



## Trafficking Alert

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The Trafficking Alert is published by Vital Voices Global Partnership as part of our work to promote effective partnerships between government officials and NGOs across the United States and around the world to fight modern-day slavery.

*Dear Friends:*

Welcome to the **October 2006 Trafficking Alert**. We hope that you are enjoying this beautiful autumn season and continue your effort to end violations of human rights. This month we have slightly changed our newsletter. We have included a section entitled, "Other Women's Rights Issues" which contain articles on issues such as violence against women, domestic violence, and HIV/AIDS. We hope that you enjoy this new section.

Vital Voices just recently completed a training program on **Domestic Violence Prevention and Anti-Trafficking** for Russian leaders. This week-long training not only gave the delegates who were selected by Library of Congress' Open World Leadership Program an opportunity to learn about US' anti-trafficking and domestic violence prevention efforts, it also gave their American colleagues a chance to gain knowledge of the current status of women in Russia and their leaders' innovative work. This training was also in commemoration of **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**.

Vital Voices recently returned from **China** and the **Russian Far East** to identify emerging women leaders who strive to make a difference for women and girls in their countries. In China, many women are working closely with the government and other civil society actors on issues ranging from human trafficking, domestic violence, girls' education and illiteracy, to HIV/AIDS and migrant worker issues. They strive to elevate the visibility of these women's issues, and most importantly, to change society's behavior and attitudes towards women and girls in China. In the Russian Far East, two Vital Voices' alumnae, inspired after receiving their training in 2005, worked with their state government to organize an Asia Pacific regional forum on human trafficking to bring awareness and build political will in addressing this global scourge. They exemplify what true leaders and change agents can contribute to society.

Around the world, anti-trafficking initiatives are on the rise. We hope that these new resources and pioneering ideas will continue to inspire you to carry on your important work. As always, we are grateful for your support and feedback. We hope you will enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,

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## I. Global Anti-Trafficking Activities

### UN Goodwill Ambassador Ricky Martin Testifies before Congress on Human Trafficking

On September 26, 2006, the House of Representatives Committee on International Relations held a hearing *Enhancing the Global Fight to End Human Trafficking*, featuring the testimonies of UN Goodwill Ambassador, President of the Ricky Martin Foundation, and renowned musician, Ricky Martin, United Nations Ambassador John R. Miller, Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, and Dr. Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary, US Department of Health and Human Services.

Committee Chairman Chris Smith, discussed US government's initiatives to combat labor trafficking in Iraq and the State Department's collaboration with Kuwaiti and German governments on the issues of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Ricky Martin advocated for an international standard for birth certification, because the lack of birth certification makes children vulnerable to trafficking. He also promoted international standard age of adulthood, the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the creation of a special division of the federal government specifically for combating the trafficking of children, and an increase in government funding allocation to NGOs and foreign governments working in this area. "Half of the children in the world today are not registered. They are the invisible children that are the perfect victims for traffickers."

Other issues address by members of the House and witnesses included: the low rate of victim identification in the United States and the need to target the American tourists engaging in child sex tourism abroad.

### Call and Live: Inter-American Development Bank, in Partnership with the Ricky Martin Foundation and IOM, Launch Regional Anti-trafficking Campaign in Latin America

On Monday, September 25, Vital Voices attended the Washington, DC reception of the international launch of *Llama y vive* ("Call and Live"), a regional anti-trafficking project in Latin America that includes a media information campaign and a victim hotline.

Speakers included Ricky Martin, the Puerto Rican singer and founder of the Ricky Martin Foundation, Luis Alberto Moreno, President of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Brunson McKinley, IOM Director General. McKinley spoke about IOM's regional support for this project and the organization's work in Latin America. Martin spoke about the connection between music and philanthropy and the satisfaction they both give him.

*Llama y vive* is the result of a regional partnership between the IDB, the Ricky Martin Foundation, and the regional offices of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for Central America and the Andean region. The program targets young men and women who plan to seek new opportunities far from home, along with victims of human trafficking in their own countries or abroad.

