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| **Rotary Club Action Plan to End Human Trafficking** |
| ***Human Trafficking is the exploitation of a person for commercial sex or forced labor*** |

**The Issue**

* Human Trafficking is the fastest growing and second largest criminal enterprise in the world.
* Trafficking includes, sex exploitation, labor trafficking and organ harvesting
* Annually, Human Trafficking is a $150 billion industry worldwide.
* It is a global issue that impacts every community in every country.
* Estimated 25 - 42 million victims worldwide; 2-4 million in the U.S
* Victims come from all demographics, all communities.
* Youth are particularly vulnerable; often trafficked for sex as young as 9-13

**Why Rotary?**

* Rotary is uniquely positioned to solve global issues, with over 3 million Rotarians worldwide
* Rotary has a successful track record – we have helped eradicate polio!
* We can mobilize thousands of Rotary clubs to tackle this issue in their own communities.

**What Can Your Club Do?**

**Raise Awareness**

* Sponsor a speaker for your school, church, community group or business.
* Host an event to raise awareness and inform community members about this horrible crime.
* Ask local businesses to post Safe Harbor posters with hotline numbers.
* Post articles on Facebook and on your Club’s website. Follow organizations working to end it.
* Talk about human trafficking with friends, family and colleagues.

**Educate Children and Youth**

* Work with local schools to bring human trafficking and assault prevention curriculum to help youth recognize and avoid dangerous situations.
* Encourage schools to host training programs for teachers and parents to recognize the signs of trafficking and learn what to do if they think someone is being trafficked.
* Engage youth to form student groups or campaigns to stand up against trafficking.

**Reduce Risk Factors**

* Partner with a local organization working with at-risk youth; provide funds and volunteer support.
* Support programs that provide shelter and resources to homeless and runaway youth.
* Volunteer for programs offering victim support. Donate funds and needed supplies for survivors.
* Collaborate with neighboring Rotary Clubs to increase your impact in the community.

**Stop the Demand**

* Partner with organizations that help individuals understand the damage caused by sex trafficking.
* Support programs that teach youth about healthy relationships and respecting women and girls.
* Provide funding for organizations that are working to end violence against women and children.
* Take a personal stand to promote equality and to work to shift attitudes and norms.
* ***Become an ambassador for change!***