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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACF	HHS Administration for Children and Families
CBP	DHS U.S. Customs and Border Protection
CCHT	DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking
CEOS	DOJ Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section
COR	Contracting Officer's Representative
C-TIP	Countering Trafficking in Persons
CTIP	Combating Trafficking in Persons
CTIP PMO	DOD Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Management Office
DHS	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
DOD	U.S. Department of Defense
DOI	U.S. Department of the Interior
DOJ	U.S. Department of Justice
DOL	U.S. Department of Labor
DOS	U.S. Department of State
DOS TIP Office	DOS Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
DSS	DOS Diplomatic Security Service
ECM	DOJ Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Program
EEOC	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EOUSA	DOJ Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys
ETA	DOL Employment and Training Administration
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FLETC	DHS Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

FY	Fiscal Year
GAO	U.S. Government Accountability Office
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HSI	DHS Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations
HTPU	DOJ Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit
ILO	International Labour Organization
INL	DOS Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IVLP	DOS International Visitor Leadership Program
MLARS	DOJ Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
NHTTAC	HHS National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center
OJP	DOJ Office of Justice Programs
OPDAT	DOJ Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training
OSHA	DOL Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OTIP	HHS Office on Trafficking in Persons
OVC	DOJ Office for Victims of Crime
PITF	President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
PMT	DOJ OJP Performance Management Tool
PRM	DOS Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
SOAR	HHS Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond (SOAR) to Health and Wellness Training Program
SPOG	Senior Policy Operating Group

TIMS	Trafficking Information Management System
TIP	Trafficking in Persons
TIP Report	DOS Trafficking in Persons Report
TVAP	HHS Trafficking Victim Assistance Program
TVPA	Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
UN	United Nations
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
USCIS	DHS U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
WHD	DOL Wage and Hour Division

Executive Summary

This report, the *Attorney General's Annual Report to Congress on U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Fiscal Year 2023*, details the U.S. government's activities during Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 (October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023) to combat human trafficking, including efforts to protect human trafficking victims, prosecute human trafficking offenses, and prevent human trafficking.¹

Highlights of U.S. Government Anti-Trafficking Activities in FY 2023

Protection

Victim Services

- ❖ The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Victim Services Division provided services to 1,774 human trafficking victims in 550 cases. FBI victim specialists provided services involving crisis response, victim support and assistance, needs assessment, victim notification, and service referrals.
- ❖ U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) grantees providing direct services to human trafficking victims reported 10,235 individuals served for the first time, with an average of 7,160 confirmed or potential human trafficking victims served per quarter.
- ❖ The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued 582 Certification Letters to foreign national adults and 2,148 Eligibility Letters to foreign national minors who experienced human trafficking and met specific eligibility rules to allow them access to federally funded benefits and services, such as financial assistance, medical care, and housing assistance, to the same extent as refugees. These figures represent decreases from the 731 Certification Letters that HHS issued to foreign national adults and the 2,226 Eligibility Letters that HHS issued to foreign national minors in FY 2022.
- ❖ HHS's Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) funded a network of award recipients and subrecipients that served 1,577 foreign national human trafficking victims through OTIP's Trafficking Victim Assistance Program. This figure represents a decrease from the 2,527 foreign national victims that grantees served in FY 2022.
- ❖ OTIP-funded Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Programs grantees—which fund comprehensive case management, direct services, and referrals through community partnerships to U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents who have experienced human trafficking—served 744 U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents. This figure represents a decrease from the 1,237 individuals that grantees served in FY 2022.

¹ This report reflects information from the U.S. Department of Justice and other U.S. government agencies and departments involved in anti-trafficking efforts.

- ❖ The HHS-supported National Human Trafficking Hotline—a confidential, multilingual hotline² available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, that provides information and referrals to services and support for potential human trafficking victims, survivors, and witnesses, and provides tips to law enforcement agencies—received reports of 9,877 potential human trafficking cases. This figure represents a decrease from the 10,013 reports of potential human trafficking cases that the National Human Trafficking Hotline received in FY 2022.
- ❖ The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Victim Assistance Program assisted 731 human trafficking victims. This figure represents a decrease from the 765 victims assisted in FY 2022.
- ❖ The U.S. Department of State’s (DOS) Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP Office) funded projects that provided 3,703 trafficking victims with short-term to long-term services, including shelter, medical and psychosocial care, repatriation, legal aid, and reintegration assistance. This figure represents a decrease from the 13,435 victims served in FY 2022.³
- ❖ DOS’s Diplomatic Security Service’s (DSS) Victims’ Resource Advocacy Program performed outreach overseas and domestically to approximately 300 individuals identified as victims of human trafficking in DSS investigations. This figure represents an increase from the approximately 200 individuals provided outreach in FY 2022.
- ❖ The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) received nine new charges of employment discrimination with indicators of human trafficking,⁴ recovering \$5,000 in monetary benefits for those allegedly harmed. There were 11 such charges pending at the end of FY 2023. In FY 2022, the EEOC received three new charges of employment discrimination with indicators of human trafficking, recovering more than \$191,000 for those allegedly harmed.
- ❖ The Legal Services Corporation, an independent nonprofit corporation established by Congress to provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans, recorded 391 human trafficking case closures in calendar year 2023. This figure represents a decrease from the 436 human trafficking cases closed in calendar year 2022.

Immigration Protection

- ❖ DHS’s Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT) and HSI granted 382 Continued Presence requests (269 new requests and 113 extension requests) to

² Assistance is available in English and Spanish, and in more than 200 other languages through an on-call interpreter.

³ The COVID pandemic resulted in an increase for services, and that demand has decreased in years following. Further, several projects that focused exclusively on victim services closed in FY 2023.

⁴ These are charges of employment discrimination filed with the EEOC in which EEOC enforcement staff indicated that human trafficking indicators were also present. The EEOC tracks this information in its charge filing system.

noncitizens identified as victims of human trafficking.⁵ These figures represent a decrease from 298 granted requests and an increase from 36 extensions issued in FY 2022.

- ❖ The FBI reported submitting 135 Continued Presence applications (44 new applications and 91 extensions) that DHS approved. This figure represents an increase from the 23 new applications and five extensions that DHS approved in FY 2022.
- ❖ DHS U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) granted T nonimmigrant status to 2,181 human trafficking victims and 1,495 family members of trafficking victims.⁶ These figures represent increases from the 1,715 human trafficking victims and 1,319 trafficking victims' family members granted T nonimmigrant status in FY 2022.
- ❖ USCIS met the statutory cap of 10,000 grants of U nonimmigrant status⁷ for victims of certain qualifying criminal activities (which may include human trafficking) and granted U nonimmigrant status to 7,889 qualifying family members, for a total of 17,889 grants of U nonimmigrant status. This figure represents an increase from USCIS's 17,429 grants of U nonimmigrant status in FY 2022.

Prosecution

Investigations and Arrests

- ❖ The FBI initiated 666 human trafficking investigations and conducted 145 Federal arrests associated with human trafficking cases. By comparison, the FBI initiated 665 investigations and conducted 171 Federal arrests in FY 2022.
- ❖ HSI initiated 1,282 investigations related to human trafficking (1,087 related to sex trafficking; 393 related to forced labor) and reported 2,610 criminal arrests (2,245 sex trafficking; 324 forced labor).⁸ By comparison, HSI initiated 1,373 investigations related to human trafficking and reported 3,655 criminal arrests in FY 2022.

⁵ Continued Presence is a temporary immigration designation provided to noncitizens identified by law enforcement officials as victims of human trafficking. Continued Presence allows noncitizen victims who are potential witnesses to remain in the United States temporarily during the ongoing investigation into the human trafficking-related crimes committed against them. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(3).

⁶ T nonimmigrant status is a temporary immigration benefit that enables certain victims of human trafficking to remain in the United States for up to four years if they have assisted law enforcement in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of human trafficking (or they qualify for an exemption due to age or an exception due to trauma), and meet other requirements. T nonimmigrant status is also available for certain qualifying family members of trafficking victims. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101(a)(15)(T), 1184(o); 8 C.F.R. 214.200–214.216.

⁷ U nonimmigrant status is a temporary immigration benefit available to certain victims of qualifying criminal activity, including human trafficking, who have suffered substantial mental or physical abuse and who have been, are being, or are likely to be helpful to certifying officials in the detection, investigation, prosecution, conviction, or sentencing of qualifying criminal activity, and meet other requirements. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101(a)(15)(U), 1184(p); 8 C.F.R. 214.14.

⁸ HSI derived these statistics from an HSI case management system that allows investigators to select the nature of the investigation only when investigators open the investigation. The number of human trafficking investigations initiated therefore includes investigations that involved a suspicion of human trafficking at the time of initiation, regardless of whether officials confirmed the suspicion and regardless of which crimes, if any, were ultimately

- ❖ DOS’s DSS opened 230 sex and labor trafficking investigations. This figure represents an increase from the 208 investigations that DSS opened in FY 2022.
- ❖ DOJ’s U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) conducted *Operation We Will Find You* in March through May 2023. The 10-week national operation took place in 16 locations across the United States and resulted in the recovery of 169 children and the safe location of 56 additional children. During the operation, USMS referred 28 cases to other law enforcement agencies for further investigation of crimes such as drugs, weapons, sex trafficking, and sex offender violations.
- ❖ The U.S. Department of Labor’s (DOL) Wage and Hour Division (WHD) worked with criminal law enforcement agencies in 44 human trafficking cases by making referrals, receiving referrals for investigation under WHD laws, and assisting with the computation of restitution for victims.

Prosecutions and Convictions

- ❖ DOJ, through U.S. Attorneys’ Offices, the Civil Rights Division’s Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit (HTPU), and the Criminal Division’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section and Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section, brought 181 total human trafficking prosecutions, 169 of which involved predominantly sex trafficking and 12 of which involved predominantly labor trafficking. By comparison, DOJ brought 162 human trafficking prosecutions in FY 2022, 155 of which involved predominantly sex trafficking and 7 of which involved predominantly labor trafficking.
- ❖ DOJ charged 258 defendants, 239 of whom predominantly engaged in sex trafficking and 19 of whom predominantly engaged in labor trafficking. By comparison, DOJ charged 310 defendants in FY 2022, 264 of whom predominantly engaged in sex trafficking and 46 of whom predominantly engaged in labor trafficking.
- ❖ DOJ secured convictions against 289 traffickers, 258 of whom predominantly engaged in sex trafficking and 31 of whom predominantly engaged in labor trafficking. By comparison, DOJ secured convictions against 256 traffickers in FY 2022, 248 of whom predominantly engaged in sex trafficking and 8 of whom predominantly engaged in labor trafficking.⁹

charged or reached conviction. The number of criminal arrests also includes instances in which HSI turned over individuals arrested in HSI enforcement actions to another law enforcement agency with no further action by HSI.

⁹ These prosecutions and convictions include cases brought under trafficking-specific criminal statutes and related non-trafficking criminal statutes, but they do not include child sex trafficking cases brought under non-trafficking statutes. As in previous *Attorney General’s Annual Report to Congress on U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons* reports, these convictions reflect guilty verdicts and guilty pleas with respect to which the court entered a Judgment of Conviction during the fiscal year covered by the report. These include some previously unreported guilty verdicts or guilty pleas entered in a prior year where the court entered a final Judgment of Conviction during FY 2023.

Sentences

- ❖ Of the 276 criminal defendants convicted in cases in which Federal prosecutors charged at least one Chapter 77 human trafficking offense,¹⁰ 240 defendants (87 percent) received a prison sentence, 24 defendants (9 percent) received a suspended sentence, 5 defendants (2 percent) received a fine-only sentence, and 3 defendants (1 percent) received a probation-only sentence. (The sentence type was missing for 4 defendants.) The average prison term for the 240 defendants sentenced to prison was 15.8 years. This figure represents an increase from the average prison term of 15.4 years in FY 2022. Prison terms ranged from 2 months to life in prison. Of the 240 defendants sentenced to prison, 143 (60 percent) received prison terms of more than 10 years, 61 (25 percent) received prison terms from 5 to 10 years, and 36 (15 percent) received prison terms of less than 5 years.¹¹

U.S. Department of Defense Investigations

- ❖ The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) reported criminally investigating 230 incidents under the Uniform Code of Military Justice connected with exploitation, abuse, and potential human trafficking involving DOD military, civilian, and contractor personnel.¹²

Prevention

Training and Technical Assistance

- ❖ OVC anti-trafficking training and technical assistance grantees reported conducting 305 trainings for 15,097 participants during the one-year period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. These figures represent an increase from the 238 trainings that OVC grantees conducted for 10,917 participants during the previous 12 months. The grantees also completed 1,808 technical assistance requests with 3,890 recipients.
- ❖ The Civil Rights Division's HTPU delivered over 65 anti-trafficking training programs to over 6,000 participants representing Federal, State, local, Tribal, territorial, and

¹⁰ Chapter 77 trafficking offenses are offenses under sections 1581 (peonage; obstructing enforcement), 1583 (enticement into slavery), 1584 (sale into involuntary servitude), 1589 (forced labor), 1590 (trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor), 1591 (sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion), 1592 (unlawful conduct with respect to documents in furtherance of trafficking, peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor), and 1594 (general provisions) of Title 18 of the U.S. Code.

¹¹ DOJ drew the reported data from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Integrated Database, which tracks cases only by the statutes involved, does not indicate all applicable charges when law enforcement officials charge a defendant with more than five offenses, and does not capture human trafficking cases resolved by pleas to other charges.

¹² DOD follows the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), which does not explicitly prohibit human trafficking as defined under Federal law. UCMJ provisions that prohibit armed forces personnel from engaging in commercial sex, child abuse, and child exploitation and the UCMJ's "General Article," which prohibits, *inter alia*, a range of other non-capital violations of the U.S. Code, including fraud in foreign labor contracting and misuse of a passport, address allegations of exploitation and abuse—some of which may involve human trafficking indicators or potential human trafficking victims. It is unclear how many of the 230 incidents involved potential human trafficking victims or crimes as defined under Federal law. Of the 230 incidents, 18 involved indicators of forced labor. Of these, officials resolved 17 through remedial measures that did not require a determination that the conduct constituted forced labor, while one remained pending.

international law enforcement agencies, other governmental and nongovernmental anti-trafficking partners, and multilateral organizations.

- ❖ The FBI held more than 300 trainings related to human trafficking matters for more than 11,500 participants.
- ❖ The Not Invisible Act Commission (NIAC), a cross-jurisdictional advisory committee composed of Federal and non-Federal members, made recommendations to the U.S. Congress and Federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and DOJ, to improve intergovernmental coordination and establish best practices for State, Tribal, and Federal law enforcement; bolster resources for survivors and victims' families; and combat the missing and murdered Indigenous peoples (MMIP) crisis. The NIAC held 10 public field hearings across the United States, including a two-day virtual hearing, to listen to law enforcement officials, Tribal leaders, survivors, families, Federal officials, health practitioners and other subject matter experts, and the public in some of the areas most affected by the MMIP crisis. NIAC collected at least 260 testimonies because of the public hearings.¹³
- ❖ The U.S. Department of Education conducted a webinar series to address child and youth trafficking in U.S. schools. The series drew attention to the important efforts underway in the United States' education community to address sex and labor trafficking.
- ❖ DOD's Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Management Office launched specialized healthcare and human trafficking training for the Defense Health Agency's 140,000 employees, including nearly 108,000 active-duty medical personnel, and a specialized counter-trafficking training for the 5,276 DOD chaplains.
- ❖ DHS's CCHT conducted 135 trainings for 14,350 individuals on indicators of human trafficking, identification of potential victims and the victim-centered approach, Continued Presence, and human trafficking investigative strategies.
- ❖ DHS's Blue Campaign enrolled 63 new partner organizations and provided 194 external human trafficking training events to 19,626 nongovernmental organization, law enforcement, congressional, and public attendees.
- ❖ HHS OTIP's National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) trained 55,172 training participants during 75 unique training and technical assistance activities. By comparison, NHTTAC trained 44,395 participants during 114 unique training and technical assistance activities in FY 2022.