The campaign consists of distributing and disseminating print and audiovisual materials featuring Ricky Martin which promote safe travel abroad and warn young potential victims against the dangers of trafficking. The campaign, according to Martin, has already successfully been launched in Peru, with over 1,000 people having called the hotline in a month. It is also being launched this year in other Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Nicaragua.

At the reception, there was a preview of a half-hour documentary the IDB has produced on best practices in the fight against human trafficking in Latin America, with testimonies and information on projects in Colombia, Argentina, and Guatemala. The full documentary, the first of its kind in the region, will be presented in the coming months and distributed free of charge to all television channels. The educational film is presented by Ricky Martin.

### Air France to Show Human Trafficking Film

Starting in October 2006, Air France will show all passengers on long flights a film highlighting the campaign against child sex tourism. The film, made by EPCAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) shows the reality of sex tourism and penalties such tourists can expect. The airline has shown films since 1994 and has agreed to a ten year partnership with the organization. Airlines provide a crucial forum for dispersing information about child tourism because of the influx of people that fly. Showing these videos on international flights will allow potential criminals who are flying to "exotic" destinations for sex tourism a chance to view the risks of engaging in their illicit activities.

### The Philippines Hosts First National Conference on Human Trafficking

On September 18 2006, the Philippine Inter Agency Council Against Trafficking, in combination with USAID, UNICEF, the Asia Foundation, PLAN Philippines and UNODC hosted their first national conference to address the issue of human trafficking the Philippines. In a keynote address by Vice President Noli de Castro urged national and local officials to become more aggressive in addressing human trafficking. US Ambassador Kristie Kenny said that those trafficked have no voice at all and it is up to the international community to give them a voice. The Philippines was removed from the US Trafficking in Persons Report watch list in 2006, but the minimum standards have yet to be achieved.

## Three African Countries use Soap Operas to Combat Exploitation of Child Labor

Cesiri Tono (All the Rewards of Courage and Hard Work) – a soap opera from Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast and Mali, is aimed at combating child trafficking. Written by local scriptwriters and cast with local actors, the drama is recorded in the Dioula language, a market version of Bambara, and addresses issues related to child trafficking and exploitation in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Ivory Coast. Research by the implementing organization, Population Media Centre (PMC), found that the children who are trafficked are generally not kidnapped by malevolent strangers. In the majority of cases, parents “give” their children to distant relatives or people with connections to their village, in the hopes of providing them a better life. They are often unaware of the harsh working conditions that their children will face. Cesiri Tono uses an entertainment-education approach to raise awareness among listeners about child trafficking issues, demonstrating that unplanned childbearing can lead to poverty and, in turn, to the exploitation of children.

## South African NGOs work to Raise Awareness about AIDS and Human Trafficking

Alertos da Vida, a community-based youth media NGO is working to raise awareness around HIV/AIDS and human rights to Mozambicans living in the Johannesburg, South Africa. Working in Portuguese and Xhangana, the group uses “edutainment” including live theatre, radio (dramas and spots), and music to provide this information. Projects have included “Tenho dos Factos Antes de Ir” (Get the Facts Before you Go!) - a series of short radio spots on human trafficking awareness for The International Organization for Migration. As of August 2006, the group is working on a second theatre production with the IOM, focusing on women's rights and human trafficking. The play will be designed with the actors and key stakeholders to ensure the issues and situations are accurate and will use a combination of Portuguese, English and Xhangana. It will be performed during the 16 Days of Activism at community venues in areas of Johannesburg and surrounds where there is a high Mozambican population in late November.

## The United States Grants 4.5 Million USD to Combat Human Trafficking in Cambodia

The United States has donated 4.5 million US dollars to eliminate human trafficking in Cambodia. The grant will be provided through the Asia Foundation in Cambodia to support the campaign against human trafficking. The project aims to increase awareness about the demand for trafficked persons and promote safe migration alternatives, document effectiveness of counter-trafficking programs and share practices. It also aims to establish a minimum standard for care at shelters to ensure continuity of care through the referral process.

