa program.
- All were imported by a labour hire firm that farms out trades workers to various fabricators and construction companies.
- All were told that they must bring their family with them, thereby placing them in an even more vulnerable position.
- All were promised quick approval of permanent residence.
- The labour hire company was paid \$40 per hour for their labour, while the workers themselves only received \$15 per hour.
- When the labour hire firm discovered that the workers had discussed this with the local employees of the company where they were working, the labour hire firm had them removed from the site.
- One Korean was visited early in the morning at his home by the labour hire firm's solicitor and told to sign a new contract.
- The contract was written in English only, no negotiations were entered into and his request for a copy of the contract was refused.
- Several were compelled to purchase cars on their first day in the country at prices up to three times the vehicles' true value.

EMPLOYER ATTITUDES

Hanssen Construction Boss, Dick Smith, told ABC Radio why his company was using Filipino workers on 457 visas.

AMWU

“If they want to change employer then they have to go back home.”

“ I suppose from the Philippines side of things, I’m not saying they’re of a lower level of intelligence or anything like that, it just seemed that they can do one task and not want to do something different until they’re told to do something different.”

September 2008

Sydney-based company Healthcare Recruiting Australia (HRA) and its director Michelle Lloyd were fined in the Federal Magistrates Court for four breaches of the Workplace Relations Act. The Workplace Ombudsman Executive Director Michael Campbell said HRA failed to pay full wages, casual loadings, penalty rates and holiday pay, and made unlawful decisions without the workers' consent.

'When they asked about their wages, they were fobbed off with false promises and threats,'

'The workers have told how there were times when they were living on the charity of others and felt ashamed they could not pay their rent.'

The women also had money taken from their pay for training that never happened as well as rent, agency fees and airfares.

HRA placed the three workers at two Sydney nursing/aged care facilities in 2005 and 2006, where they provided residents with personal care and helped them with showering, dressing and eating.

Union News
September 2008

Privatisation of Human Services

- Increasingly NGO's provide most of the social services in Australia.
- The Public Employment Service has been privatised and now consists of over 100 different private and community based organisations who provide support to unemployed people in finding employment.
- The Casual Labour Hire sector is a major provider of contract labour to employers.
- Most of these services are delivered on a commercial contract basis, using a 'market based approach'.



Family Services

Counselling
Support





Street Outreach

Connecting to support services





The Salvation Army



Disaster Relief



AOD Services

Detox

Rehabilitation





Crisis Services

Material aid

Budgeting

Financial Counselling





Services for Homeless People

Crisis accommodation

Transitional housing

Community Housing Provider





Family Violence Services





Job Creation Projects

Training

Social Enterprise





Counselling Services

Relationship

Gambling





Court Services

Chaplaincy

Advocacy

Support





Employment Services

- Job Placement
- Job Preparation
- Employment case management





■ Youth services

Education

Training

Mentoring





Children's Services

Supported Play Groups

Child Care





■ **Mental Health & Suicide Prevention**

Case Management support

Counselling

Suicide Awareness Training

Support Groups

Therapeutic Interventions



Exposure to people who have been exploited

Salvation Army services in Australia see approximately 1 million people each year in its wide range of services and programs.



Sector Silos

Sector silos is increasingly a problem in –

▀ **Communication strategies**

▀ **Knowledge disbursement**

▀ **Policy implementation**

▀ **Program integration**

WHAT'S NEEDED

- **Public Information Campaign** – to raise awareness.
- **A system that's simple** – for reporting.
- **A system that's accessible** - 1300 number
- **A system that's responsive** – to ensure that action occurs.
- **A system that's protective** – to encourage reporting.
- **A system that is based on and models the fundamental Human Rights of each individual.**