

# **A Collaborative Survivor Centered Approach to Human Trafficking in Peel**

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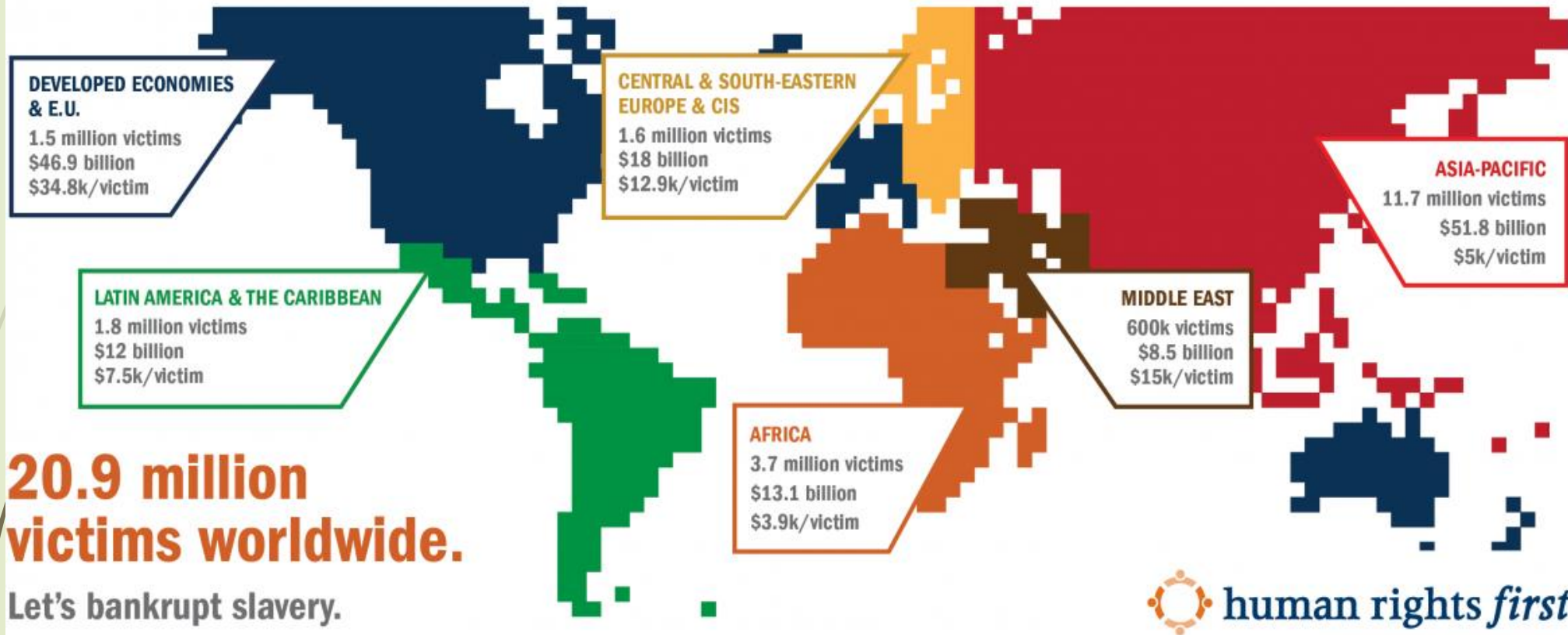
# The issue

- ▶ Far away – Thailand – the single mother selling her 10 year old into sex trade her means of survival – no one does anything.
- ▶ New York – Apartment in Brooklyn NY – older sister 18 – pimping out her two younger sisters 14 and 12 – no one intervenes.
- ▶ Ontario – Peel - Brampton – HS student carted off on arrival at school by her pimp who returns her in time to get her ride home. Over six months with grades falling – no one says anything.
- ▶ 20.9 victims worldwide
- ▶ 150.3 billion dollar industry
- ▶ According to our data analysis Peel Region (Mississauga/Brampton) has higher rates of human trafficking, actual incidents compare to Canada, Ontario and Toronto especially in 2016

# Magnitude of the Problem

## International Overview

### MAP: VICTIMS & PROFITS BY REGION



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Data from: International Labour Organization (ILO), 2014, Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour (Geneva), and <sup>TM</sup> Uchnikova, "OECD and Modern Slavery: How much aid money is spent to tackle the issue?", Anti-Trafficking Review, issue 3, 2014, pp. 133-150.

 **human rights first**

American ideals. Universal values.

# Trafficking in Persons Rate- Actual Incidents (2009-2016)

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## Peel compared to Canada, Ontario, and Toronto



The chart shows that Peel Region (Mississauga/Brampton) has higher rates of human trafficking, actual incidents compare to Canada, Ontario and Toronto especially in 2016

# Goal

- To increase service providers' capacity in Peel region to support survivors of trafficking and their families on their journey to recovery and healing.

# Objectives

- To engage, collaborate coordinate and build community awareness and engagement in the development of strategic approaches on human trafficking in Peel.
- To engage survivors in a client centered approach.
- To develop best practice that is evidenced based and survivor informed inclusive of a robust evaluation methodology.
- To strengthen services providers' partnerships.
- To train social, health and justice professionals in seamless services for HT survivors.

## 3 Research Questions Guiding the Project

- Who are the survivors of human trafficking in Peel?
- What are the unique services needs of survivors of human trafficking?
- How can we increase the response to those needs by service providers and communities?

# What we have accomplished to date

- Seamless Services for Mental Health, Addiction, Trauma (SSMHAT)
- Establishment of Advisory Committee
- Literature Review
- Demographic Data analysis
- Face-to-face interviews and focus group
- PIVP Newsletter distributed nationally focused on Human Trafficking
- Poster Presentation
- Presentation on May 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 to the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights | Comité permanent de la justice et des droits de la personne. House of Commons.



# The Voices of Survivors and their Mothers

## ➤ Powerlessness

Wherever mothers turned to they did not get the professional help they needed (example police, health services and/or counselling services) and they tried to help their daughters.

*“So, you know for me, there is absolutely no support. There is no services at the front end to help us parents to prevent this from happening. And I knew in my mind that this could happen to her. And I still could not stop it. I could not stop it with the help of police. I could not stop it with the help of social worker. I could not stop it with the help from agencies. It is like snowballing effect there is nothing in place to help us parents to help stop this process.” - Mother of a Survivor.*

# The Voices of Survivors and their Mothers

- ▶ **Not being heard-misunderstood when they sought assistance.**

*“I guess my problem is what really pissed me off was I am kind of differentiated, my trauma is not as big as the other girls, ok yeah I was in only five months. Ok yeah my parents. I was lucky that they got me out, all in all, but we all made the same choices to come out, we all had the same trauma as we have gone through the same thing.” - Survivor*

# Recommendations

- **A Lead organization - appointment of** an interdisciplinary and inter-sectorial collaborative organization to lead the initiative in the Region of Peel. The Lead organization to utilise an equity lens and an anti-oppressive, anti-racist framework, to include data-driven, evidence-informed practice, aimed at best practice and improving the organization of services; combining the perspectives of the clients served, academia, and community service providers.
- **Evidence Based** – evidence needed - what constitutes best practice and what are the best prevention and best intervention strategies. Completed Literature review.
- **Trauma Screening Tool** – Early screening and intervention-will have one by 2020.
- Education and Outreach – Targeting the appropriate demographics.
- Peer to Peer – inclusion and identity.
- Training – culturally sensitive with an evaluation process.

# Thank you! Merci!

## Questions and Answers