## II. Vital Voices Human Rights Activities

### Vital Voices Open World Alumnae Host Human Trafficking Conference in Russia

On August 30, 2006, more than four hundred people gathered at a conference in Vladivostok, Russia, to address the global challenge of human trafficking. The “STOP Trafficking: Asia-Pacific Forum: NGO and Government Together to Address Human Trafficking” was organized by the Administration of the Primorye Territory and several NGO leaders who had participated in a Vital Voices’ anti-human trafficking training in Washington, D.C., in October, 2005.

In 2005, Vital Voices’ alumnae Irina Belotserkovets and Olga Shmelkova of Vladivostok, Russia, participated in Vital Voices’ anti-trafficking and domestic violence training. The training provided the women with the tools to strategize on how to work with their own government and different approaches to identifying women of influence, such as businesswomen, politicians, and wives of politicians, in their communities. Inspired by the Vital Voices training and recognizing the urgent need to get counter-human trafficking measures on their government’s agenda, Irina and Olga worked with the Government of Primorye to organize an Asia Pacific conference to address the challenge of human trafficking immediately upon their return to Russia.



Vital Voices alumnae Irina (left) and Olga (right) in Vladivostok

As a Pacific harbor neighboring the Korean Peninsula, China, and Japan, Vladivostok historically was a city of immigrants, a site of many diverse cultures and traditions. It has become a transit point through which persons are trafficked from Central Asia, North Korea, and Mongolia to China, Japan, South Korea, and Macao

More than thirty NGO representatives participated in the Summit, representing multiple regions in Russia as well as other countries. Deputy Governor of the Primorye Territory Vasilenko opened the plenary session of the forum which featured representatives from OSCE, the Legislative Branch and Public Prosecutor’s Office of the Primorye Territory, All China Women’s Federation, the U.S. Embassy in Russia, Vital Voices Global Partnership, and the Far-Eastern Center, a local Russian NGO. UN Goodwill Ambassador Julia Ormond delivered a message via satellite, during which she shared both her experiences from her own past work in Russia and discussed the much overlooked connection between HIV/AIDS and human trafficking. The four break-out afternoon sessions focused on the following dimensions of human trafficking in Russia: national legislation, the need for improved and increased collaboration between international NGOs and Russia, illegal migration, and the protection of victims of human trafficking.

**Vital Voices Facilitates *German Vogue* Interview**

On September 15, 2006, Vital Voices helped facilitate an interview between *German Vogue* and Secretary Madeleine Albright and UN Goodwill Ambassador Julia Ormond. Both women talked about their role in combating human trafficking and human rights violation in general and the need for more international attention. Vital Voices was mentioned by them women as having played a key role in legislation that combats human trafficking in the United States. They both pledged their services to work towards ending modern day slavery. The story will be published in the November edition of *German Vogue*.

**Microsoft and Eileen Fisher Support Asian Business Leadership Program to Advance Women's Rights and End Human Trafficking**

Microsoft and Eileen Fisher made commitments to a new initiative, "A Call to Action: Asian Business Leading the Campaign to End Human Trafficking." A high-level business conference -- which will launch the two-year program -- will take place in November 2006 in Hong Kong to encourage business leaders in Asia to advance women's rights by ending human trafficking for both labor and sexual exploitation and to incorporate anti-human trafficking activities into their business practices. Microsoft said they were privileged to partner with Vital Voices in this effort to end human trafficking, especially related to the on-line exploitation of children and women. "Criminals are using cyberspace to exploit women and children, and we must address that," said Pamela Passman, vice-president for Global Corporate Affairs at Microsoft. "Nowhere is the need for a safe and trustworthy online environment more important. Microsoft is proud of the work it is doing in collaboration with others to help protect children and combat human trafficking. We encourage other business leaders to support this effort."

**Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference Hosts Panel Discussion on Human Trafficking**

The National Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference hosted a panel of leading figures in the fight against human trafficking on Capitol Hill on Thursday, September 7th, 2006. The panelists discussed ongoing problems surrounding human trafficking, current United States and United Nations policies, recommendations for legislative or policy changes, and how their different sectors approached the issue of trafficking. Vital Voices representative Wenchi Yu Perkins discussed the importance of each sector establishing working relationships with NGOs, specifically the United Nations and the U.S. Congress, in order to ensure recommendations most accurately reflect the newest research and information in the field and initiatives are supported that will be viable upon implementation. The other panelists were Julia Ormond, UN Goodwill Ambassador Against Slavery, Kamala D. Harris, District Attorney of San Francisco, and Simone Monasebian, Chief of the New York Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

**III. Feature Article****Commemorating Domestic Violence Month Through Russian Leadership Training- Open World Leadership Program 2006**

From September 29 to October 7, Vital Voices hosted ten Russian delegates through the Open World Leadership Program at the Library of Congress. Their primary purpose was to learn to strengthen Russia's response to domestic violence and human trafficking from small NGOs to the government level. The participants were selected on a competitive basis through the Open World Program and Vital Voices. Participants included NGO leaders who work on women's issues, local politics and families, as well as lawyers who defend human trafficking victims and media experts on social issues. Many came from small cities in Russia and experienced the United States for the first time.



Program participants heard from experts from organizations such as the Department of Justice, the Tahirih Justice Center, and USAID. They participated in sessions on working with the media with experts such as Eileen O'Connor, former CNN Moscow Bureau Chief. They had an opportunity to practice speaking about women's issues on television at Voice of America. Visiting social service centers, such as the Crossway Community Center in Maryland headed by Kathleen Guinan, was especially valuable to many of the participants, since many of them run social service NGOs of their own. Another highlight of the visit was discussing the differences in attitudes toward women between Russian and American cultures with Georgetown University professors and students.

A visit to the World Bank's new Pangea store, which sells products by women in the developing world to encourage sustainable trade and women's economic independence, encouraged some of the delegates to pursue similar projects or partner with Pangea.

The participants also met their colleagues at the Russian Embassy for tea with Press Secretary Alexei Timofeev and Cultural Attaché Irina Popova, where they discussed issues faced by Russian immigrants in America.

Kirill Boychenko, a human trafficking lawyer at the Karelia Center for Gender Studies in Petrozavodsk, Russia, said the best part of the program for him was "New ideas, necessary contacts, and some new strategies for fighting against trafficking."

Vital Voices was proud to commemorate this year's **Domestic Violence Awareness month** by hosting this program and furthering the education, training, and awareness of Russian leaders striving to combat all forms of violence against women in their country.

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### Women Leading Progress in China

Women holding up half of the sky" is what Mao Tse-tung, the late Chinese Community leader, described about women's role in society.



Many outstanding women, who have devoted most of their life working to advance the status of women in China today, are working in the non-profit sector. They provide legal assistance to battered women, collaborate with companies to promote corporate social responsibility and improve employer-employee relations, offer education and job skills to migrant women and girls from rural villages to metropolitan cities, break the stigma around HIV/AIDS, combating human trafficking and sexual exploitation of women, and sensitize the media to gender issues.

Vital Voices recently had a productive conversation with some of these civil society leaders about challenges and opportunities of promoting gender equality in China. The meeting was made possible through the assistance of Ms. Guo Jianmei, Vital Voices' Global Advisory Council Member and Director of Peking University Women's Law Studies & Legal Aid Center in Beijing.

#### *Pressing Issues Concerning Today's Women in China:*

##### *Domestic Violence*

Due to a network of NGOs and individuals who have worked to criminalize domestic violence, general public is well aware of this issue. There are several shelters for domestic violence victims, supported by private funding. However, most people only consider physical abuse as the only form of domestic violence. Eighty percent of jailed women murderers serve jail time for killing their husbands and many of them were victims of domestic violence.

##### *Girls Education and Illiteracy*

Burdened by the tradition of favoring boys over girls, many girls are aborted after being born into families who want to have boys. Stories about deserted girl babies are common in rural areas. Some families who choose to have additional children do not register their girl babies with the government in order to avoid being penalized for having more than one child due to the government's one-child policy. When those unregistered girls reach school age, they cannot attend school for education and thus illiteracy rate among girls is higher than boys.

##### *HIV/AIDS*

China's HIV/AIDS challenge did not become an issue of concern to the government or the society until recent years. HIV/AIDS positive patients in China largely contract this vital disease through repeated use of needles among drug abusers and farmers who sell their blood to make money. Discrimination against HIV/AIDS patients is widespread in China and the government recently launched programs to change society's attitude towards this disease through awareness campaigns and educational courses.

