

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING: MYTHBUSTING



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MYTHS...

I do not contribute to human trafficking...

It's all about sex...

# MYTH #1

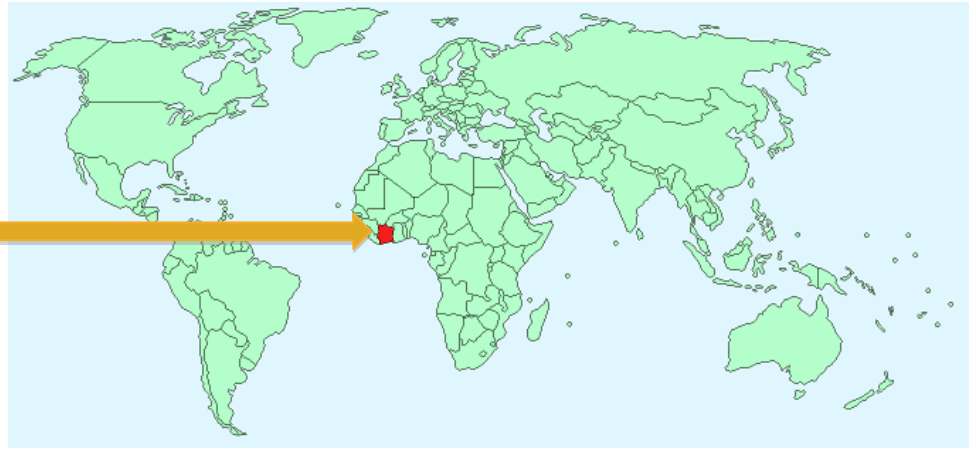
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# CHOCOLATE TASTING



- Over 1/3 of the cocoa that makes the world's chocolate comes from Ivory Coast, Africa.



- It's highly likely that the beans that make up your favourite chocolate bar come from there.



- It is estimated that thousands of children, from within the Cote D'Ivoire and neighbouring countries who pick and harvest these beans have been **TRAFFICKED**.
- They have had their freedom taken away from them and are forced to work long hours doing dangerous work on the cocoa plantations without receiving any money for their work.



CNN CHOCOLATE SLAVES

MYTH #2

IT'S ALL ABOUT SEX



# Other types of trafficking:

**forced labour** - to work on farms; in the fishing industry; in restaurants or perhaps car washes for little or no pay.

**domestic servitude** - a specific kind of forced labour which takes place in a private home; maids, nannies, cleaners.

**forced criminality** - trafficked into and within the UK for forced criminality for a range of crimes, including street crime such as DVD selling, bag snatching, ATM theft, pick-pocketing and forced begging.

**organ harvesting** - removing an organ from a person and selling it for either medical purpose or commercial reason, often retrieved from vulnerable people.

**cannabis cultivation** - high numbers of children, largely from South East Asia, are trafficked to the UK to work in cannabis farms, robbed of their freedom and subject to violence and hazardous conditions.

# KEY UK STATISTICS 2011/12

- 946 potential victims of human trafficking referred **in the UK** during **2011**:
  - 712 of these were adults and 234 were children
  - 634 females / 312 males
  
- ***Provisional*** UK figures for **2012** show an increase, with 1186 referrals in total:
  - 857 were adults and 328 were children
  - 786 females / 400 males

# DISCUSS IN GROUPS:

- What's in it for the exploiter/trafficker?
- What human rights are being breached for the victim?
- What are the risks of this type of trafficking for the victim?

# FEEDBACK



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