¹³ NIAC delivered its final recommendations in a November 2023 report, "[*Not One More*](#)": [*Findings and Recommendations of the Not Invisible Act Commission*](#), which included more than 200 recommendations to the United States.

- ❖ DOI provided human trafficking training to 1,802 individuals, including DOI law enforcement officers, DOI contracting officers, and individuals affiliated with or representing Tribal communities.
- ❖ DOS TIP Office implementers trained 10,585 service providers, providing technical assistance and capacity building regarding providing trauma-informed services. This figure represents a decrease from the 12,618 service providers trained by DOS TIP Office implementers in FY 2022.
- ❖ The EEOC held 128 agency outreach events focused on human trafficking that more than 7,680 individuals attended.

International Project Awards

- ❖ DOL obligated a total of nearly \$34 million for five new projects and 11 cost increases for ongoing projects designed to combat forced labor around the world. By comparison, DOL obligated \$38.9 million for six new projects and three cost increases for ongoing projects in FY 2022.
- ❖ DOS's TIP Office awarded more than \$66 million to fund 55 projects (both new projects and cost extensions for existing projects) worldwide that address both sex and labor trafficking, including \$25 million in support of the Program to End Modern Slavery. As of September 2023, the DOS TIP Office had 108 open anti-trafficking projects in more than 80 countries, in addition to eight global projects, totaling more than \$230 million. By comparison, the DOS TIP Office had 114 open anti-trafficking projects in 95 countries, in addition to 15 global projects, totaling more than \$222 million as of September 2022.

Introduction

This report, the *Attorney General's Annual Report to Congress on U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Fiscal Year 2023*, submitted in accordance with 22 U.S.C. § 7103(d)(7), describes activities carried out by U.S. government agencies during Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 to protect human trafficking victims, prosecute human trafficking offenses, and prevent human trafficking. The report consists of three main sections: **Protection**, **Prosecution**, and **Prevention**.

- ❖ The **Protection** section features information on Federal agency efforts to protect human trafficking victims through benefits and other services, address the needs of minor victims of sex trafficking, and furnish appropriate immigration relief to human trafficking victims and their families.
- ❖ The **Prosecution** section provides data on Federal human trafficking investigations, arrests, prosecutions, convictions, and sentences. It also describes task force tactics and strategies to reduce demand, Federal efforts to eliminate money laundering related to human trafficking, and cooperative efforts among Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute human trafficking offenses.
- ❖ The **Prevention** section reports domestic training and outreach activities by Federal agencies, anti-trafficking activities of the Federal interagency Senior Policy Operating Group, Federal enforcement of procurement termination and remedy clauses, Federal efforts to prevent merchandise manufactured in foreign countries using forced labor from being imported into the United States, Federal actions to enforce prohibitions on U.S. government procurement of items or services produced by forced labor, and Federal grants and other assistance to combat human trafficking in countries around the world.

The appendices provide Federal criminal case summaries, information on restitution orders awarded by Federal courts in FY 2023, an overview of Federal agencies' international training and outreach activities, and detailed information on U.S. government projects to combat human trafficking in the United States and worldwide.

I. Protection

A. Benefits and Other Services Provided to Human Trafficking Victims

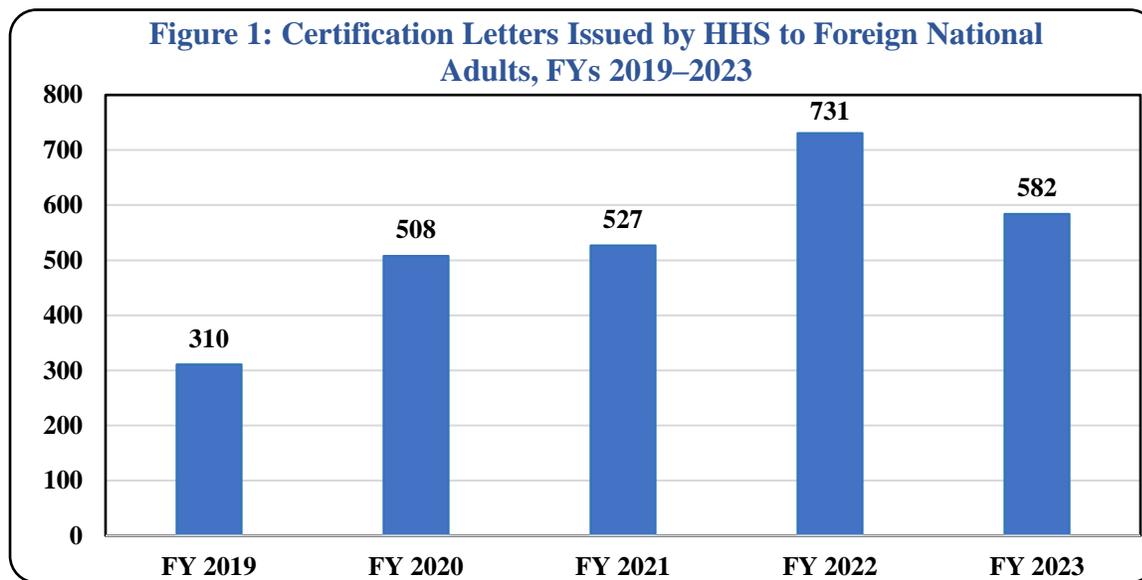
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

a. Benefits and Services for Foreign National Victims of Human Trafficking

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) issues Certification Letters to foreign national adults and Interim Assistance and Eligibility Letters to foreign national children who may have or have experienced human trafficking and meet eligibility criteria in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

(TVPA).¹⁴ These letters allow recipients to apply for benefits and services, such as financial assistance, medical care, and housing assistance, to the same extent as refugees.

HHS issued 582 Certification Letters to foreign national adults and 2,148 Eligibility Letters to foreign national children in FY 2023. See **Figure 1** for information on the numbers of Certification Letters issued to foreign national adults in FYs 2019–2023, **Figure 2** for information on the type of human trafficking experienced by foreign national adults who received Certification Letters in FY 2023, **Figure 3** for information on the numbers of Eligibility Letters issued to foreign national children in FYs 2019–2023, and **Figure 4** for information on the type of human trafficking experienced by foreign national children who received Eligibility Letters in FY 2023.¹⁵



¹⁴ An Interim Assistance Letter provides notice that HHS has determined that the foreign national minor *may have* experienced human trafficking and is eligible for benefits and services for 90 days with the option for HHS to extend up to 120 days while HHS makes a final determination.

¹⁵ This report rounds percentages. Some figures reported in the *Attorney General’s Annual Report to Congress on U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons* for prior fiscal years have been adjusted for accuracy in the current report.

Figure 2: Type of Human Trafficking Experienced by Foreign National Adults who Received Certification Letters, FY 2023

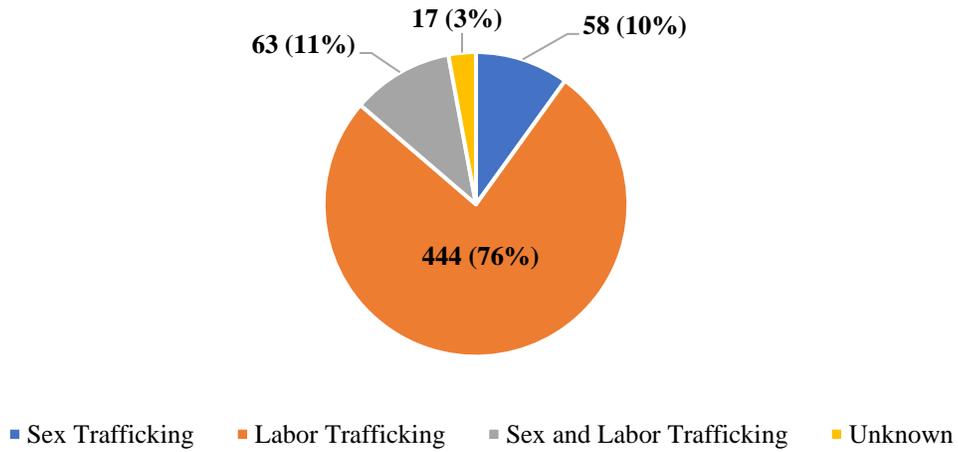


Figure 3: Eligibility Letters Issued by HHS to Foreign National Children, FYs 2019–2023

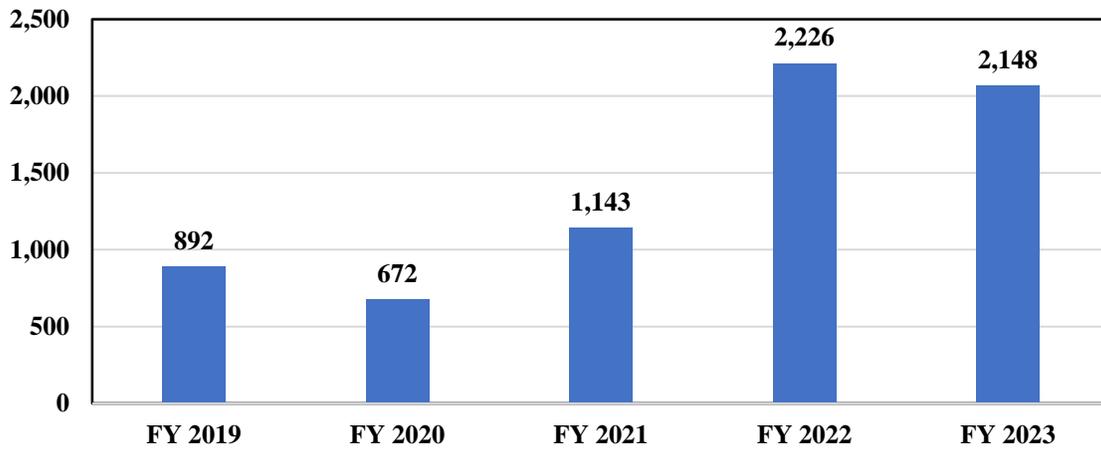
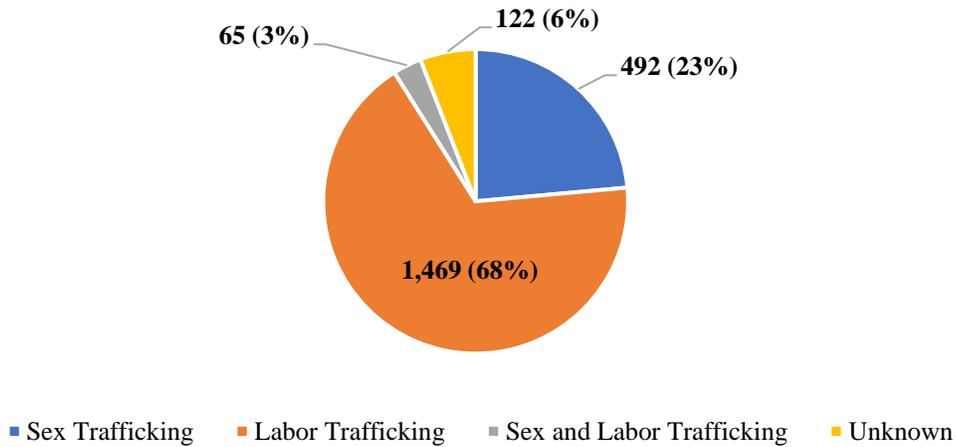


Figure 4: Type of Human Trafficking Experienced by Foreign National Children who Received Eligibility Letters, FY 2023



OTIP funds case management and support services for foreign national victims and potential victims of human trafficking and qualified family members through the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP).¹⁶ In FY 2023, OTIP provided case management services through TVAP to 1,577 foreign national human trafficking victims in the United States and U.S. territories.¹⁷ See **Figure 5** for information on the numbers of foreign nationals that TVAP served in FYs 2019–2023,¹⁸ **Figure 6** for information on the type of human trafficking experienced by foreign nationals that TVAP served in FY 2023, and **Table 1** for information on the top five countries of origin of foreign nationals that TVAP served in FY 2023.

¹⁶ TVAP has three distinct programs: the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, Aspire: Child Trafficking Victim Assistance Demonstration Program, and Lighthouse: Services, Outreach, and Awareness for Labor Trafficking Demonstration Program.

¹⁷ Of the 1,577 total clients served across all programs, 1,573 were unique individuals.

¹⁸ HHS restructured the per-capita funding model for the TVAP program in FY 2019 to allow more flexibility in the length of enrollment and to contain costs as victims continue accessing services for extended periods (up to 36 months) while seeking Continued Presence or T nonimmigrant status and HHS Certification. The new structure limits enrollment in the program to foreign victims of trafficking and potential victims seeking HHS certification and provides ceilings on the amount of funding that can be spent on single clients and households. Family members may no longer be independently enrolled in the program and will be reported as a part of the victim’s household as opposed to an individual case. When the collection was renewed in FY 2021, recipients were no longer required to report the total number of family members served. The question was simplified: “Does the client have family members receiving services from grant recipient? Yes/No.” Therefore, OTIP is no longer able to report out the number of family members served, but, rather, the number of potential victims with eligible family members receiving benefits or services under the restructured TVAP.

Figure 5: Foreign Nationals Served by HHS’s Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, FYs 2019–2023

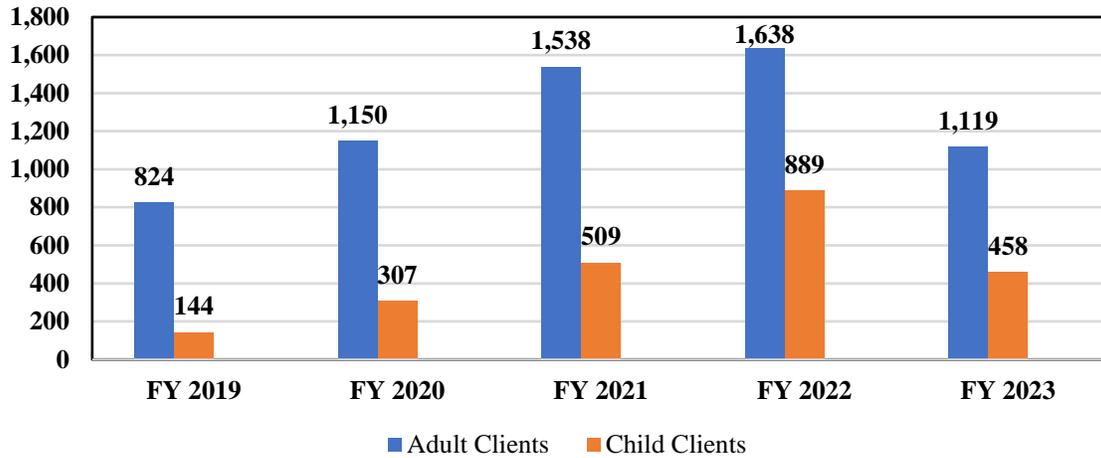


Figure 6: Type of Human Trafficking Experienced by Foreign Nationals Served by HHS’s Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, FY 2023