##### *Human Trafficking*

China is most commonly known to be a source country for the international trafficking of Chinese women and girls for forced marriage. Most of the women are either abducted or sold to men who have lower income or live in rural villages as wives. Many Vietnamese women are also trafficked to China as brides to Chinese men. Most of these cases occur in the southern and southwestern parts of China.

##### *Migrant Women Laborers*

According to statistics, there are approximately 120,000,000 internal migrants in China. Most of these migrants congregate in the south and mega cities such as Beijing and Shanghai. Ninety-five percent of the migrants are workers and eighty percent are female. Many of them work in the informal sector where exploitation runs rampant. Challenges facing the migrants have become difficult to tackle due to the large number of the population. Poverty and economic disparity between the east and west China have contributed to the influx of migrants into the wealthier eastern part, particularly the large cities. Not only are these migrants living on meager wages, their working conditions are often so poor that they suffer from serious health consequences. Forced overtime work and illegal deduction of wages in factories are ordinary types of labor exploitation. Sexual exploitation and gender-based discrimination at workplace also happen frequently.

"Turning the government into your working partner is most important" said Ms. Guo whose 10-year old NGO has had an excellent working relationship with the government while promoting gender-equality in China.

##### *Vital Voices' Plan for China*

China is one of the fastest growing economies in the world. With a history of older than 5,000 years and a population of over 1.3 billion, there is great potential in many of the women leaders to pioneer new social norms in China.

Vital Voices, rooted in the 1995 United Nations World Conference on Women in Beijing, has a long history of working on China and with Chinese women to promote gender equality. We continue our investment in Chinese women leaders as well as close relations with All China Women's Federation and relevant government offices.

An upcoming Hong Kong Summit to engage the business community in Asia, including China, to end human trafficking on November 13 shows our incessant commitment to the Chinese women.

## IV. Other Women's Rights Issues

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October marks domestic violence awareness month. President Bush formally recognized the month in a speech on September 29. The goal is to raise awareness about the rising incidents of domestic violence and to help those who have been victimized. The government also opened 11 Family Justice Centers across the country. These centers offer services to victims and their families, including legal advice, counseling, and support.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS Conference Focuses on Women

Women comprise about half of all people living with HIV worldwide. In Sub-Saharan Africa- where the impact of the global HIV/AIDS pandemic is most intense, 74% of young people are women. The number of women with HIV is growing in part because women are twice as likely as men to contract HIV from a infected partner during unprotected heterosexual intercourse. In addition, women's biological susceptibility to HIV is compounded by gender, inequality, which limits the power of women to negotiate safer sex. As a result, the 16<sup>th</sup> annual AIDS Conference in Toronto in September, 2006, focused on the feminization of AIDS. Topics included strengthening women's rights, curbing gender violence, empowering women to use prevention methods and negotiate safe sex. The female condom was discussed as foreseeable solution. It is the only available women-initiated form of prevention against HIV. Over the past year, positive momentum to integrate the female condom into national HIV prevention programs has occurred on many fronts including South Africa and India who have unilaterally expanded their purchase of female condoms. In addition, a global network of reproduction health rights advocates recently launched the Prevention Now! Campaign, an international campaign dedicated to expanding women's access to the female condom through outreach to governments and digital advocacy. [www.preventionnow.net](http://www.preventionnow.net)

### Australia Fights Domestic Violence Among its Indigenous Communities

The Indigenous Family Violence Offender Program in Australia is a innovative domestic violence program achieving success in four remote Australian indigenous communities. The aim of the program is to reinforce the message that family violence is unacceptable and never has been a part of indigenous culture. Clients for the program are referred through the court system, and can actively participate in skill building while residing in the community.

### New Rape Law Debated in Pakistan

The Pakistani government has vowed to pass a bill to help rape victims prosecute their attackers, "at all costs." The Protection of Women's Rights Bill, set to be considered in October will dramatically alter the rape laws, which currently require a woman to produce four male witnesses to the rape, making convictions very difficult. A woman who fails to prove that she was raped risks being prosecuted for adultery which is punishable by death. The proposed changes have drawn fierce resistance from some religious parties who say the law would be un-Islamic.

