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## Abstract

Human trafficking is a rampant crime around the globe. Men, women and children are trafficked in this dirty activity. The scale of women and children trafficking is vast but it is challenging to put a figure on the actual number of women and children trafficked all over the world. The crime of human trafficking is very secretive and remains a hidden activity. Many cases of human trafficking are not reported, while many of those reported are untraced. Women and children are the easiest victims of human trafficking due to their vulnerability, making them an easy target for traffickers.

## Key Points

- Women are introduced into the adult world at a very young age
- Fines given to human traffickers are even lower than those for pushing drugs, and selling illegal arms.
- The lure is better opportunities overseas
- Provides cheap labor
- Often poverty leads some women into trafficking

## Conclusion

Human trafficking has increased, and combating crime is a significant challenge for many governments as the traffickers keep changing their means of carrying their trade. The children and women suffer greatly in the countries they are trafficked to, making their lives miserable. The trafficking of children denies them an opportunity to experience a normal childhood. The vulnerability of women and children has put them at risk of being trafficked. It is, therefore, imperative to deal with the factors that make it easy for criminal gangs to smuggle innocent children and women. More needs to be done to protect women and children from modern-day slavery. Additional research may explore how many deaths due to human trafficking are there per year or how do survivors recover from these traumatic events.

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