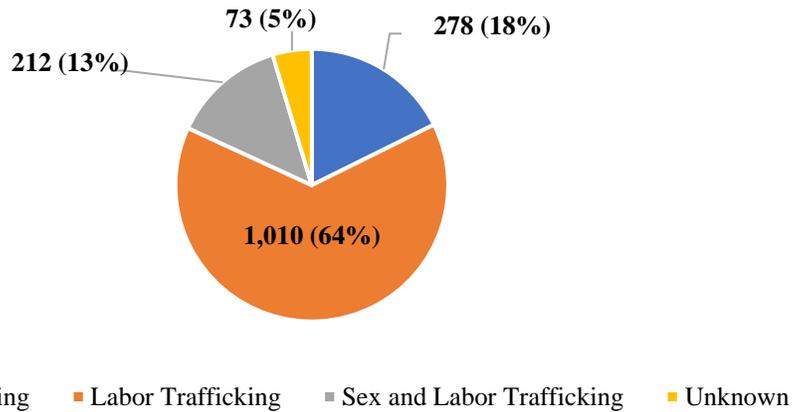
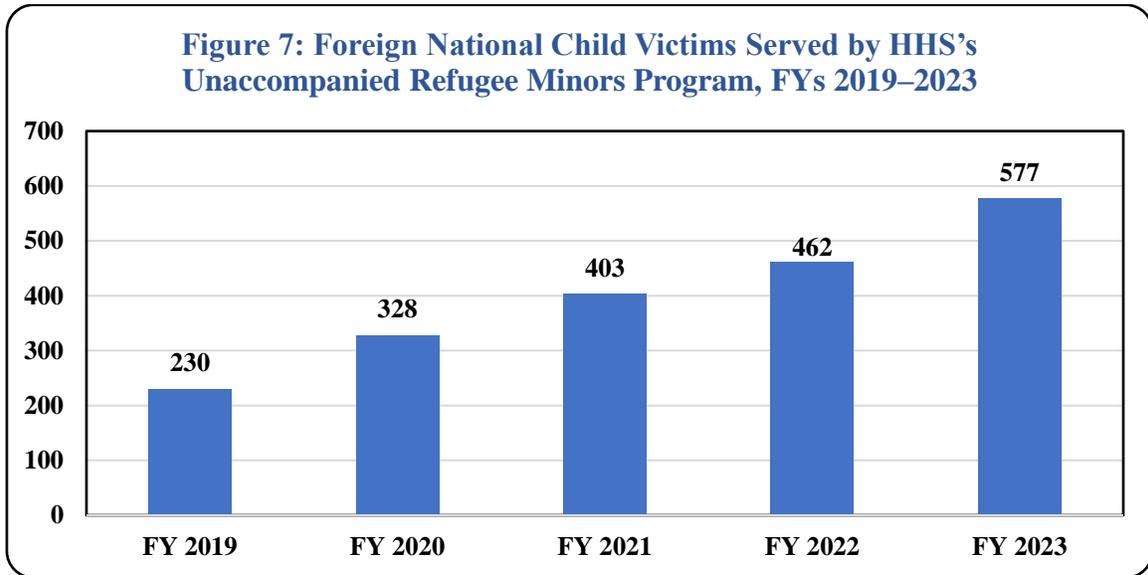


Table 1: Top Five Countries of Origin of Foreign National Victims Served by HHS’s Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, FY 2023

Country of Origin	Number of Clients
Honduras	349
Guatemala	317
Mexico	315
El Salvador	168
Philippines	106

Foreign national children currently in the United States identified as victims of human trafficking and who receive an Eligibility Letter from HHS are eligible to apply for HHS’s

Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program (URM), an HHS-funded foster care program. See **Figure 7** for information on the numbers of foreign national child victims that URM served in FYs 2019–2023.



b. Benefits and Services for U.S. Citizen and Lawful Permanent Resident Victims of Human Trafficking

OTIP funds comprehensive services for U.S. citizen and lawful permanent resident victims of human trafficking through its Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking (DVHT) Programs. See **Figure 8** for information on the numbers of clients that the DVHT Programs served in FYs 2019–2023 and **Figure 9** for information on the type of human trafficking experienced by clients that the DVHT Programs served in FY 2023.

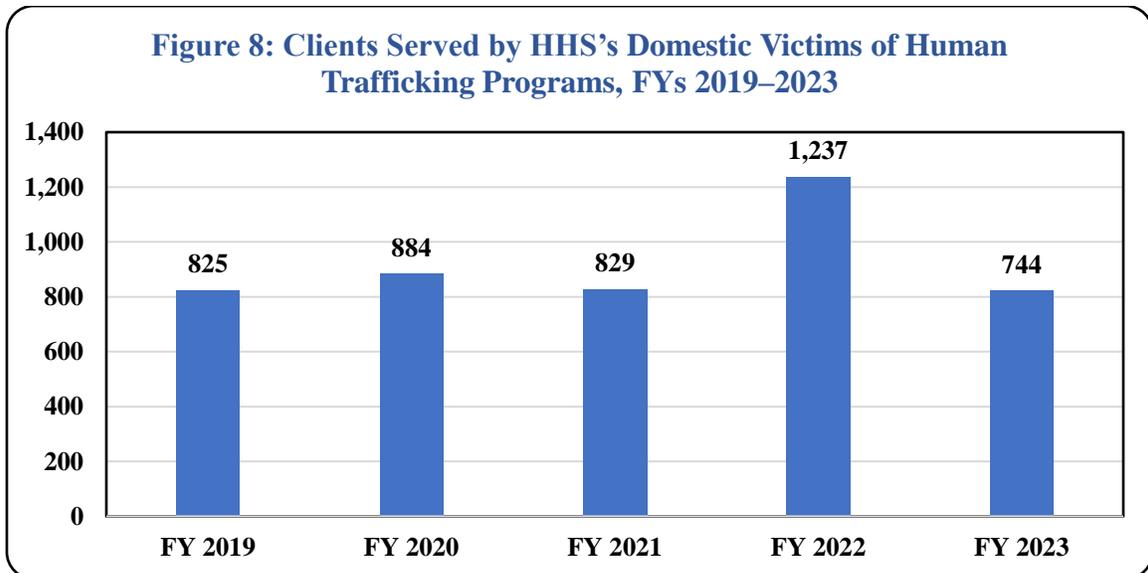
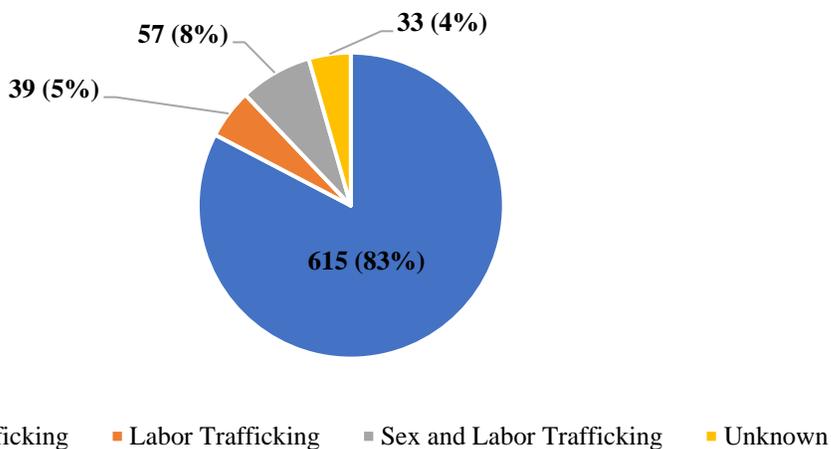


Figure 9: Type of Human Trafficking Experienced by Clients Served by HHS’s Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Programs, FY 2023



c. Assistance Provided by the National Human Trafficking Hotline

The HHS-funded [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) (Hotline) is a confidential, multilingual hotline¹⁹ available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, that provides information and referrals to services and support for potential trafficking victims, survivors, and witnesses, and provides tips to law enforcement agencies. *See* **Figure 10** for information on the numbers of potential human trafficking cases that the Hotline received in FYs 2019–2023, **Figure 11** for information on the type of potential human trafficking cases that the Hotline received in FY 2023, **Figure 12** for information on the gender identity of potential victims in cases that the Hotline received in FY 2023, and **Figure 13** for information on the age of potential victims in cases that the Hotline received in FY 2023.

¹⁹ Assistance is available in English and Spanish, and in more than 200 other languages through an on-call interpreter.

Figure 10: Potential Human Trafficking Cases Received by the National Human Trafficking Hotline, FYs 2019–2023

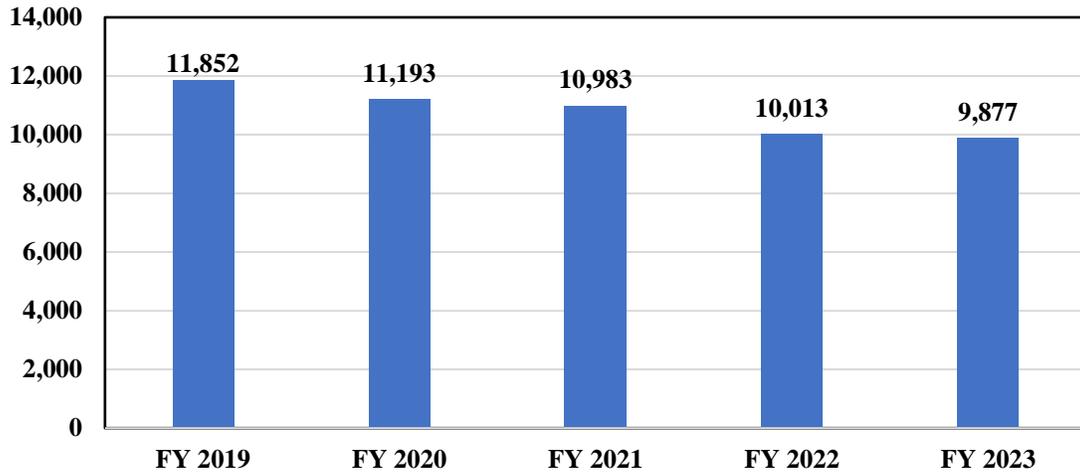


Figure 11: Type of Potential Human Trafficking Cases Received by the National Human Trafficking Hotline, FY 2023

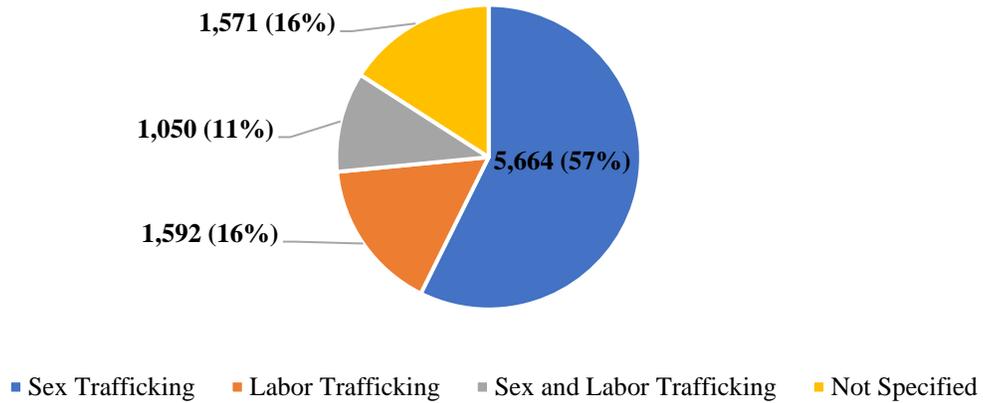
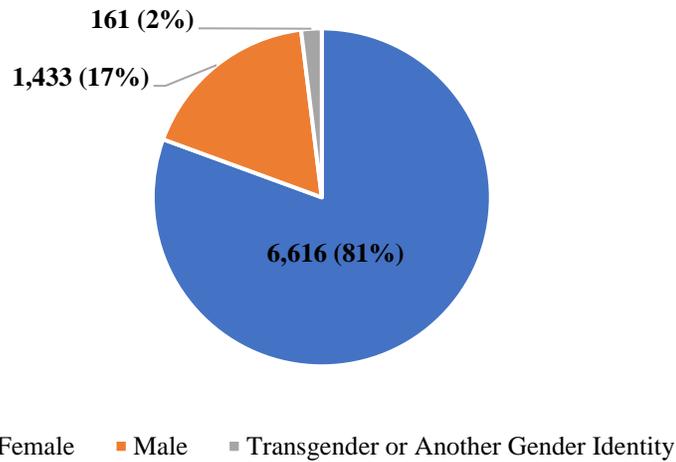
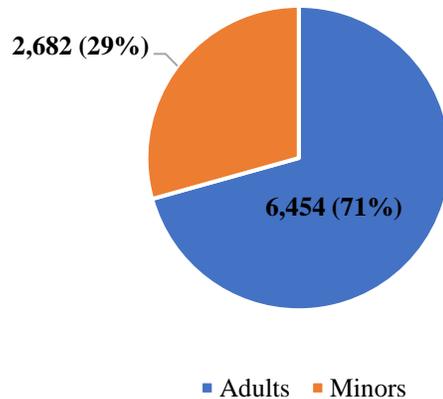


Figure 12: Gender Identity of Potential Victims in Cases Received by the National Human Trafficking Hotline, FY 2023



*Of the 8,210 cases in which the gender identity of the potential victim was known.

Figure 13: Age of Potential Victims in Cases Received by the National Human Trafficking Hotline, FY 2023



*Of the 9,123 cases in which the age of the potential victim was known.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Victim Assistance Program assisted 731 human trafficking victims in FY 2023. *See Figure 14* for information regarding the numbers of victims assisted in FYs 2019–2023, **Figures 15** and **16** for information on the age group and gender of victims assisted in FY 2023, and **Tables 2** and **3** for information on the immigration status and country of origin of victims assisted in FY 2023.

Figure 14: Human Trafficking Victims Assisted by the HSI Victim Assistance Program, FYs 2019–2023

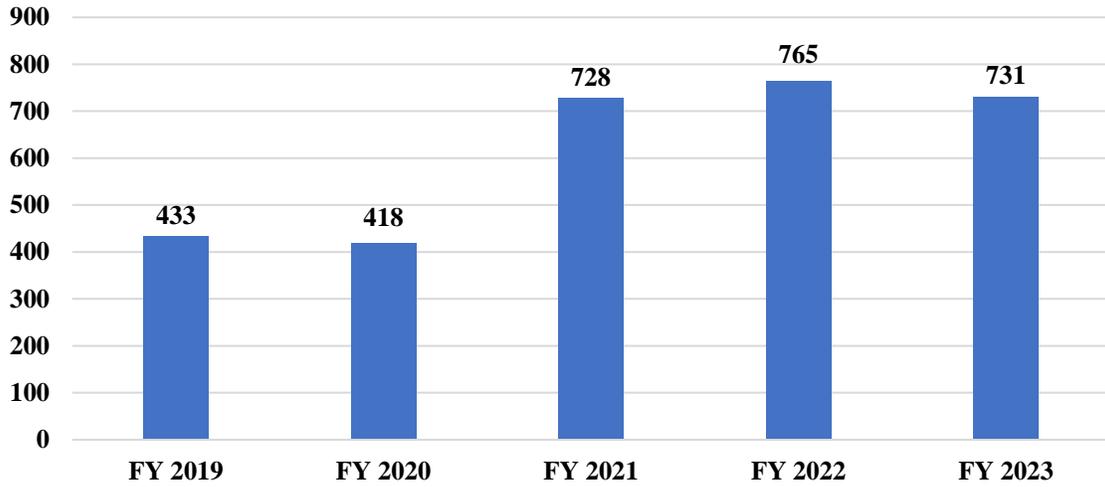
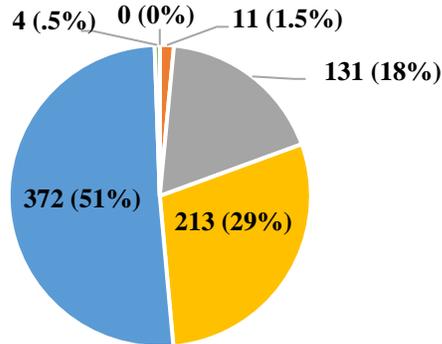


Figure 15: Age Group of Human Trafficking Victims Assisted by the HSI Victim Assistance Program, FY 2023



- 0-3 years old
- 4-12 years old
- 13-17 years old
- 18-25 years old
- 26-64 years old
- 65 years old and older

Figure 16: Gender of Human Trafficking Victims Assisted by the HSI Victim Assistance Program, FY 2023

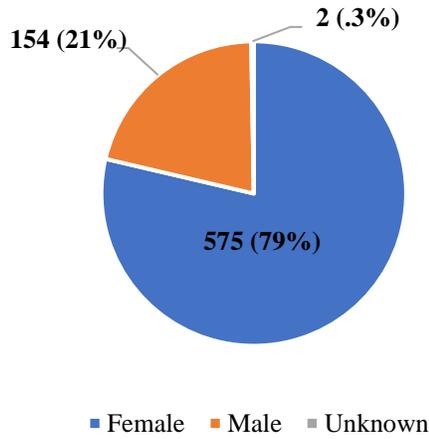


Table 2: Immigration Status of Human Trafficking Victims Assisted by the HSI Victim Assistance Program, FY 2023

