

## DAY FOUR: 28<sup>TH</sup> November: *Children Caught in Prostitution.*

### Jennifer's Story

Jennifer is fourteen years old, though she looks much older. She began her "dancing career" in a bar when she was ten years old. 'My friend told me I could find work as a house help, I didn't know I'd be working as a dancer'. Jennifer discovered at a very young age that she had no choice and had to go with her first customer. 'I didn't want to go with him. I was stripped of my clothes, and then he raped me'. This is sex tourism in the Philippines and it is not done covertly. It happens in broad daylight.

*(As told by the survivor)*

### Question:

What is my reaction to this true story?



*Reed & Latino "I have a voice: Trafficked Women in their own words". 2015.*

### Global Facts

- Globally 71% of trafficked victims are women and girls.
- 2 out of 3 children trafficked are female.
- Worldwide 15 million adolescent girls have been victims of forced sex.
- The trafficking industry generates \$150.2 billion dollars annually (ILO)

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2016/12/report>

**POPE FRANCIS:** "The disorder that drives one person to take advantage of another, to treat others as mere objects, imposing forced labour on them... a kind of thinking that leads to the sexual exploitation of children." LS 123

**CEDAW:** (Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) adopted in 1979, aims to:

- ✓ End violence against women
- ✓ Achieve gender equality during peace and war

Suggest reading this during the **16 Days**

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/>

### UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**Goal 5 – Target 5.2** Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.

**Goal 16 - Target 16.2** End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.

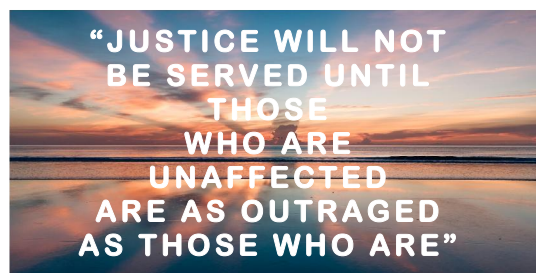


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### UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

"State Parties shall take all appropriate measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment... including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other persons" Art 19.

### ACTION to protect Children's rights

1. Support organisations promoting the rights of children and working for their welfare. <http://www.childrensrights.ie/sites>
2. Keep informed by visiting: <http://www.ecpat.org/>

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## **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

is a systematic and widespread human rights violation. It cuts across age, socio-economic, educational and geographic boundaries...



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## ***16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence...***



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**Countries have no laws to protect women from domestic violence.**

***DAY 4...***

***28<sup>th</sup>***

***November***

## **CHILD MARRIAGE....**



[www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay](http://www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay)

15 million girls under the age of 15 are married each year.



See [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org)