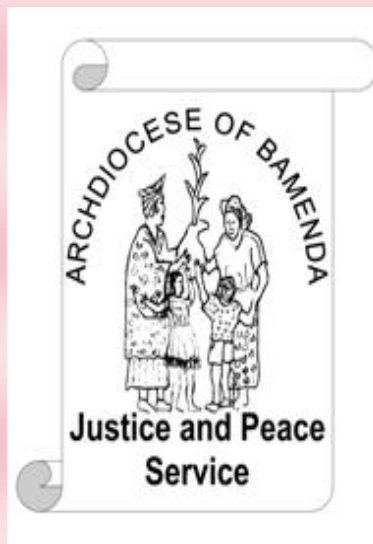


What can you do to help?

Human trafficking is illegal. If you suspect that someone has suffered under any of the practices or conditions described in this brochure, you can help. Human trafficking victims are eligible for protection and assistance.

- Spread the word: You can raise awareness of human trafficking by distributing copies of this brochure to anyone you think might come into contact with people who are vulnerable for trafficking or trafficking survivors.
- Educate yourself and others. The JPC conducts training sessions for parishes, government agencies and CSO's in the North-West Region who may encounter trafficking victims. You can contact us for a training session for your organization.
- Identify and refer trafficking victims. Trafficking survivors can obtain the services they need through the Justice and Peace commission.

Gaining the trust of a victim of human trafficking is an important first step in providing assistance.



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**Human trafficking is
everywhere!**



**Can you recognize a victim of human
trafficking in Bamenda, among the
people you see every day?**

Justice and Peace Commission

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What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery.

Despite laws forbidding slavery and human trafficking in Cameroon, people, especially women and young girls are forced and manipulated into (sexual) slavery in Cameroon every Day.

Human trafficking is a violation of human rights. Human trafficking victims are sold and bought like commodities. They are forced to work in dangerous, unhealthy condition for long hours without breaks, food, or pay. Human trafficking victims are made to sell their bodies on the street. They are deprived of freedom, isolated from the outside world, beaten and abused into submission.

Human trafficking is not a choice.

A person cannot meaningfully consent to become a slave. Most human trafficking victims are frustrated and are desperately seeking for means to escape.

Trafficking is a worldwide human rights crisis affecting almost every country, including Cameroon. Worldwide estimates of trafficked persons range from 800.000 to 900.000 per year.



What is the JPC doing in the North West Region to combat human trafficking?

❖ Prevention

- Carry out public enlightenment and community sensitization programmes to create awareness on human trafficking.
- Organizing seminars and conferences.
- Carry out mass sensitization through the churches, youth groups and radio broadcasting.
- Carry out research on prevalence of the phenomenal of human trafficking in the North West Region of Cameroon.

❖ Protection

- Popularize the existing Child Trafficking Prohibition Law.
- Lobbying for a comprehensive Law on human trafficking in Cameroon which integrates every human being not only children.
- To build up the capacity of judiciary and law enforcement officers on the provisions of the law.

❖ Reintegration

- Receive and counselling of victims.
- Support victims in their rehabilitation process, through life skill training.
- Trace and reunite victims with their families and the community.

How can you recognize a victim?

Victims of trafficking may look like many of the people you meet in the streets of Bamenda every day. By looking beneath the surface and asking yourself these questions, you can help identify potential victims:

- ✓ Is the person accompanied by another person who seems controlling (possibly the trafficker)?
- ✓ Can you detect any physical or psychological abuse?
- ✓ Does the person seem submissive or fearful?
- ✓ Does the person have difficulty communicating because of language or cultural barriers?

Sample Questions to Ask Potential Victims of Human Trafficking.

- ✓ Have you been promised an offer for a better job or schooling opportunity?
- ✓ Can you leave or change your job if you want?
- ✓ Do you receive and control the money you earn?
- ✓ Have you been threatened if you try to leave?
- ✓ Are you forced to work under conditions you do not like?
- ✓ Where do you sleep and eat?
- ✓ Is there a lock on your door so you cannot get out?