Immigration Status	Human Trafficking Victims Assisted
Asylum	9
Entry Without Inspection	123
Lawful Permanent Status	19
Marriage Visa	1
Overseas Victim	15
Refugee	1
Student Visa	2
Tourist Visa	12
U.S. Citizen	393
Visa Overstay	26
Visa Waiver	2
Work Visa	94
Unknown	34

Table 3: Country of Origin of Human Trafficking Victims Assisted by the HSI Victim Assistance Program, FY 2023

Country of Origin	Human Trafficking Victims Assisted
Argentina	9
Bahamas	3
Bangladesh	2
Burma	1
Canada	1
Chile	3
China	26

Country of Origin	Human Trafficking Victims Assisted
Colombia	12
Comoros	1
Cuba	9
Dominican Republic	22
Ecuador	1
El Salvador	4
Ethiopia	1
Ghana	2
Guatemala	18
Honduras	9
India	2
Japan	1
Kazakhstan	1
Kenya	1
Korea, Republic of	11
Laos	2
Mexico	94
Mongolia	1
Nicaragua	6
Nigeria	2
Pakistan	1
Panama	1
Peru	15
Philippines	5
Poland	1
Russia	1
Senegal	2
South Africa	1
Spain	1
Sri Lanka	1
Turkey	14
Ukraine	4
United Kingdom	2
United States	392
Unknown	24
Uzbekistan	1
Venezuela	18
Zambia	2
Total	731

U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys

U.S. Attorneys' Offices employ highly trained Victim Witness professionals to facilitate the provision of rights and services during Federal prosecutions. In FY 2023, these personnel continued to assist the growing population of highly traumatized human trafficking victims who need the utmost care and sensitivity. Victim Witness professionals establish rapport with victims to provide necessary trauma-informed victim services, including, for example, emergency medical care, safe housing, crisis response, support at court proceedings, and victim notification. To plan for coordinated services for human trafficking victims, Victim Witness professionals and specialized Assistant U.S. Attorneys participate in local human trafficking coalitions and task forces. These partnerships, formed with Federal, State, and local law enforcement victim specialists, social services, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and faith-based organizations, ensured that victims received services from the beginning and throughout the full duration of the criminal justice process in FY 2023. The involvement of U.S. Attorneys' Offices in these task forces also enabled them to stay informed about available services for victims and trends in their communities.

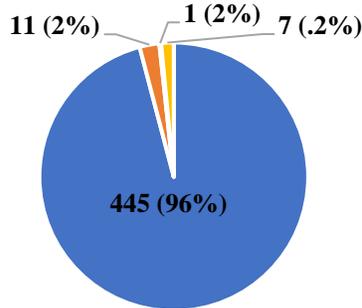
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Victim Services Division's 173 victim specialists provided services to 1,774 human trafficking victims in 550 cases in FY 2023. FBI victim specialists provided services involving crisis response, victim support and assistance, needs assessment, victim notification, service referrals, and ongoing support to victims and families throughout the investigative process.

In FY 2023, the FBI located 464 human trafficking victims and identified 374 victims of human trafficking.²⁰ See **Figures 18** and **19** for information on the type of trafficking experienced by these victims.

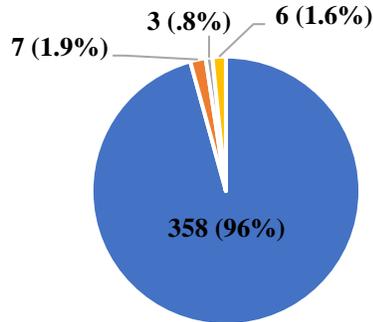
²⁰ The FBI defines "located" to denote when law enforcement officials encounter and recover a victim. The FBI defines "identified" to include law enforcement identification of a person who has experienced human trafficking based on evidence and indicators in the investigation to date, regardless of whether law enforcement officials have encountered and recovered the person. It is possible for law enforcement officials to identify an individual victim but not locate them, for law enforcement officials to identify and locate an individual victim simultaneously, and for law enforcement officials to identify and *subsequently* locate a victim, either in the same FBI field office area of responsibility or in another FBI field office area of responsibility. Law enforcement officials may also locate the same victim more than once, for example, when the victim is re-trafficked and law enforcement officials recover the victim again, either in the same jurisdiction or elsewhere.

Figure 18: Type of Human Trafficking Experienced by Victims Located by the FBI, FY 2023



- Child Sex Trafficking
- Adult Sex Trafficking - U.S. Persons
- Labor Trafficking
- Human Trafficking (Unspecified)

Figure 19: Type of Human Trafficking Experienced by Victims Identified by the FBI, FY 2023



- Child Sex Trafficking
- Adult Sex Trafficking - U.S. Persons
- Labor Trafficking
- Human Trafficking (Unspecified)

Office of Justice Programs

DOJ’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP) awarded more than \$100 million in FY 2023 to empower communities to respond to human trafficking, offer essential services to survivors, and support research regarding effective methods to combat human trafficking and serve human trafficking victims. FY 2023 funding included \$47 million for victim service awards addressing a broad range of comprehensive and specialized service needs, \$19 million to support multidisciplinary anti-trafficking task forces, \$16.5 million for housing assistance for trafficking victims, \$12 million for services to minor victims of sex and labor trafficking, \$4 million for State governments to work with multidisciplinary partners to improve outcomes for child victims, and \$5 million for training and technical assistance awards to improve identification of and assistance to trafficking victims nationwide, including for housing, legal services, and enhanced responses to labor trafficking.

Victim Services

In FY 2023, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), an OJP program office, collected data from anti-trafficking grantees within three reporting systems due to an ongoing effort to transition OVC grantees to a new performance measure data reporting and collection system. Until the transition to one system is complete and OVC collects a full year of data, the respective systems will report multiple data sets since current OVC anti-trafficking grantees have been reporting on similar, but different, measures with different time frames. Because of these factors, OVC cannot aggregate the FY 2023 data.

OVC's original performance data system, the Trafficking Information Management System (TIMS) Online, collects data at an individual case level on a semiannual basis. FY 2023 is the final year that OVC will report on TIMS data. The new system is the Performance Management Tool (PMT), which collects data at an aggregate level on a quarterly basis. The TIMS and PMT systems collect data for the human trafficking direct service provider grantees. The third system in use, JustGrants, is a reporting system that collects data for the human trafficking training and technical assistance providers on a semiannual basis. OJP anticipates that eventually all OJP grantees will report performance measure data using JustGrants.

The PMT data presented below represent the activities of FY 2020, FY 2021, and FY 2022 grantee cohorts from October 2022 to September 2023. In FY 2023, there were 342 active awards across 249 human trafficking direct service provider grantees. The data for this analysis are based on 314 awards reporting data in the PMT²¹ across 241 grantees for nine different service or program types (e.g., direct services, housing, and services for minors).

The TIMS data reported below document reported activities of active OVC anti-trafficking grantees from FY 2019 and prior fiscal years that supported service delivery. From July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, 86 OVC grantee organizations implementing 137 awards providing direct services to trafficking victims across the country reported in TIMS.

a. Individuals Served

PMT: In FY 2023, grantees reporting in the PMT reported 10,235 individuals whom they served for the first time, with an average of 7,160 confirmed or potential sex and labor human trafficking victims served per quarter.²² **Tables 4–7** below provide information pertaining to new individuals served by OVC grantees reporting in the PMT.

²¹ At the time of data analysis in December 2023, 28 awards were in the process of completing reporting or did not have grant activity to report.

²² This average reflects new and returning individuals served.

Table 4: Age Cohort of New Individuals Served by OVC Grantees (PMT), FY 2023

Age Cohort	New Individuals Served
0–12 years old	384
13–17 years old	2,580
18–24 years old	2,132
25–59 years old	4,472
60 years old and older	109

Table 5: Race of New Individuals Served by OVC Grantees (PMT), FY 2023

Race	New Individuals Served
American Indian or Alaska Native	265
Asian	684
Black or African American	2,573
Hispanic or Latino	2,623
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	107
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	2,386
Some Other Race	110
Multiple Races	535

Table 6: Gender of New Individuals Served by OVC Grantees (PMT), FY 2023

Gender	New Individuals Served
Male	1,727
Female	7,904
Transgender	185
Non-Binary	95
Other Gender Identity ²³	14

Table 7: Type of Human Trafficking Based on New Individuals Served by OVC Grantees (PMT), FY 2023

Type of Trafficking	New Individuals Served
Sex Trafficking	7,038
Labor Trafficking	1,984
Sex and Labor Trafficking	712
Undetermined	501

TIMS: For the one-year period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, OVC grantees providing direct services to human trafficking victims across the country reported²⁴ 10,967 “open

²³ This category includes gender non-conforming, unknown gender, gender other than singularly female or male, and not applicable.

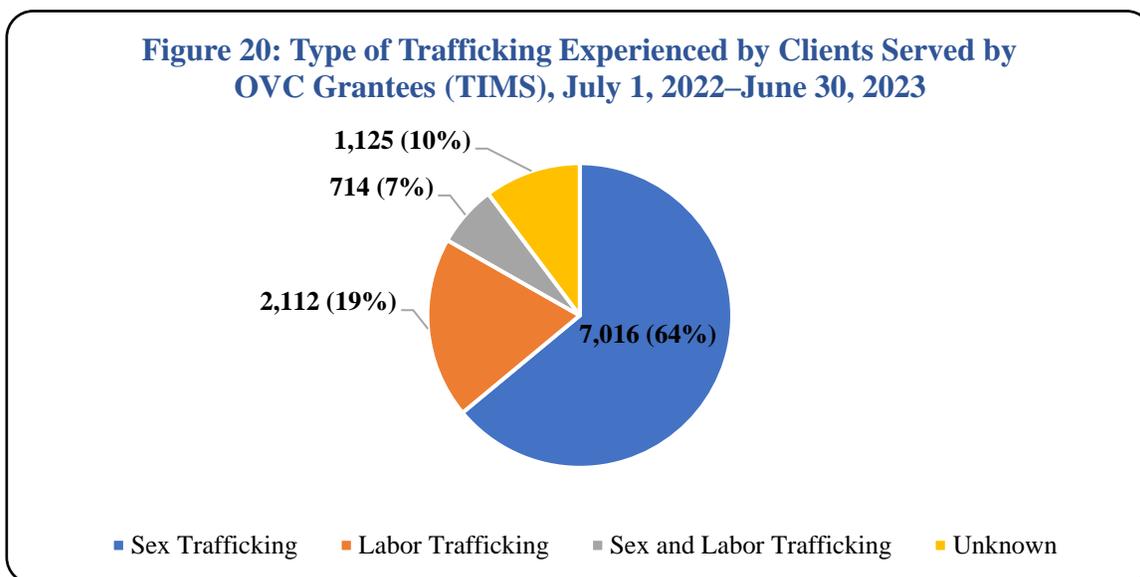
²⁴ OVC provides grantees with a standardized reporting tool, TIMS, to collect performance measurement data, and pre-FY 2020 grantees submit reports to OVC on a semiannual basis. The statistics and general trends described in

client cases” in TIMS. See **Table 8** for information on open client cases reported by OVC grantees in TIMS for program years 2018–2022.²⁵

Table 8: Open Client Cases Reported by OVC Grantees (TIMS), Program Years 2018–2022

Program Year	New Client Cases	Existing Client Cases	Open Client Cases
2018–2019	5,090	3,285	8,375
2019–2020	5,968	3,886	9,854
2020–2021	5,931	4,139	10,070
2021–2022	5,418	10,972	16,390
2022–2023	2,644 ²⁶	8,323	10,967

Figures 20–23 provide information on clients served by OVC grantees reporting in TIMS for the one-year period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.



this subsection reflect the activities of 137 OVC human trafficking grantees reporting in TIMS during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

²⁵ The program year runs from July 1 through June 30. Program year 2022–2023, for example, ran from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

²⁶ The comparatively low program year 2022 numbers reflect the decreased number of OVC awards reporting in TIMS as OVC grantees transitioned to reporting in the PMT.

Figure 21: Gender of Clients Served by OVC Grantees (TIMS), July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023

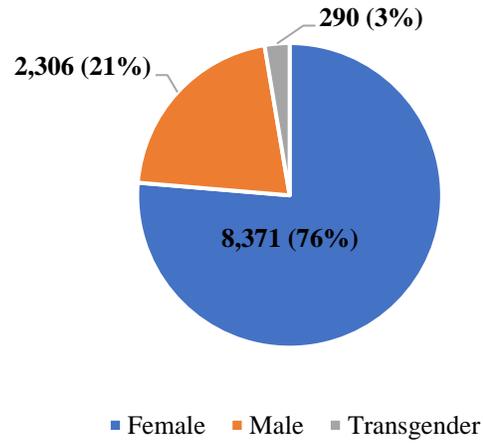


Figure 22: Age of Clients Served by OVC Grantees (TIMS), July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023

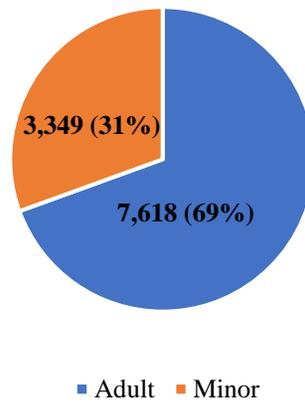
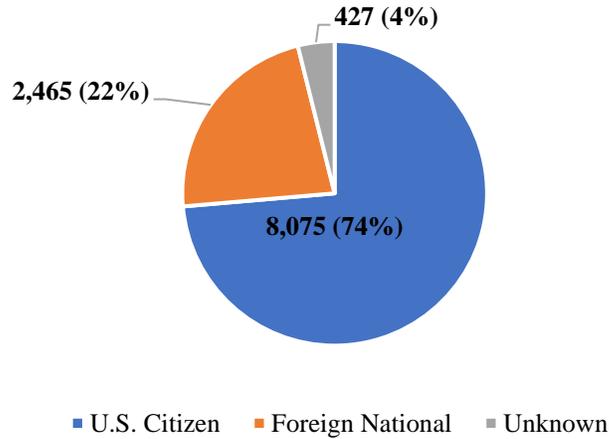


Figure 23: Citizenship of Clients Served by OVC Grantees (TIMS), July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023



*“U.S. Citizen” includes clients who are lawful permanent residents.

b. Services Provided

PMT: In FY 2023, OVC grantees reporting in the PMT provided 465,151 occurrences of services to individuals. The most common services provided included case management, individual advocacy, emergency financial assistance, transportation assistance (e.g., coordination of services), and referral to other services, supports, and resources (e.g., legal and medical). See **Table 9** for information on the most common services provided by these grantees.

Table 9: Most Common Services Provided by OVC Grantees (PMT), FY 2023

Service	Number of Occurrences
Case Management	110,155
Individual Advocacy	41,060
Emergency Financial Assistance	32,372
Transportation Assistance	29,578
Referral to Other Services, Supports, and Resources	23,011

TIMS: For OVC grantees reporting in TIMS from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the top five time-based services provided to clients were ongoing case management, emotional and moral support, legal services, employment assistance, and housing and shelter advocacy. The top incident-based services provided were housing and rental assistance, personal items, mental health treatment, financial assistance, and transportation.

U.S. Department of Labor

Wage and Hour Division

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Wage and Hour Division (WHD) conducts investigations to determine compliance with Federal labor standards, including minimum wage, overtime, child labor prohibitions, and worker protections of several nonimmigrant visa programs. WHD is authorized to recover unpaid wages and liquidated damages for workers, impose civil money penalties, and seek injunctive relief. WHD conducts investigations across industries that are historically vulnerable to labor exploitation, including restaurants, construction, food processing, manufacturing, agriculture, and the garment sector.