### Palestinians Launch New Soap Opera During Ramadan Regarding Domestic Violence

Drugs, espionage, inter-marriage and domestic violence, and peace are the messages displayed in a new TV drama in Palestine launched during this Ramadan. *Shu Fi Ma Fi (What's Up)* started the third week of September and works to use entertainment as a way to spread a message across society. Produced by Palestinians in the West Bank and funded by the British government to promote Peace in the Middle East, it is set as a family comedy aimed to help Palestinians think about things from for than one perspective and changing the social dynamics of society so that there is more room for public debate about subjects such as domestic violence.

### India Uses Kites to Combat HIV

Health activists are taking advantage of India's love of kite flying to try to boost condom usage in a country which has the world's highest number of HIV/Aids sufferers. The kites display messages in colorful decorations about condom usage. They say "Do Ungliyon Ka Khel," meaning it's a game of two fingers. They are harping on two-finger acts like holding a cup of tea or tweaking a mustache to promote the easy and consistent usage of condoms. Mandipa Mukherjee, deputy chief of West Bengal State AIDS Prevention and Control Society, said that trafficking of women and sexual exploitation combined with unprotected sex were responsible for the spread of the deadly disease. The goal is to spread the message when people are in a festive mood as many people still viewed condom as not being much fun. Kite flying is an old past time in Indian culture and the hope is to use it to destigmatize condom usage.

### Finland Supports Grassroots Initiative in Namibia

The Embassy of Finland has donated about N\$393,000 to Women's Solidarity Namibia for its campaign against gender-based violence. Women's Solidarity Namibia started in 1989 under the name Rape Crisis and at the same time was the only NGO dealing with the issue of gender violence. It closed in 2003 due to a lack of funding, but was re-launched in 2005 and is currently training rural women to help victims. This grant will help enable the NGO to continue to do its work.

## V. Calendar Events and Resources

### Events

**October 17: George Mason University's Women's Studies hosts Sompop Jantraka** - founder of DEPDC Thailand [www.depdc.org](http://www.depdc.org) for a presentation on Human Trafficking in Thailand's Golden Triangle. It will take place from 3-4pm in Paul Robeson Room JC 240A. A reception will follow in the Women's Studies center.

**October 17: Friends of Thai Daughters and Project HOPE International "Champion of Hope Award"** - Friends of Thai Daughters and Project HOPE International will present Sompop Jantraka with the "Champion of Hope Award," from 6-9pm at 18th St. Lounge, 1212 18th St, NW. Please RSVP to [depdc-rsvp@hotmail.com](mailto:depdc-rsvp@hotmail.com) or call 202-379-6039.

**October 17 –19: New Zealand Migration Conference-** Directors of immigration from 17 countries across the Pacific will attend the 10th annual Pacific Immigration Director's Conference (PIDC) to be held in Wellington, New Zealand on October 17-19. The theme for this year is strengthened border management across the region to improved social and economic wellbeing and security in the Pacific.

**October 21: The Emancipation Network's "Dreams of Freedom"** - Conference in Hyannis, MA from 3-9pm. Features include live musical performances, art exhibition, great food, and guest speakers Beatrice Fernando (survivor) and Sompop Jukhatra (founder of DEPDC Thailand). All proceeds will benefit DEPDC. Please see attached flyer or email Becky at [becky@madebysurvivors.com](mailto:becky@madebysurvivors.com) for more information. If you can't come, but still want to help, TEN is still seeking artist submissions - these can include photographs, paintings/drawings, poems, songs, etc.

