



## Partnering to Eliminate Human Trafficking

It is estimated that internationally there are between 20 to 40 million people in modern slavery today. The victims whether for labour, sex or organ trafficking come from all backgrounds. Globally children are the most vulnerable group accounting for 30% of human trafficking victims. Human trafficking is a low risk yet profitable crime. Out of the 196 countries in the world, only 136 have criminalized the act; making it a crime with little deterrent. Traffickers generally prey on vulnerable people including those living in poverty, conflict-affected communities and victims of discrimination. In Ghana research has shown that it is considered a source, transit and destination country for victims subjected to forced labour and sex trafficking. Internally, trafficked children are subjected to forced labour in fishing, domestic service, street hawking, pottering (kayaye), gold mining and agriculture. To support the elimination of human trafficking, the International Organization on Migration, donated the Trafficking in Persons Information System (TIPIS) a software solution developed by Bewsys' to help the government of Ghana to facilitate anonymous reporting on human trafficking from district, regional and national levels. TIPIS also provides policy makers with accurate information to guide the national counter-trafficking response. Similarly, Bewsys' UNICEF Ghana social protection service mapping software solution is leveraged in providing social support for victims and vulnerable groups at risk of human trafficking in Ghana.



### The State of Human Trafficking

- 99% of sex trafficking victims are women and girls. The vast majority of trafficked women and girls are found in Asia and the Pacific (over 70%), while Europe has 14% and the Americas have 4% (International Labour Organisation, 2016).
- 4.5 million of trafficked people are sexually exploited
- Human trafficking earns global profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers, \$99 billion of which comes from commercial exploitation.
- Advocates report a growing trend of traffickers using online social media platforms to recruit and advertise targets of human trafficking.
- Only 1 in 10 trafficked people are moved out of their own countries. The majority stay inside their own borders.

### Technologies Helping the Fight against Human Trafficking

- Child online protection initiative\_([Watch now](#))
- Trafficking in Persons Information System (TIPIS): ([Learn more](#))
- AI, Blockchain technology to rescue modern slaves: ([Learn more](#))
- PWB Series: ([Watch now](#))
- The Stop APP: ([Watch now](#))