While WHD does not have Federal authority to investigate human trafficking, it is well-positioned to detect potential human trafficking indicators during the normal course of investigations, make referrals to other law enforcement agencies, and calculate restitution for victims in collaboration with other investigative agencies.²⁷ WHD investigators are trained to remain alert to any signs of possible human trafficking, exploitation, or coercion, which may be physical or psychological, subtle or overt. Red flags that WHD investigators may encounter during investigations include confiscation of identification, withholding of documents or pay, restriction of movement or communication, and threats of violence or adverse legal consequences. When WHD detects human trafficking indicators, WHD makes a referral of suspected human trafficking to Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, U.S. Attorneys' Offices, DOJ's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, and DOL's Office of Inspector General at the Federal level.

Employment and Training Administration

DOL Employment and Training Administration (ETA) programs provide services to individuals who experience multiple factors that contribute to being vulnerable to human trafficking. ETA continues to work to raise awareness of human trafficking among several of its programs, including Job Corps, YouthBuild, Wagner-Peyser, and the National Farmworker Jobs Program, to ensure its programs are accessible to human trafficking victims and respond to their needs.

As mandated by the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015,²⁸ the Job Corps program, a residential career training program for opportunity youth,²⁹ changed its eligibility criteria to make the program more accessible to trafficking victims and allow them to self-identify at enrollment. In April 2023, Job Corps further revised its eligibility requirements to include priority enrollment for certain eligible applicants, including those who are homeless or victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons.³⁰ Twenty-one Job Corps applicants and 11

²⁷ Restitution may include unpaid wages or damages related to unjust enrichment of human traffickers who profit from a victim's forced labor or commercial sex acts.

²⁸ See P.L. 114-22, § 604.

²⁹ Opportunity youth are young people who are between the ages of 16 to 24 years old and disconnected from school and work.

³⁰ Job Corps *Policy and Requirements Handbook* (PRH), Chapter 1: Enrollment Services, April 20, 2023. 1.2 (Eligibility), R5 (Priority Enrollment), page 1.2-7.

enrolled Job Corps students self-identified as human trafficking victims in FY 2023. ETA's November 2022 webinar on "Making a Trauma-Informed Approach Work on Your Center: First Steps" educated Job Corps staff about working effectively with students who experienced trauma, which can include trauma from human trafficking.

U.S. Department of State

The U.S. Department of State's (DOS) Diplomatic Security Service's (DSS) Victims' Resource Advocacy Program (VRAP) performed outreach overseas and domestically to approximately 300 individuals identified as victims of human trafficking in DSS investigations (an increase from approximately 200 individuals provided outreach in FY 2022). VRAP continued to focus on specialized client engagement during FY 2023 to ensure personalized support during investigative interviews, court proceedings, and victim interactions. VRAP was instrumental in obtaining temporary immigration status for multiple victims testifying against traffickers and collaborated with dozens of private entities for shelter placements and case management. Examples of VRAP-tailored support included providing community connections, advocacy letters, clarification of rights and entitlements, securing interpreters, identifying housing options for victims, helping to ensure legal representation, guiding completion of visa or immigration support documents, coordinating with NGOs to maintain contact with victims, arranging transportation, and coordinating mental healthcare logistics. VRAP works to provide assurances of safety to survivors and explain the vital role the victim witness has in the prosecution of those accused of human trafficking or related criminal acts. The program continues to identify needs, provide specialized presentations and trainings to DSS agents where appropriate, facilitate interpretation, and create responsive options in a victim-centered manner. DSS worked through VRAP and in collaboration with prosecutors to incorporate victim impact statements and requests for restitution into criminal sentencing proceedings.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces Federal employment discrimination statutes that prohibit workplace discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy), national origin, age (40 and older), disability, or genetic information (including family medical history). These statutes empower the EEOC to investigate charges on behalf of and seek compensation for victims of discrimination. At the conclusion of the investigation, the EEOC may file lawsuits to protect the rights of individuals and the interests of the public; it litigates a small percentage of the charges it investigates. In some cases, labor-related human trafficking also may violate EEOC-enforced employment discrimination laws. In FY 2023, the EEOC received nine new charges of employment discrimination with indicators of human trafficking,³¹ recovering \$5,000 in monetary benefits for those allegedly harmed. There were 11 such charges pending at the end of FY 2023.

Legal Services Corporation

The Legal Services Corporation, an independent nonprofit corporation established by

³¹ These are charges of employment discrimination filed with the EEOC in which EEOC enforcement staff indicated that human trafficking indicators were also present. The EEOC tracks this information in its charge filing system.

Congress to provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans, recorded 391 total human trafficking case closures in calendar year 2023 (a decrease from 436 in calendar year 2022). Of the 391 case closures, Legal Services Corporation staff members closed 376 cases. *See Table 10* for information on case closures.

Table 10: Legal Services Corporation Human Trafficking Case Closures, Calendar Year 2023

Grantee Name	State/Territory	Cases Closed by Legal Services Corporation Staff	Cases Closed by Private Attorneys
Georgia Legal Services Program	Georgia	72	0
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.	Texas	64	0
Legal Aid of Wyoming, Inc.	Wyoming	44	0
Legal Aid Chicago	Illinois	26	2
Utah Legal Services, Inc.	Utah	26	0
Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.	North Carolina	17	0
Colorado Legal Services	Colorado	16	0
Indiana Legal Services, Inc.	Indiana	14	1
Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida, Inc.	Florida	14	0
Ohio State Legal Services	Ohio	10	0
Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Inc.	Virginia	10	0
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.	Wisconsin	10	0
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	California	9	1

Grantee Name	State/Territory	Cases Closed by Legal Services Corporation Staff	Cases Closed by Private Attorneys
Lakeshore Legal Aid	Michigan	0	8
Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota Corporation	Minnesota	5	0
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	California	5	0
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	Missouri	4	0
Legal Aid Services of Oregon	Oregon	4	0
Micronesian Legal Services Corporation	Northern Mariana Islands ³²	4	0
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.	Ohio	3	0
Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc.	Minnesota	3	0
Northwest Justice Project	Washington	3	0
Michigan Advocacy Program	Michigan	0	2
Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.	Florida	2	0
American Samoa Legal Aid	American Samoa	2	0
Maryland Legal Aid	Maryland	0	1
Central Jersey Legal Services, Inc.	New Jersey	1	0
Kansas Legal Services, Inc.	Kansas	1	0

³² Micronesian Legal Services Corporation's central administrative office is in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It also has offices in Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands. [Home - Micronesian Legal Services Corporation.](#)

Grantee Name	State/Territory	Cases Closed by Legal Services Corporation Staff	Cases Closed by Private Attorneys
Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.	Florida	1	0
South Carolina Legal Services, Inc.	South Carolina	1	0
Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands	Tennessee	1	0
Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas	Texas	1	0
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County	California	1	0
Inland Counties Legal Services, Inc.	California	1	0
Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc.	Idaho	1	0
Total		376	15

B. U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Activities to Meet the Needs of Minor Victims of Domestic Trafficking

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

The FBI's Victim Services Division expanded services to minor victims of human trafficking by hiring 10 new Victim Specialists and eight additional Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewers (CAFI) who filled vacancies in FY 2023. CAFIs assist case agents by providing case consultations, conducting forensic investigative interviews of adult and minor victims of domestic and international human trafficking, and conducting training for agents on interviewing techniques for this population. CAFIs conducted 150 forensic interviews of human trafficking victims in FY 2023.

Office for Victims of Crime

OVC continued to provide specialized services and assistance to meet the specific needs of minor victims of domestic trafficking by funding three programs in FY 2023. These programs support a comprehensive range of emergency and long-term services and responses to minor victims and individuals at risk of being trafficked, including case management services, legal

services, and physical and behavioral health services. OVC expects grantees to implement developmentally appropriate and evidence-based practices. Grantees may also use funding to support services to family members. OVC anti-trafficking grantees also serve youth and young adult survivors of human trafficking through other anti-trafficking programs that are not specifically youth-focused.

In FY 2023, OVC made 3 awards under the [Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking](#) program totaling more than \$4 million; 13 awards under the [Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking](#) program totaling almost \$12 million; and 7 awards under the [Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance](#) program totaling nearly \$4.5 million.

U.S. Marshals Service

The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) conducted [Operation We Will Find You](#) from March through May 2023. The 10-week national operation took place in 16 locations across the United States and resulted in the recovery of 169 children and the safe location of 56 additional children. During the operation, USMS referred 28 cases to other law enforcement agencies for further investigation of crimes such as drugs, weapons, sex trafficking, and sex offender violations.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

HHS's Administration for Children and Families (ACF) released and developed new resources to help State agencies and community providers strengthen the child welfare response to human trafficking. Resources included an [information memorandum](#), published in December 2022, that elevates resources available to assist States in meeting legal requirements intended to protect children and youth from negative outcomes associated with human trafficking. Additionally, ACF hosted a [National Briefing Call: Responding to Human Trafficking through the Child Welfare System](#), which discussed new resources available from ACF to assist child welfare systems, States, schools, nonprofit organizations, and practitioners in responding to concerns of human trafficking among children and youth, including those connected to child welfare systems. Additionally, ACF entered into a [Memorandum of Agreement](#) with DOL's WHD to advance efforts to address child labor exploitation through information sharing, coordination, training, and education.

Children's Bureau

ACF's Children's Bureau continued to fund the Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative, a partnership among the Center for States, Center for Tribes, and Center for Courts, during FY 2023. The Center for States provides ongoing support to the Preventing and Addressing Sex Trafficking Peer Group, which addresses the ongoing challenges of preventing and responding to sex trafficking in the child welfare system. The Center and its partners have developed resources to help State and territorial child welfare agencies meet the requirements of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, as well as learning experiences

and resources to improve the overall response of child welfare agencies to the incidence of sex trafficking.

Office on Trafficking in Persons

As stated earlier, HHS's OTIP issues Eligibility and Interim Assistance Letters to foreign national minors who have or may have experienced human trafficking, respectively, including those who experienced trafficking in the United States. OTIP also funds comprehensive case management services for letter recipients, their qualifying family members, and U.S. citizen and lawful permanent resident minors who have experienced trafficking. Minors who have experienced trafficking can also access services and safety planning through the OTIP-funded National Human Trafficking Hotline. In FY 2023, OTIP provided training to over 6,000 participants on the Child Eligibility process and child trafficking through monthly trainings and other formats.

Additionally, OTIP funds local education agencies to train students and staff members to identify and respond to human trafficking in school-based settings. In FY 2023, 414 schools trained 2,313 educators and staff members and 23,925 students. These efforts led to the identification of 76 students as potential victims of trafficking.

OTIP provides training and technical assistance for grant recipients and healthcare and public health professionals specific to minor populations through the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center and its Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Human Trafficking (SOAR) Health and Wellness Training Program modules. In FY 2023, OTIP launched SOAR modules on [responding to human trafficking through the child welfare system](#) and [working with foreign national minors who have experienced trafficking](#). In FY 2023, participants completed 47,614 trainings across all modules, an increase from 41,447 in FY 2022.

OTIP funds regional prevention education initiatives through the Regional Anti-Trafficking Initiative Support and Engagement projects. In collaboration with HHS regional employees in the Children's Bureau and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, OTIP funded multiple human trafficking prevention education trainings during FY 2023 for child welfare staff members of residential and congregate care facilities in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Family and Youth Services Bureau

ACF's Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) administers the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program, which serves as the national leader and sole Federal program dedicated to the provision of emergency and longer-term shelter and comprehensive support services to youth who have run away or are experiencing homelessness. Youth who have run away or are experiencing homelessness or housing instability often encounter high-risk situations such as poverty, street violence, sex trafficking and survival sex work; a high incidence of sexually transmitted infections; food insecurity; and overall concerns of safety and well-being.

FYSB funds the Street Outreach Program to support street-based services for youth who have run away or are experiencing homelessness or housing instability and may be living on the street. Grantees conduct outreach to youth ages 21 years and younger to reduce the risk of sexual

abuse, sexual exploitation, and other forms of victimization to help youth leave the streets and move into safe settings. Grantees receive targeted training and technical assistance to support the effective implementation of program services. In FY 2023, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity Building Center (RHYTTAC) offered a training focused on screening and assessment practices for runaway and homeless youth settings. The session shared formal and informal practices to help grantees identify potential victims of human trafficking within their programs.

In FY 2023, FYSB revised its webpage detailing the intersection of human trafficking for each of the primary programs supported by the Children’s Bureau. FYSB also released multiple social media posts and updated the carousel slide on the landing page of the FYSB website and National Clearinghouse on Homeless Youth and Families website to highlight the observance of National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Additionally, RHYTTAC released a tip sheet, [“Human Trafficking: Screening and Assessment Tools and Practices for Runaway and Homeless Youth Settings,”](#) which provides guidance to organizations in using screening and assessment tools to identify victims of trafficking and recognizing trafficking in RHY settings. Additionally, RHYTTAC and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago released [“An Evidence Review on Prevention, Screening, Assessment, & Intervention for Youth Experiencing Homelessness and Human Trafficking,”](#) which identifies studies evaluating outcomes associated with interventions for preventing human trafficking, mitigating risk, or improving outcomes among youth experiencing homelessness.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

HHS’s Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) encourages and incentivizes the use of trauma-informed practices to appropriately engage the population of human trafficking survivors and all populations who have experienced traumatic circumstances, including minors.

Specific SAMHSA grant programs directly target serving survivors of human trafficking as part of their overall grant projects. One example is the work done through the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI), which works to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for children, adolescents, and their families who experience or witness traumatic events. SAMHSA has provided funding for a national network of NCTSI grantees, known as the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, which consists of three grant programs to improve behavioral health services and interventions and promote effective community practices for children, adolescents, and their families exposed to traumatic events. NCTSI-funded grantees may propose work related to human trafficking in their applications, and some grantees serve human trafficking survivors as part of their overall grant projects. The NCTSI has three grant initiatives related to human trafficking:

- ❖ NCTSI Category I – The National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (National Center) cooperative agreement. The National Center convenes a collaborative group on child trafficking that has developed [resources](#) for mental health providers and for the public, including “Trafficking Screening Tools,” “Child Sex Trafficking: Experiences of Youth Who Have Been Trafficked,” “Child Sex Trafficking: What You Might Not Know,” and “Child Sex Trafficking: Who is Vulnerable to Being Trafficked?”

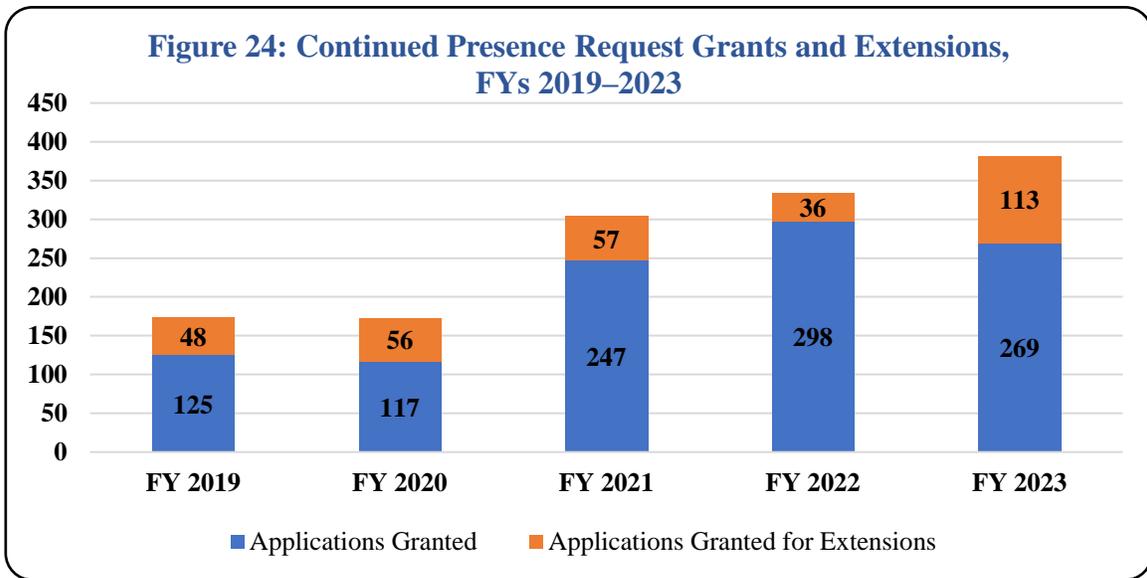
- ❖ NCTSI Category II –Treatment and Service Adaptation Centers. The Treatment and Service Adaptation Centers provide national expertise for specific types of traumatic events, population groups, and service systems, and support the specialized adaptation of effective evidence-based treatment and service approaches for communities. One NCTSI Category II grantee that released a resource on trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT) in 2021, [*TF-CBT for the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children \(CSEC\): An Implementation Manual*](#), has trained more than 6,500 mental health professionals thus far on implementation of this modified treatment for children who were trafficked.
- ❖ NCTSI Category III – Community Treatment and Service (CTS) Centers. CTS Centers provide and increase access to effective trauma-focused treatment and services systems in communities for children, adolescents, and their families who experience traumatic events. In October 2022, one NCTSI Category III grantee provided a no-cost training, “Responding to Violence against Indigenous Boys and Men,” which addressed the violence experienced by Indigenous boys and men, including the prevalence of human trafficking.