**October 23: Prajwala's "The 50 Brides of Prajwala: Shattered Dreams Reborn" Fundraiser.** The fundraiser will be in the form of a bachelorette party with Indian food and entertainment and will benefit 50 trafficking survivors to be married this fall in ceremonies. The event will take place from 6:30-8:30pm at The Historic Sewall-Belmont House & Museum 144 Constitution Avenue, NE / Washington, DC 20002-5608- phone - (202) 546-1210

**October 27-28: Georgetown University SSTOP "Trafficked" Conference** - Georgetown University's anti-trafficking student group, the Students Stopping the Trafficking of People (SSTOP), will host its second annual "Trafficked" Conference. The conference will have a specific focus on the demand side of human trafficking and will have speakers including Donna Hughes from the University of Rhode Island, Janie Chuang from American University, Wendy Young from the UNHCR, Kathleen Hunt from CARE, and Susan Martin from the Institute for the Study of International Migration among others. Please RSVP to [sstopconference2006@gmail.com](mailto:sstopconference2006@gmail.com) with Name, Address, Phone Number, Emergency Contact Information, Departure City, Transportation Information, Housing Concerns, and Dietary Restrictions.

**October 29: The Emancipation Network goes to Eastern Market** - from 8:30am-6:00pm. Please come visit the TEN table to look at the Made-by-Survivor products, or email Becky at [becky@madebysurvivors.com](mailto:becky@madebysurvivors.com) to sign up to volunteer at the table for any hour of the day.

**November 30: "Human Trafficking, A Global Challenge in Our Own Backyard"**- New York University, The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and Vital Voices Global Partnership, invite you to "Human Trafficking: A Global Challenge in Our Own Backyard" to commemorate the United Nations International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. The event will take place at New York University's Skirball Center for Performing Arts (566 LaGuardia Place at Washington Square South) from 6-8pm with seating beginning at 5pm. Featured panel and moderators includes Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer Prize Columnist for The New York Time, Marilyn Carson, CEO and Chairperson of Carlson Companies, Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Congresswoman, 14<sup>th</sup> District New York City, Ambassador John Miller, Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons United States Department of State, and Julia Ormond, actress and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Goodwill Ambassador for the Abolition of Slavery and Human Trafficking. To RSVP, please contact [trafficking@vitalvoices.org](mailto:trafficking@vitalvoices.org) for more information.



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## New Resources

Global Rights has updated its "**Resources on Human Trafficking**" website." The full list of materials and commentary is available at [www.globalrights.org/trafficking](http://www.globalrights.org/trafficking) under "Resources." The topics covered in Resources are: United Nations, International Labor Organization, Health, Migration, Peacekeeping, Sex Sector, Tools, Africa and Middle East, Asia-Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Russia, Western Europe, Latin America and Caribbean, United States and Canada.

The **International Centre for Migration Policy Development** (ICMPD) is proud to announce the re-launch of the [www.anti-trafficking.net](http://www.anti-trafficking.net). New features include unrestricted access to most of its information.

The United Nations Secretary General has announced a new report, entitled, "**Right of a Child: Report of the Independent for the United Nations Study on Violence against Children.**"

It is now available on the web at:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/docs/study/SGSVAC.pdf>

## UK Crime Reduction Toolkit

Put together in July 2006 by the Government of the United Kingdom (UK) to increase awareness amongst the agencies responsible for tackling the crime of human trafficking and amongst the Crime and Disorder Partnerships that are setting the local priorities for crime reduction in the UK, this toolkit aims to help those who deal with illegal immigrants and trafficking victims - including cases of sexual offences, prostitution, child abuse and labor exploitation - to distinguish victims in genuine need and to deal with them appropriately.  
<http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk/toolkits/tp00.htm>

## World Health Organization Survey

A recent international study conducted by the WHO found that violence against women committed by their live in spouses or partners is widespread, common in both the developing and developing worlds as well as in both rural and urban areas. Find the new report at:  
[http://www.who.int/gender/violence/who\\_multicountry\\_study/en/](http://www.who.int/gender/violence/who_multicountry_study/en/)

To receive the *Trafficking Alert*, please go to the sign-up page: [www.vitalvoices.org/desktopdefault.aspx?page\\_id=38](http://www.vitalvoices.org/desktopdefault.aspx?page_id=38)

To submit or give your feedback, please email Sabrina Karim at [trafficking@vitalvoices.org](mailto:trafficking@vitalvoices.org).

To learn how you can support Vital Voices and its work to advance the economic, political and social status of women around the world, please contact 202-861-2625 ext. 3010

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