
The Toronto Counter Human Trafficking Network (TCHTN) is committed to work towards the elimination of human trafficking in Canada and abroad, and to address the plight of trafficked persons through a holistic, human rights-based approach, focused on the needs of trafficked persons.

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ABOUT US

Human trafficking is a violation of human rights. We are a diverse group who respect each other's differences and commit to work together for the rights of trafficked persons. The mandate of the Toronto Counter Human Trafficking Network is to provide a comprehensive response to human trafficking in the Toronto area. The response is to be provided in a collaborative manner with governmental and non-governmental organizations, agencies and individuals.

Our mandate is fulfilled through meeting the following objectives:

- **awareness-raising** aimed at educating Toronto communities, businesses and governing agencies about the extent of human trafficking in our city, Canada and worldwide;
- **facilitate assistance** to trafficked persons in a coordinated human rights based approach through an anti-racist, anti-oppressive and participatory framework;
- **capacity-building** among stakeholders, including training to organizations providing social, health and protection services who are likely to interact with trafficked persons;
- **collaboration** with key stakeholders and networks in Ontario and other provinces to enhance the partnerships and advocacy on behalf of trafficked persons;
- **fundraising** to continue the efforts of the network.

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WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING



United Nations definition on Human Trafficking: “Trafficking in persons shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practice similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.”

GUIDING PRINCIPLES*

The following principles should guide the response to human trafficking:

- **Non-punitive:** Measures must not penalize trafficked persons
- **Human rights:** Measures must be guided by, and be respectful of the human rights of trafficked persons
- **Economic rights:** Measures must be guided by, and be respectful of the economic rights of trafficked persons
- **Supportive services:** There is a need for supportive services for trafficked persons
- **Anti-racist anti-oppressive feminist approach:** A gender, race and anti-oppression analysis should be included in any consideration of trafficking issues
- **Inclusive of trafficked persons:** Discussions about and activities for trafficked persons should include trafficked persons themselves
- **Needs-based approach:** The focus of the response should be based on the needs of trafficked persons
- **Collaborative response:** All services should be provided in open and forthright collaboration with all relevant agencies/ organizations