C. Immigration Protection

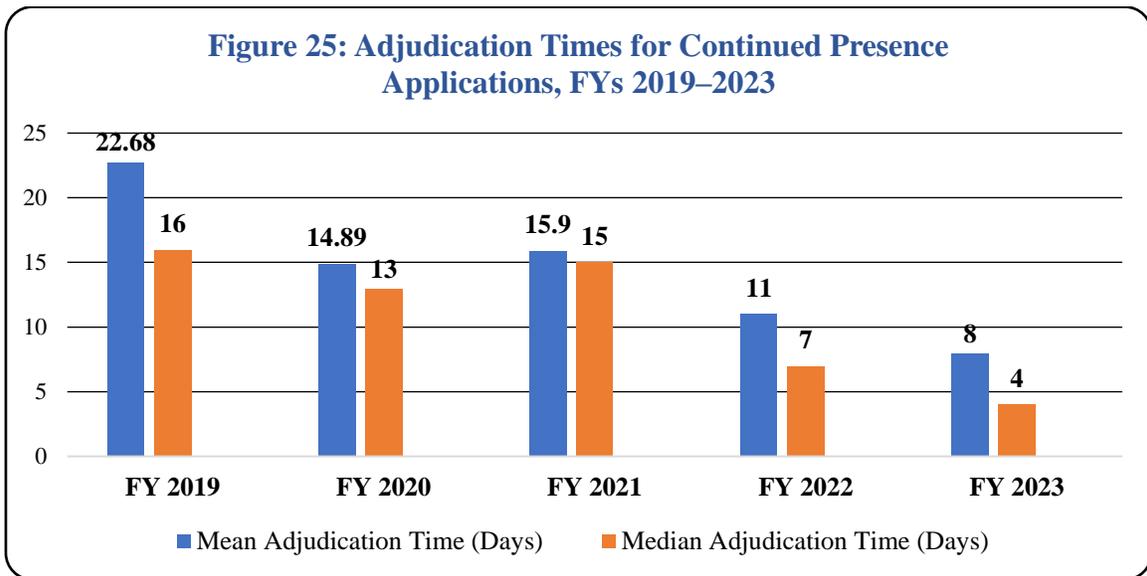
Continued Presence

In FY 2023, DHS’s Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT) and HSI granted 382 Continued Presence requests (269 new requests and 113 extension requests) to noncitizens identified as victims of human trafficking.³³ See **Figure 24** for information on the numbers of Continued Presence grants and extensions in 2019–2023. Of the 382 granted Continued Presence requests, 216 were for male victims and 166 were for female victims. Of the 382 granted requests, 310 were related to forced labor, 67 were related to sex trafficking, and 5 were related to both. CCHT denied 4 applications for Continued Presence in FY 2023 because the victimization described did not meet the elements of the Federal human trafficking statute.

³³ Continued Presence is a temporary immigration status provided to noncitizens identified by law enforcement officials as victims of human trafficking. The status allows noncitizen victims who are potential witnesses to remain in the United States temporarily during the ongoing investigation into the human trafficking-related crimes committed against them. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(3).



In FY 2023, CCHT and HSI’s mean time to adjudicate Continued Presence applications was 8 days and its median processing time was 4 days. See **Figure 25** for information on adjudication times in FYs 2019–2023. The average length of time for CCHT and HSI to issue a denial in FY 2023 was 10 days.



Among law enforcement agencies able to request Continued Presence, the FBI tracked its activity and reported submitting 135 Continued Presence applications (44 new applications and 91 extensions) that DHS approved in FY 2023 (increases from 23 new applications and five extensions that DHS approved in FY 2022). Additionally, DHS renewed 73 applications approved in FY 2021. The mean number of days for the FBI to receive an approval or denial letter from DHS in FY 2023 was 18 days (a decrease from 25 days in FY 2022).

T and U Nonimmigrant Status

T Nonimmigrant Status

In FY 2023, DHS U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) granted T nonimmigrant status to 2,181 human trafficking victims (T nonimmigrant principals) and 1,495 eligible family members of trafficking victims (T nonimmigrant derivatives), for a total of 3,676 grants of T nonimmigrant status.³⁴ See **Table 11** for information on the outcomes of applications for T nonimmigrant status that USCIS adjudicated in FYs 2019–2023. There were 9,394 pending applications from trafficking victims and 5,561 pending applications from victims’ family members at the close of FY 2023.

Table 11: Outcomes of Applications for T Nonimmigrant Status Adjudicated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, FYs 2019–2023³⁵

Fiscal Year	Trafficking Victims (T Nonimmigrant Principals)			Family Members (T Nonimmigrant Derivatives)		
	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied
2019	1,242	500	365	1,011	491	216
2020	1,110	1,040	778	966	1,018	511
2021	1,702	829	524	1,078	622	346
2022	3,070	1,715	389	1,865	1,319	247
2023	8,598	2,181	638	4,976	1,495	323

In FY 2023, USCIS’s mean and median times to adjudicate T nonimmigrant status applications for trafficking victims were 15.8 and 12.3 months, respectively. USCIS’s mean and median times to adjudicate T nonimmigrant status applications for family members were 18.4 and 13.8 months, respectively. See **Table 12** for information on USCIS’s mean and median times to adjudicate T nonimmigrant status applications in FYs 2019–2023.

³⁴ T nonimmigrant status is a temporary immigration benefit that enables certain victims of human trafficking to remain in the United States for up to four years if they have assisted law enforcement officials in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of human trafficking (or human trafficking victims qualify for an exemption due to age or an exception due to trauma), and meet other eligibility requirements. Derivative T nonimmigrant status is also available to certain eligible family members of trafficking victims. Trafficking victims seeking T nonimmigrant status must establish that they are physically present in the United States on account of the trafficking at the time of filing their application. However, eligible family members do not need to be physically present in the United States to be eligible for derivative T nonimmigrant status. When USCIS approves an application for T nonimmigrant status for a principal applicant or eligible family member in the United States, USCIS grants the individual T nonimmigrant status. Eligible family members with approved applications who are outside of the United States may apply through consular processing at a U.S. embassy or consulate to enter the United States with a T nonimmigrant visa.

³⁵ USCIS may have received some of the applications for T nonimmigrant status that it approved or denied in FY 2023 in prior fiscal years.

Table 12: Mean and Median Times from Receipt of Application for T Nonimmigrant Status until Adjudication, FYs 2019–2023

Fiscal Year	Trafficking Victims (T Nonimmigrant Principals)		Family Members (T Nonimmigrant Derivatives)	
	Mean Time from Receipt of Application until Adjudication (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Application until Adjudication (Months)	Mean Time from Receipt of Application until Adjudication (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Application until Adjudication (Months)
2019	17.9	16.6	17.6	16.6
2020	18.6	19.1	17.9	18.5
2021	21.4	18.4	22.4	19.5
2022	17.0	12.9	19.2	15.2
2023	15.8	12.3	18.4	13.8

Table 13 reports the mean and the median processing times (in months) from receipt of a T nonimmigrant status application until issuance of an Employment Authorization Document (a work permit authorizing the applicant to work in the United States) for applications for T nonimmigrant status that USCIS approved in FYs 2019–2023.

Table 13: Mean and Median Times from Receipt of Application for T Nonimmigrant Status until Employment Authorization Document (EAD) Issuance, FYs 2019–2023

Fiscal Year	Trafficking Victims (T Nonimmigrant Principals)		Family Members (T Nonimmigrant Derivatives)	
	Mean Time from Receipt of Application until EAD Issuance (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Application until EAD Issuance (Months)	Mean Time from Receipt of Application until EAD Issuance (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Application until EAD Issuance (Months)
2019	17.9	16.6	26.3	24.3
2020	18.6	19.1	23.4	22.9
2021	21.4	18.4	25.7	24.2
2022	17.0	12.9	23.3	17.9
2023	15.8	12.3	27.6	22.8

Table 14 reports the mean and median times (in months) from receipt of T visa application from nonimmigrant principals until denial in FY 2023.

Table 14: Mean and Median Times from Receipt of Application for T Nonimmigrant Status until Denial, FY 2023

Fiscal Year	Trafficking Victims (T Nonimmigrant Principals)		Family Members (T Nonimmigrant Derivatives)	
	Mean Time from Receipt of Petition until Denial (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Petition until Denial (Months)	Mean Time from Receipt of Petition until Denial (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Petition until Denial (Months)
2023	22	17.9	21.8	17.2

When USCIS approves an application for derivative T nonimmigrant status for a family member outside the United States, the family member must apply through consular processing at a U.S. embassy or consulate to obtain a T nonimmigrant visa. In FY 2023, U.S. embassies and consulates abroad issued 554 T visas for family members of trafficking victims to enter the United States and join the T-1 principal nonimmigrant (an increase from 306 T visas issued in FY 2022) and denied 35 T visa applications (a decrease from 37 T visa denials in FY 2022). **Table 15** provides information on the outcomes of applications to U.S. embassies and consulates for T nonimmigrant visas in FY 2023, broken down by visa class.

Table 15: Outcomes of Applications to U.S. Embassies and Consulates for T Nonimmigrant Visas, FY 2023

Visa Class	Number of Visa Issuances	Number of Visa Denials
Spouse of Victim (T-2)	95	6
Child (unmarried and under age 21) of T-1 (T-3)	340	19
Parent of T-1 (T-4)	58	8
Unmarried Sibling under Age 18 of T-1 (T-5)	50	2
Adult or Minor Child of Derivative Family Member (T-6)	11	0
Totals	554	35

U Nonimmigrant Status

In response to increases in the volume of U nonimmigrant status³⁶ petitions and the backlog of petitioners waiting for placement on the waiting list or final adjudication, USCIS implemented the Bona Fide Determination (BFD) process on June 14, 2021. Through this process, USCIS provides work authorization and grants deferred action to U nonimmigrant status petitioners and their qualifying family members living in the United States who have pending bona fide petitions and merit a favorable exercise of discretion. Between June 2021 and the close of FY 2023, USCIS granted BFD to 67,019 principal petitioners and 31,500 qualifying family members.

Overall, USCIS met the statutory fiscal year cap of 10,000 grants³⁷ of U nonimmigrant status for victims of qualifying criminal activity and approved 7,889 petitions for U nonimmigrant status for their qualifying family members, for a total of 17,889 grants of U nonimmigrant status in FY 2023. *See Table 16* for information on the outcomes of petitions for U nonimmigrant status that USCIS adjudicated in FYs 2019–2023. There were 207,133 principal petitions for U nonimmigrant status that were pending at the close of FY 2023.

Table 16: Outcomes of Petitions for U Nonimmigrant Status Adjudicated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, FYs 2019–2023³⁸

Fiscal Year	Victims of Qualifying Criminal Activities (U Nonimmigrant Principals)			Qualifying Family Members (U Nonimmigrant Derivatives)		
	Petitions Received	Petitions Approved ³⁹	Petitions Denied	Petitions Received	Petitions Approved	Petitions Denied
2019	28,364	10,010	2,733	18,861	7,846	2,397

³⁶ U nonimmigrant status is a temporary immigration benefit available to certain victims of qualifying criminal activities, including human trafficking, who have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse and have been, are being, or are likely to be helpful to certifying agencies in the detection, investigation, prosecution, conviction, or sentencing of qualifying criminal activity. A principal petitioner for U nonimmigrant status (i.e., the victim of the qualifying criminal activity) may also petition for derivative U nonimmigrant status for qualifying family members. Crime victims seeking U nonimmigrant status do not need to be physically present in the United States at the time they file their petition; however, the qualifying criminal activity must have occurred in the United States or violated U.S. law. When USCIS approves a petition for U nonimmigrant status for a principal petitioner or qualifying family member in the United States, USCIS grants the individual U nonimmigrant status.

³⁷ Under the bona fide determination review process, USCIS places provides work authorization and grants deferred action to U nonimmigrant status petitioners and their qualifying family members living in the United States who have pending bona fide petitions and merit a favorable exercise of discretion. Petitioners who do not receive a favorable bona fide determination receive consideration by USCIS for the waiting list. While on the waiting list, principal petitioners and derivative family members residing in the United States receive deferred action and are eligible for employment authorization.

³⁸ USCIS may have received some of the petitions for U nonimmigrant status that it approved or denied in FY 2023 in prior fiscal years.

³⁹ Congress set a cap of 10,000 visas per year only for principal petitioners. 8 U.S.C. § 1184(p)(2)(A). There is no cap for qualifying family members who may be eligible for derivative U nonimmigrant status. 8 U.S.C. § 1184(p)(2)(B). Although public data indicate that USCIS exceeded the 10,000 cap in past fiscal years, this number

Fiscal Year	Victims of Qualifying Criminal Activities (U Nonimmigrant Principals)			Qualifying Family Members (U Nonimmigrant Derivatives)		
	Petitions Received	Petitions Approved ³⁹	Petitions Denied	Petitions Received	Petitions Approved	Petitions Denied
2020	22,358	10,013	2,693	14,090	7,212	2,472
2021	21,874	10,003	3,594	15,290	6,728	3,085
2022	30,120	10,006	2,992	20,954	7,423	2,803
2023	31,204	10,000	3,806	21,938	7,889	3,187

Tables 17 and 18 report the mean and the median processing times (in months) for petitions for U nonimmigrant status that USCIS adjudicated in FYs 2019–2023.

Table 17: Mean and Median Times from Receipt of Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status until Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication and Final Adjudication (Principals), FYs 2019–2023

Victims of Qualifying Criminal Activities (U Nonimmigrant Principals)				
Fiscal Year	Mean Time from Receipt of Petition until Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Petition until Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication (Months)	Mean Time from Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication until Final Adjudication (Months)	Median Time from Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication until Final Adjudication (Months)
2019	47.5	48.7	10.5	8.2
2020	47.9	48.9	9.9	8.7
2021	53.3	53.6	10.3	9.8
2022	58.7	58.6	12.3	12.3
2023	61.4	60.5	16.2	17.4

includes certain post-adjudicative actions that are not necessarily approvals of petitions. In addition, USCIS systems have an internal tracker that prevents it from granting more than 10,000 visas. In June 2022, USCIS deployed a new and enhanced U visa dashboard that allows for accurate tracking of allocated and remaining U visas throughout the adjudicative process each fiscal year.

Table 18: Mean and Median Times from Receipt of Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status until Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication and Final Adjudication (Derivatives), FYs 2019–2023

Fiscal Year	Qualifying Family Members (U Nonimmigrant Derivatives)			
	Mean Time from Receipt of Petition until Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Petition until Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication (Months)	Mean Time from Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication until Final Adjudication (Months)	Median Time from Bona Fide Determination Review or Waiting List Adjudication until Final Adjudication (Months)
2019	46.5	48.6	11.6	8.6
2020	47.0	49.0	10.0	8.5
2021	52.5	53.6	10.9	9.9
2022	57.7	58.8	12.8	12.0
2023	60.3	60.6	16.6	17.3

Table 19 reports the mean and median processing times (in months) for issuance of EADs to principal petitioners for U nonimmigrant status and their derivative family members in FYs 2019–2023.

