



TAXONOMY PROJECT

As part of the Human Trafficking Center's Taxonomy Project, we have begun to define certain key terms. These terms are meant to aid in research and are purposely not meant to reflect solely legal definitions (see Palermo Protocol, TVPA, and ILO for legal terms).

We see "slavery" (condition), "human trafficking" (process), and "forced labour" (product) as interconnected but not necessarily synonymous. "Sex trafficking," "debt bondage," "enganche," "child soldier," and other terms are sub-categories of "slavery," "human trafficking" and "forced labour." The terms are meant to be interlocking and supportive of each other.

- [] **Slavery:** *The condition of being under the control of another person, in which violence or the threat of violence, whether physical or mental, prevents a person from exercising her/his freedom of movement or free will. (April 20, 2010)*
- [] **Forced Labour:** *All work or service, legitimate or otherwise, which is exacted from any person under violence or the threat of violence, whether physical or mental, which prevents a person from exercising his/her freedom of movement and/or free will.*
- [] **Human Trafficking:** *The recruitment and/or movement of someone within or across borders, through the abuse of power/position with the intention of forced exploitation, commercial or otherwise. (February 9, 2010)*
- [] **Debt Bondage:** *A creditor-debtor arrangement by which a person is forced to work off a debt, legitimate or otherwise, in which his/her movement and/or free will is controlled. When external factors, such as custom or force, eliminate the possibility of repayment by the victim and/or succeeding generations the condition becomes **Bonded Labour**.*
- [] **Sex Trafficking:** *The recruitment and/or movement of someone within or across borders, through the abuse of power/position with the intention of sexual exploitation, commercial or otherwise. (January 11, 2011)*
- [] **Sex worker:** *A person who claims agency or choice to perform sexual acts in exchange for monetary and/or nonmonetary compensation. (March 1, 2011)*
- [] **Prostituted Person:** *A person under the control of another who has limited agency and/or choice and is coerced to perform sexual acts in exchange for monetary and/or nonmonetary compensation. (March 1, 2011)*

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- [🔑] **Child Soldier:** *Any person under the age of 18 engaged in any capacity in an armed group or directly taking part in an armed conflict, due to the special level of vulnerability. (April 19, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Irregular Child Labour:** *Excessive work or work that is detrimental to the welfare or education of children. (April 19, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Migration:** *Movement of persons within or across international borders. (September 27, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Regular Migration:** *Movement of persons within or across international borders authorized by the state of origin, transit, and destination (including Legal Immigration and Legal Emigration). (September 27, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Legal Immigration:** *Movement of persons across international borders as authorized by the destination state. (September 27, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Legal Emigration:** *Movement of persons across international borders as authorized by the state of origin. (September 27, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Irregular Migration:** *Movement of persons, typically under duress and/or subject to extreme deprivation, within or across international borders that is unauthorized by the state of origin, transit, and/or destination. (September 27, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Illegal Immigration:** *Movement of persons across international borders that is unauthorized by the destination state. (September 27, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Illegal Emigration:** *Movement of persons across international borders that is unauthorized by the state of origin. (September 27, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Enganche:** *A coercive system of labour recruitment based on wage advancement intended to entrap workers in a cycle of indebted subsistence. (October 25, 2011)*
- [🔑] **Neo-bondage:** *A short-term/seasonal arrangement in which manipulation of wage advancement or loans to a labourer with severely limited economic opportunities results in the forcible exploitation of labour. (October 25, 2011)*
- [🔑] **OTC (Organ, Tissue, Cell) Trafficking:** *Human trafficking for the purpose of the forced and/or exploitative harvesting of a living person's organ, tissues, cells, and/or body parts. (January 24, 2012)*
- [🔑] **Forced Marriage:** *A union in which one or both spouses has not or cannot give free and full consent for any reason but not limited to age, disability, cultural, and/or the use of power/position. (February 14, 2012)*

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- [🔑] **Arranged Marriage:** *A union, orchestrated by a third party, in which both spouses give free and full consent. (February 14, 2012)*
- [🔑] **Involuntary Servitude:** *The condition under which forced labour is exacted. (April 17, 2012)*
- [🔑] **Indentured Servitude:** *The condition in which an individual enters into a contractual agreement, freely or otherwise, binding him/her to work for an employer for a fixed term in order to repay a debt. (April 17, 2012)*

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL TERMS

- [🔑] **Forced Labour:** *All work or service which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the said person has not offered himself voluntarily”
(International Labour Organization C029 – Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) Convention Concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour (Entry into force: 01 May 1932))*
- [🔑] **Trafficking in Persons:** *The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.
(Art. 3, subpara. a - Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, Supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime, G.A. Res. 25, annex II, U.N. GAOR, 55th Sess., Supp. No. 49, at 60, U.N. Doc. A/45/49 (Vol. I) (2001), (Entry into force: 09 September 2003). (aka, “The Palermo Protocol,” “The Trafficking in Persons Protocol”).)*

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