

DOMESTIC SERVITUDE

DEFINITION:

Domestic servitude is a specific kind of forced labour, which takes place in a private home.

FACTS:

- People may be promised employment and instead find themselves trapped in someone's house, with no means of completion of their 'contract' or any way out.
- Victims are made to perform domestic tasks, provide childcare or carry out strenuous labour, often without pay and with little access to personal care, space or choice.
- Often victims of domestic servitude are enslaved in the home of someone of similar ethnic background.
- Globally, many female victims of domestic servitude are also victims of sex trafficking.

QUOTE:

"My employers began to beat me. I felt powerless. Most nights, I cried myself to sleep. My new life was a complete misery. I felt so low and humiliated."