Table 19: Mean and Median Times from Receipt of U Nonimmigrant Status Petition until Employment Authorization Document (EAD) Issuance, FYs 2019–2023

Fiscal Year	Victims of Qualifying Criminal Activities (U Nonimmigrant Principals)		Qualifying Family Members (U Nonimmigrant Derivatives)	
	Mean Time from Receipt of Petition until EAD Issuance (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Petition until EAD Issuance (Months)	Mean Time from Receipt of Petition until EAD Issuance (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Petition until EAD Issuance (Months)
2019	48.3	50.4	50.8	52.2
2020	54.3	54.8	56.1	56.6
2021	59.9	59.8	62.9	61.9
2022	61.1	59.8	63.7	61.4
2023	60.2	59	64	60.9

Table 20 reports the mean and median times (in months) from receipt of U nonimmigrant status petition until denial in FY 2023.

Table 20: Mean and Median Times from Receipt of U Nonimmigrant Status Petition until Denial, FY 2023

Fiscal Year	Victims of Qualifying Criminal Activities (U Nonimmigrant)		Qualifying Family Members (U Nonimmigrant Derivatives)	
	Mean Time from Receipt of Petition until Denial (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Petition until Denial (Months)	Mean Time from Receipt of Petition until Denial (Months)	Median Time from Receipt of Petition until Denial (Months)
2023	66.1	68.1	66.2	68.8

When USCIS approves a petition for U nonimmigrant status for a victim of a qualifying criminal activity (U-1 petitioner) or qualifying family member who is outside the United States, the individual must apply through consular processing at a U.S. embassy or consulate to obtain a U nonimmigrant visa to enter the United States. In FY 2023, embassies and consulates abroad issued visas to 225 U-1 applicants (an increase from 178 U-1 visas issued in FY 2022) and denied 86 U-1 visa applications. *See Table 21* for the number of issuances and denials in FY 2023, broken down by visa class.

Table 21: Outcomes of Applications to U.S. Embassies and Consulates for U Nonimmigrant Visas, FY 2023

Visa Class	Number of Visa Issuances	Number of Visa Denials
Victim of Criminal Activity (U-1)	225	86
Spouse of U-1 (U-2)	215	37
Child of U-1 (U-3)	1,306	167
Parent, if U-1 is under Age 21 (U-4)	18	8
Unmarried Sibling under Age 18, if U-1 is under Age 21 (U-5)	24	1
Totals	1,788	299

In FY 2023, the EEOC issued 19 Form I-918, Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certifications and denied one request for lack of a qualifying crime.⁴⁰ The one request's time to denial was 119 days.

On January 24, 2023, the Secretary of Labor delegated the authority to issue U nonimmigrant status certifications and T nonimmigrant status declarations to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). On March 30, 2023, OSHA launched its U and T Visa Certification Program and website nationwide. The website, [U & T Visa Certifications | Whistleblower Protection Program](#), includes an introduction to U and T visas, information on requesting U or T visa certification from OSHA, frequently asked questions, and other resources. OSHA has partnered with other Federal agencies to implement the U and T Visa Certification Program and deliver training to OSHA staff reviewing certification requests and wider agency personnel. In addition to completing initial training for OSHA's Regional Workplace Crimes Coordinators in connection with OSHA's U and T Visa Certification Program, OSHA conducted agency-wide training on human trafficking and tools for immigrant worker protection, such as DOL's [Process for Requesting Department of Labor Support for Requests to the Department of Homeland Security for Immigration-Related Prosecutorial Discretion During Labor Disputes FAQ](#).

Efforts to Improve Adjudication and Processing Times

To reduce adjudication and processing times in FY 2023, CCHT and HSI continued outreach to stakeholders to educate them on submitting complete and accurate Continued Presence applications. CCHT and HSI also dedicated more personnel to Continued Presence application adjudication. CCHT and HSI continued the development of a secure Continued Presence Portal for submission and processing of all Continued Presence applications, renewals, and revocations.

USCIS opened the Humanitarian, Adjustment, Removing Conditions, and Travel Documents (HART) Service Center, its sixth service center, to adjudicate a portion of its humanitarian form types, including BFD reviews for pending U visa petitions. The addition of this service center has allowed USCIS to conduct BFD reviews more efficiently.

USCIS continues to explore more efficient ways to provide customer service avenues for persons protected by the confidentiality provisions found at 8 U.S.C. § 1367.⁴¹ These include individuals who have applied for or are recipients of survivor-based immigration relief,

⁴⁰ The Form I-918, Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification, is a required piece of evidence that victims submit to USCIS to establish eligibility for U nonimmigrant status. Certifying agencies complete and sign this certification to demonstrate that an individual submitting Form I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, is a victim of certain qualifying criminal activity and was, is, or is likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of that activity.

⁴¹ Section 1367(a)(1) prevents any official or employee of DHS, DOJ, or DOS from making an adverse determination of admissibility or deportability of a noncitizen using information furnished solely by an alleged abuser, perpetrator of the qualifying criminal activity, trafficker, or someone connected to the abuser. Section 1367(a)(2) prohibits use by or disclosure of (other than to a sworn officer or employee of DHS, or bureau or agency thereof, for legitimate DHS, bureau, or agency purposes) any information that relates to a noncitizen who is the beneficiary of a protected application or petition for relief, unless certain exceptions apply. § 1367(b).

specifically relief under the Violence Against Women Act,⁴² as well as T or U nonimmigrant status.⁴³

DOS continued to review visa operations to ensure that overall case processing is secure, accurate, and efficient, consistent with the law and national security goals.

D. Benefits in Conjunction with T Nonimmigrant Status

As stated, HHS’s TVAP funds case management services for foreign national victims of human trafficking who are pursuing certification and their qualified family members. The expenditures reported below represent FY 2023 reimbursements made directly to service providers (rather than to clients).⁴⁴ See **Table 22**. These figures do not include reimbursements for case management services provided by subrecipients.⁴⁵

Table 22: HHS’s Direct Expenditures under the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP), FY 2023

Cost Category	TVAP FY 2023 Total Expenditures
Basic Necessities	\$880,863.65
Case Management	\$1,216,638.80
Childcare	\$3,459.29
Crisis Intervention	\$0.00
Education Assistance	\$3,415.44
Employment Assistance	\$713.65
Family Reunification	\$0.00
Financial Assistance	\$0.00
Healthcare	\$9,905.84
Housing/Shelter Services	\$566,522.89
Interpreter/Translator	\$2,051.91
Legal Advocacy and Services	\$24,403.76
Life Skills	\$2,713.86

⁴² See Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, P.L. 109-162. When VAWA was reauthorized in 2005, Congress added the definition “VAWA self-petitioner” at Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) 101(a)(51), which includes persons requesting relief as a VAWA self-petitioner under INA 204(a); an abused conditional permanent resident spouse or child filing a waiver based on battery or extreme cruelty under INA 216(c)(4)(C) or INA 216(c)(4)(D); an abused spouse or child under the Cuban Adjustment Act, P.L. 89-732; an abused spouse or child under Division A, Section 902 of the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act, P.L. 105-277; and an abused spouse or child under Title II of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act, P.L. 105-100. Applicants for special rule cancellation of removal under INA 240A(b)(2) are also protected under 8 U.S.C. § 1367.

⁴³ USCIS also extends the confidentiality provisions of 8 U.S.C. § 1367 to abused spouses of certain persons applying for employment authorization under INA 106.

⁴⁴ Cf. 22 U.S.C. § 7103(d)(7)(E).

⁴⁵ HHS does not currently collect information specifically on benefits provided in conjunction with certification based on T nonimmigrant status separate from benefits provided when certification or eligibility is based on Continued Presence. Moreover, while HHS reports the kinds of recipients of case management services, the cost categories do not separate out costs for pre-certified victims, minor dependent children of victims, or victims who are certified based on T nonimmigrant status or have Continued Presence.

Cost Category	TVAP FY 2023 Total Expenditures
Mental/Behavioral Health Services	\$20,537.94
Peer-to-Peer Support and Mentoring	\$0.00
Safety Planning Services	\$0.00
Substance Use Assessment/Treatment	\$1,086.00
Traditional Healing/Cultural Practices	\$0.00
Transportation	\$46,395.99
Victim Advocacy	\$0.00
Other Services	\$24,959.95
Total Direct Services Costs	\$3,085,555.75
Total Funding Awarded	\$6,333,000.00

II. Prosecution

A. Investigations and Arrests

Several Federal agencies conduct Federal human trafficking or trafficking-related investigations, with the FBI and DHS Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) undertaking most of these investigations.

U.S. Department of Justice

In FY 2023, the FBI initiated 666 human trafficking investigations and conducted 145 Federal arrests associated with human trafficking cases. *See Table 23* for information on the FBI’s investigations initiated and arrests in FYs 2020–2023.

Table 23: FBI’s Initiated Investigations and Arrests for Human Trafficking Violations, FYs 2019–2023

Fiscal Year	Investigations Initiated	Arrests
2020	658	121
2021	600	154
2022	665	171
2023	666	145

Of the FBI’s 145 arrests conducted in FY 2023, 85 were in investigations primarily focused on Federal human trafficking crimes (e.g., sex trafficking or trafficking conspiracy) and 60 were in investigations into related non-trafficking conduct (e.g., coercion and enticement of a minor, transportation of minors, or felon in possession of a weapon). The FBI also participated in 139 arrests in investigations involving State human trafficking charges. **Figures 26 and 27** provide breakdowns of FBI-initiated human trafficking investigations and arrests by type of case.

Figure 26: FBI-Initiated Human Trafficking Investigations, by Type of Case, FY 2023

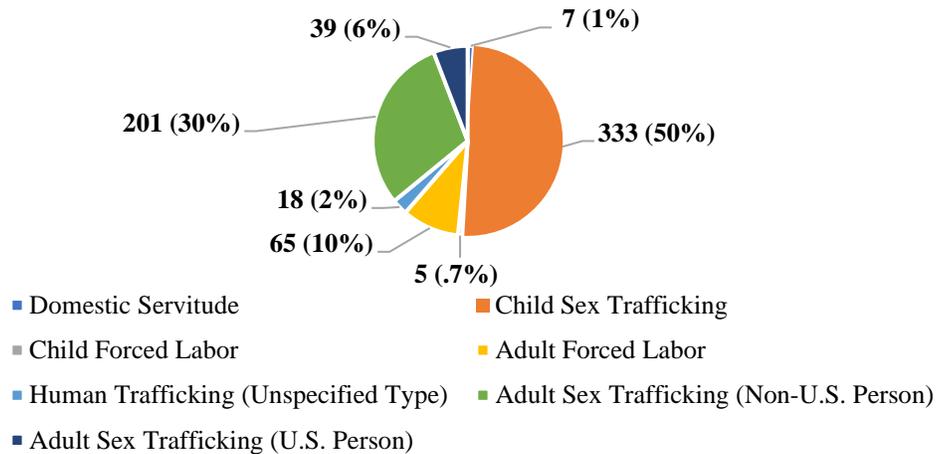
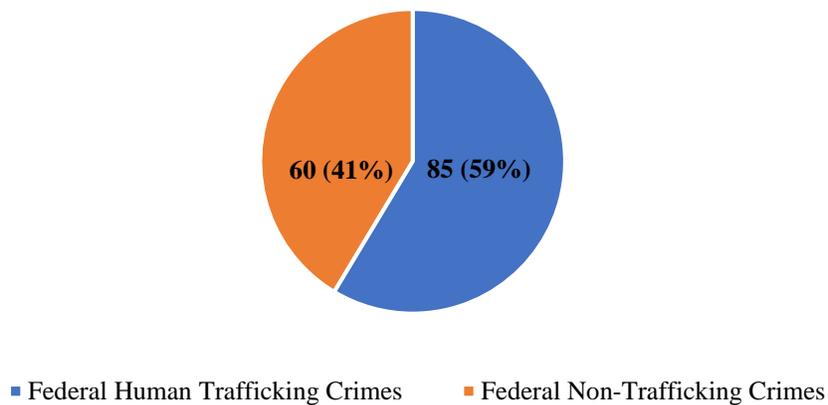


Figure 27: FBI Federal Human Trafficking Arrests, by Type of Case, FY 2023



In FY 2023, the International Organized Crime Intelligence and Operations Center supported 21 Federal human trafficking investigations through the production of 30 product requests resulting in the coordination and deconfliction of 110 targets.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

In FY 2023, HSI initiated 1,282 investigations related to human trafficking (1,087 related to sex trafficking; 393 related to forced labor) and reported 2,610 criminal arrests (2,245 sex trafficking; 324 forced labor).⁴⁶ See **Table 24** for information on HSI’s human trafficking-related initiated investigations and criminal arrests in FYs 2019–2023.

⁴⁶ HSI derived these statistics from an HSI case management system that allows investigators to select the nature of the investigation only when investigators open the investigation. The number of human trafficking investigations initiated therefore includes investigations that involved a suspicion of human trafficking at the time of initiation, regardless of whether officials confirmed the suspicion and regardless of which crimes, if any, were ultimately

Table 24: HSI’s Human Trafficking-Related Investigations and Arrests, FYs 2019–2023

Fiscal Year	Investigations Initiated	Criminal Arrests
2019	1,024	2,197
2020	947	1,746
2021	1,111	2,360
2022	1,373	3,655
2023	1,282	2,610

U.S. Department of Labor

Wage and Hour Division

DOL’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) enforces a range of Federal worker protections that collectively cover most private, State, and local governmental employment, and protect more than 165 million workers in more than 11 million establishments across the United States.

During its investigations, WHD may encounter foreign workers who participate in several temporary visa programs and immigrant workers who may be vulnerable to human trafficking and exploitation. WHD enforces worker protections for temporary nonimmigrant H-2A agricultural workers and H-2B non-agricultural seasonal workers, as well as temporary H-1B workers in specialty occupations. If WHD investigators detect indicators of human trafficking during an investigation, they will make a referral to law enforcement partners based on the appropriate jurisdiction. WHD also helps law enforcement agencies by calculating restitution owed to victims and providing other support where necessary.

In FY 2023, WHD participated in the interagency Forced Labor Initiative, which DOJ leads. WHD also continued specific enforcement initiatives in industries such as agriculture, construction, food services, care workers, and warehouse and logistics workers. In total, WHD worked with criminal law enforcement agencies in 44 trafficking cases in FY 2023 by making referrals, receiving referrals for investigation under WHD laws, and assisting with the computation of restitution for victims. WHD participates in more than 80 task forces, working groups, and coalitions with the main goal of combating human trafficking.

Office of Inspector General

Pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, DOL’s Office of Inspector General (DOL-OIG) conducts criminal investigations involving fraud against DOL programs, including the foreign labor certification programs administered by DOL. U.S.-based employers must seek DOL certifications to begin the process of bringing foreign guest workers into the United States on temporary guest worker visas. As part of its foreign labor certification investigations, DOL-OIG has seen numerous instances of unscrupulous employers misusing DOL-administered

charged or reached conviction. The number of criminal arrests also includes instances in which HSI turned over individuals arrested in HSI enforcement actions to another law enforcement agency with no further action by HSI.

foreign labor certification programs to engage in labor trafficking. To better combat labor trafficking, DOL-OIG continues to partner with WHD, DOJ, and other Federal law enforcement partners on various human trafficking task forces across the United States. Additionally, DOL-OIG has participated in the interagency Forced Labor Initiative, which focuses, in part, on forced child labor. DOL-OIG also continues to use its special deputation authority to investigate labor trafficking offenses related to DOL programs, including those offenses that involve unscrupulous employers that circumvent DOL foreign labor certification programs.⁴⁷

In FY 2023, DOL-OIG opened 9 investigations and 38 complaints related to labor trafficking allegations. DOL-OIG had 5 investigations in which forced labor (specifically 18 U.S.C. § 1589) was charged. In 3 of those investigations, 5 defendants were convicted of forced labor, conspiracy to commit forced labor, or engagement in a pattern of racketeering activity through which defendants agreed to conduct the affairs of the enterprise. DOL-OIG also had other labor trafficking cases that resulted in convictions for visa fraud and document fraud.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), through the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, requires employers to provide a workplace free from hazards likely to cause death or serious physical harm, and comply with standards promulgated under the Act. OSHA engages in enforcement and outreach activities in industries in which workers may be vulnerable to trafficking, including agriculture, construction, manufacturing, maritime, warehouse and distribution center operations, staffing agencies, and disaster response. Additionally, through its Whistleblower Protection Program, OSHA enforces more than 20 Federal laws protecting employees from retaliation for reporting violations of various workplace safety and health, food safety, consumer product, environmental, financial reform, maritime, public transportation agency, securities, tax, antitrust, and anti-money laundering laws and for engaging in protected activities related to those laws.

