

What is human trafficking, etc.?

Q. Are all human trafficking victims kidnapped?

No. Human trafficking does not simply mean “the act of forcibly taking someone away [kidnapping].” It can occur through various means, such as victims becoming involved with traffickers voluntarily due to false advertisements or introductions by acquaintances, or traffickers exploiting the victim’s vulnerable circumstances.

Q. Are human trafficking victims mostly women?

Victims include not only children, adolescents, people with disabilities, and women, but a wide range of individuals. Men are often at higher risk of being subjected to labor exploitation.

Q. Why don't human trafficking victims report to the police or run away?

- 1 Traffickers may use threats or coercion to restrict the victims’ contact with the outside world;
- 2 Traffickers may build a sense of trust or emotional bond with victims, controlling them psychologically, or victims may lack the language or information needed to recognize that they are being exploited.
- 3 Traffickers may also use threats – such as harming the victim’s family or acquaintances – to prevent victims from escaping.

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 Human Trafficking Victim Helpline
Central Agency for the Protection of Rights of Victims of Human Trafficking, etc.
1600-8248

 Apply for a Victim Certificate
8248@stop.or.kr



for mandatory reporting facilities

- 1 Someone deceived into doing unwanted work
- 2 Someone whose ID documents have been taken away, unable to move freely
- 3 Someone working without getting paid a fair wage

※ These are only a few examples of human trafficking, etc.

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Victim Support 1

Use the Identification Indicators

- Using identification indicators is the most fundamental step in identifying and supporting victims.
- If you suspect victimization, you can use the identification indicators to determine whether human trafficking, etc. has occurred.

Act

[element] Recruitment, transportation, concealment, handover/takeover

- Example ① Did you pay a broker a fee to enter Korea?
 Example ② Did the broker or employer instructed you to move to a certain location?
 Example ③ Were you handed over to a third party by the person who transported you?

Means

[element] Coercion, hierarchy, or other methods

- Example ① Were you moved or isolated against your will due to threats?
 Example ② Were you forced to comply even though the actual working conditions were different from what was described?
 Example ③ Do you have debts to the recruiter, or were you prevented from keeping documents such as your bankbook or ID?

Purpose of exploitation

[element] Prostitution, sexual exploitation, labor exploitation, organ harvesting

- Example ① Were you forced into prostitution?
 Example ② Were you forced to do work not included in your contract and continuously denied wages?
 Example ③ Were you unable to quit your job by your own free will?

You can find the original identification indicators for victims of human trafficking, etc., on the website (www.stop.or.kr) of the Women's Human Rights Institute of Korea.



Victim Support 2

Apply for a Victim Certificate

- Victims of human trafficking, etc. may apply for issuance of a Victim Certificate from the Women's Human Rights Institute of Korea.
- Undocumented migrants may also apply for a Victim Certificate.

[Application Process]



Consultation

After identifying the victim, consultation is provided as needed to determine whether the person is a victim of human trafficking, etc.

- Call 1600-8248 (no area code needed), Weekdays 10:00~17:00



Application Submission

Submit the application form for certificate issuance and required attachments via email(8248@stop.or.kr) or by mail

- The application form can be downloaded from the website (www.stop.or.kr)



Inquiry

Local government officials and experts conduct interviews with the victim (a victim support organization may be present)



Decision

A case review committee composed of experts deliberates and determines victim status (within 60 days of application submission)



Issuance

A Victim Certificate is issued

- Issuance may be withheld depending on the case

| Required Documents for Application

Copy of ID card, letter of authorization from victim support organization, evidence proving victimization of human trafficking, etc.

| Others

Certificate of Entry and Exit (for foreigners), documents verifying family relationships (if necessary), medical certificate (if necessary), and employment contract (for employees), and any other documents related to the victimization

Victim Support 3

Apply for Assistance Funds

- After receiving a Victim Certificate, victims may apply for assistance funds for rescue and support (including support for living, legal, medical care, employment, repatriation, and interpretation expenses).
- Victims of human trafficking, etc., as well as children, adolescents, and persons with disabilities, may apply even without a Victim Certificate.

[Types of Support]

Living Support

Approx. 730,500 won per month (for 3 months, up to 6 months)

- cannot overlap with other benefits, for victims not residing in support facilities

Medical Support

5,000,000 won

- for medication costs, issuance of medical certificates, treatment, medical consultations, etc.

Legal Support

6,000,000 won per instance

- for attorney fees, legal service-related expenses

Interpretation Support

1,500,000 won

- for interpretation/translation services needed for medical or legal support

Repatriation Support

Actual expenses

- for costs required for returning to the home country, such as airfare, transportation, etc.

Employment Support

1,500,000 won

- for Korean language education, certificate course fees, including exam fees

[Application Process]

Submit application

Check for overlapping support (except undocumented migrants)

Receive assistance funds

- In principle, all applications are required to be submitted through a victim support organization; however, individuals may personally apply if no such organization is available
- Medical support payments are settled directly with hospitals by the Central Agency for the Protection of Rights of Victims of Human Trafficking, etc.