Although it lacks independent authority to investigate and prosecute trafficking under Federal anti-trafficking laws, OSHA can help raise awareness and detect potential human trafficking in the normal course of its work. OSHA's investigations may lead to referrals of human trafficking and other workplace-related crimes, and the identification of witnesses and potential victims relating to those cases. In FY 2023, OSHA joined the interagency Forced Labor Initiative.

Employment and Training Administration

Through its regulations, DOL's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requires State workforce agencies to establish and maintain a complaint system to process employment service and employment-related law complaints, including those relating to human trafficking, and to ensure that State workforce agencies refer complaints to the appropriate enforcement agency, as applicable. Any individual, employer, organization, association, and

⁴⁷ DOL-OIG, DOJ, and the FBI have entered into a special deputation agreement that authorizes DOL-OIG to conduct investigations related to forced labor crimes in violation of one or more provisions of Chapter 77 of Title 18 of the United States Code and 18 U.S.C. § 1351, as well as crimes investigated through the [Anti-Trafficking Coordination Team initiative](#).

other entity may file a complaint. ETA regulations require additional tracking and expedited processing for complaints involving migrant and seasonal farmworkers because they face unique challenges due to the nature of their work, and often experience wage theft, heat-related illness, pesticide exposure, inferior housing, transportation barriers, discrimination, or other abuses, including human trafficking. State workforce agencies track all complaints submitted by or on behalf of these farmworkers to resolution. State workforce agencies reported processing 16 complaints and 15 apparent violations potentially involving human trafficking from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

U.S. Department of State

DOS’s Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) investigates transnational human trafficking crimes enabled by visa, passport, and other travel document fraud. DSS receives investigative leads from a variety of sources throughout the world and conducts independent and joint investigations in the United States and abroad. Overseas, DSS partners with foreign law enforcement agencies to disrupt trafficking before it reaches the United States. DSS opened 230 sex trafficking and labor trafficking investigations in FY 2023. *See Table 25* for information on the numbers of sex trafficking and labor trafficking investigations that DSS opened in FYs 2019–2023.

Table 25: Sex Trafficking and Labor Trafficking Investigations Opened by the Diplomatic Security Service, FYs 2019–2023

Fiscal Year	Opened Investigations	Overseas	Domestic
2019	135	46	89
2020	94	14	80
2021	187	70	117
2022	208	100	108
2023	230	127	103

Domestically, DSS routinely investigates cases involving A-3 and G-5 domestic worker visas, in which an accredited foreign missions member sponsors a domestic worker who is subsequently exploited for their labor, sexually abused, or subjected to other forms of exploitation. When diplomatic immunity shields the perpetrator from U.S. criminal prosecution, DOJ notifies DOS via memo that it would prosecute the perpetrator “but for” the perpetrator’s diplomatic immunity. (Such memos are known as “but for memos.”) Pursuant to the “but for memo,” DOS requests that the sending foreign government waive the accused foreign mission member’s immunity. If the foreign government declines the request, as is often the case, DOS declares its intent to withdraw immunity, which typically results in the foreign government repatriating the accused foreign mission member. Once the government assesses the accused to no longer be immune from U.S. criminal jurisdiction, DOJ may pursue indictment to ensure the maximum accountability possible and increase prevention through deterrence.

DSS Headquarters’ Criminal Investigations Division supports 32 domestic offices and centrally coordinates worldwide investigations with Regional Security Officers, Overseas Criminal Investigators, and interagency partners in more than 270 U.S. diplomatic missions. DSS

special agents work in nearly every U.S. diplomatic mission and support human trafficking cases at the Federal, State, Tribal, and local levels in the United States.

In FY 2023, DSS conducted joint investigations with DHS, FBI, and State, Tribal, and local law enforcement officials through coordinated analysis, strategic planning, victim interviewing, source development, and large-scale operations such as search and arrest warrants. DSS also served on human trafficking task forces and Anti-Trafficking Coordination Teams throughout the United States and conducted liaison work overseas with host-nation law enforcement contacts working to combat human trafficking.

B. Prosecutions and Convictions

DOJ prosecutes Federal human trafficking cases through its U.S. Attorneys' Offices, the Civil Rights Division's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit (HTPU), and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) and Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS). U.S. Attorneys' Offices prosecute defendants charged with human trafficking crimes, including labor trafficking and sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion, often in collaboration with HTPU, CEOS, and MLARS. HTPU provides subject matter expertise on forced labor, transnational trafficking of foreign victims into the United States, and sex trafficking of adults by force, fraud, or coercion, as well as leading prosecutions and interagency enforcement initiatives. CEOS provides subject matter expertise on the sexual exploitation of minors in any form, including foreign and domestic child sex trafficking, technology-facilitated child sex trafficking, and extraterritorial child sexual exploitation and abuse.⁴⁸ MLARS provides expertise on the investigation and prosecution of financial crimes, including money laundering, in connection with human trafficking, human smuggling, and child exploitation cases. The Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) provides relevant executive guidance, operational assistance, and legal, technical, and policy support for U.S. Attorneys' Offices.

In FY 2023, DOJ, through U.S. Attorneys' Offices, HTPU, CEOS, and MLARS, brought 181 total human trafficking prosecutions, 169 of which involved predominantly sex trafficking and 12 of which involved predominantly labor trafficking. DOJ charged 258 defendants, 239 of whom predominantly engaged in sex trafficking and 19 of whom predominantly engaged in labor trafficking. DOJ secured convictions against 289 traffickers, 258 of whom predominantly engaged in sex trafficking and 31 of whom predominantly engaged in labor trafficking. *See Table 26* for information on the numbers of Federal prosecutions, defendants charged, and defendants convicted in FYs 2019–2023.

⁴⁸ Extraterritorial child sexual exploitation and abuse occurs when perpetrators engage in sexual acts with children, or produce child sexual abuse material, outside their country of citizenship.

Table 26: Federal Human Trafficking Prosecutions and Convictions, FYs 2019–2023⁴⁹

Fiscal Year	Cases Filed	Defendants Charged	Defendants Convicted
2019	220	343	475
2020	210	337	309
2021	228	347	203
2022	162	310	256
2023	181	258	289

In FY 2023, DOJ continued to lead the Forced Labor Initiative (FLI) in partnership with the FBI, DOL, and DHS. Through this law enforcement initiative, an interagency steering group of Federal investigation and prosecution partners collaborates to assess forced labor threats, identify actionable leads and indicators of potential forced labor violations, initiate criminal investigations and prosecutions in relevant Federal districts, and provide specialized expertise and strategic guidance to advance district-level efforts to detect, investigate, and prosecute labor trafficking crimes. During FY 2023, the FLI Steering Group intensified its focus on forced child labor crimes, including forced labor of unaccompanied minors. In FY 2023, DOJ also participated in the interagency Child Labor Exploitation Task Force, which is co-chaired by DOL and HHS and strives to strengthen civil, administrative, and programmatic efforts to prevent and address child labor exploitation.

DOJ continued to work closely with DOS’s DSS during FY 2023 to initiate and advance investigations and prosecutions involving human trafficking and related violations, including by working with U.S. law enforcement personnel based in U.S. embassies and consulates abroad on strategies to detect and investigate human trafficking violations in collaboration with host-country counterparts.

DOJ and DHS also continued to advance significant high-impact prosecutions in connection with the interagency U.S.-Mexico Bilateral Human Trafficking Enforcement Initiative.

DOJ enhanced responses to human trafficking affecting Tribal communities by strengthening coordination with the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs’

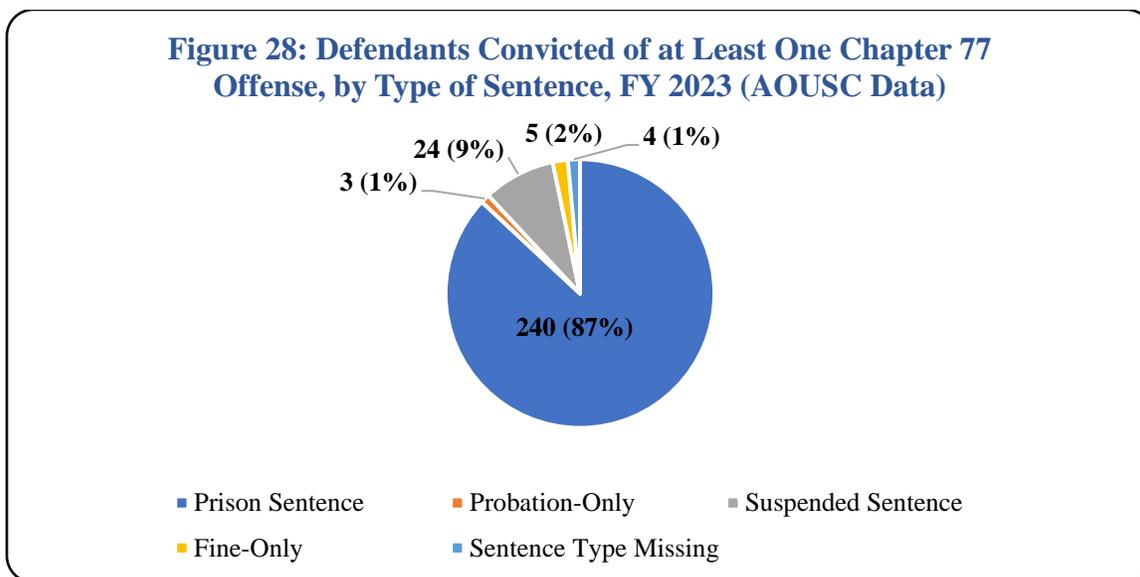
⁴⁹ These prosecutions and convictions include cases brought under trafficking-specific criminal statutes and related non-trafficking criminal statutes, but they do not include child sex trafficking cases brought under non-trafficking statutes. As in previous *Attorney General’s Annual Report to Congress on U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons* reports, these convictions reflect guilty verdicts and guilty pleas with respect to which a court entered a Judgment of Conviction during the fiscal year covered by the report. These include some previously unreported guilty verdicts or guilty pleas entered in a prior year where a court entered the final Judgment of Conviction during FY 2023. As in previous years, Federal agencies did not report complete, detailed data on the number of convictions obtained under Chapter 77 of Title 18, disaggregated by specific types of offenses committed on the victim; on the age, gender, race, country of origin, or country of citizenship of the victim(s); or on the role of each convicted defendant in the offense. See 22 U.S.C. § 7103(Q)(vii)-(viii). DOJ’s current case management systems capture some, but not all, of this information.

Missing and Murdered Unit (MMU) and delivering expertise, guidance, training, and technical assistance to MMU.

C. Sentences

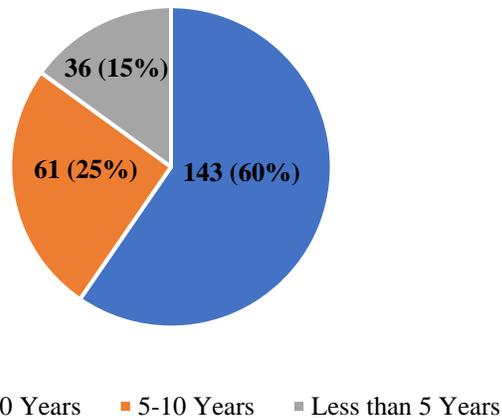
DOJ’s Bureau of Justice Statistics reviewed the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC) Integrated Database to make a preliminary calculation of the average length of sentence imposed in FY 2023 in cases that involved the human trafficking offenses under sections 1581 (peonage; obstructing enforcement), 1583 (enticement into slavery), 1584 (sale into involuntary servitude), 1589 (forced labor), 1590 (trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor), 1591 (sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion), 1592 (unlawful conduct with respect to documents in furtherance of trafficking, peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor), and 1594 (general provisions) of Title 18 of the U.S. Code (Chapter 77 offenses).⁵⁰

According to AOUSC data, of the 276 criminal defendants convicted in cases in which prosecutors charged at least one of the Chapter 77 human trafficking offenses, 240 defendants (87 percent) received a prison sentence, 24 defendants (9 percent) received a suspended sentence, 5 defendants (2 percent) received a fine-only sentence, and 3 defendants (1 percent) received a probation-only sentence. (The sentence type was missing for 4 defendants.) *See Figure 28.* The average prison term for those defendants sentenced to prison in FY 2023 was 15.8 years (an increase from 15.4 years in FY 2022), with prison terms ranging from two months to life in prison. Of the 240 defendants sentenced to prison, 143 (60 percent) received prison terms of more than 10 years, 61 (25 percent) received prison terms from 5 to 10 years, and 36 (15 percent) received prison terms of less than 5 years. *See Figure 29.*



⁵⁰ The AOUSC database tracks cases only by the statutes involved, does not indicate all applicable charges when prosecutors charge a defendant with more than five offenses, and does not capture trafficking cases resolved by pleas to other charges.

Figure 29: Sentences of Convicted Defendants, by Length of Prison Sentence, FY 2023 (AOUSC Data)



D. Tactics and Strategies Used by U.S. Department of Justice-Sponsored Task Forces to Reduce Demand

U.S. Attorneys' Offices

U.S. Attorneys' Offices participate in task forces that employ various tactics and strategies, including community outreach efforts, to reduce demand and target buyers. Many task forces specifically use online platforms to conduct covert operation in regions where the demand for commercial sex is high. These efforts have resulted in locating and recovering victims and arresting and prosecuting commercial sex buyers. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas, for example, maintains a robust partnership role in the HSI-led North Texas Trafficking Task Force, which includes members of multiple State, local, and Federal law enforcement agencies, as well as three NGOs that provide services to human trafficking victims. The U.S. Attorney's Office has continued working closely with other North Texas Trafficking Task Force partners to organize and conduct operations designed to suppress human trafficking, identify offenders, and recover survivors. As another example, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina organized and established a human trafficking task force for the greater Raleigh area. In doing so, the U.S. Attorney's Office worked to include all Federal, State, and local agencies in the relevant geographic area. Additionally, the U.S. Attorney's Office provides human trafficking trainings and coordination for the members of the task force. The U.S. Attorney's Office also engages in community outreach efforts to inform and educate the public about human trafficking.

Office for Victims of Crime

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) funds training and technical assistance to newly and previously funded Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Program (ECM) grantees to increase their skills and abilities to become sustainable, high-functioning task forces. This support includes training on law enforcement and prosecution case

and strategic approaches rooted in victim-centered, trauma-informed, and survivor-informed practices to increase victim identification of all forms and ages. The ECM task forces engage in a broad range of approaches that include identification of potential trafficking by individuals that solicit children for commercial sex, thereby addressing the demand for trafficking victims.

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces

During FY 2023, the Executive Office for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces collaborated with U.S. Attorneys' Offices, the Criminal Division (including the Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section and Joint Task Force Alpha), and the Civil Rights Division's HTPU to establish a National Human Trafficking Strategic Initiative (NHTI) launched in January 2024. The NHTI's purpose is to increase coordination among law enforcement agencies pursuing investigations and prosecutions of human trafficking offenses with potential ties to criminal organizations.

E. Efforts to Eliminate Money Laundering Related to Human Trafficking

As part of human trafficking investigations and prosecutions, U.S. Attorneys' Offices and HTPU often collaborate with MLARS on related money laundering and other financial crimes, and on effective strategies for pursuing forfeiture in human trafficking cases. MLARS provides expertise, guidance, technical assistance, and training to U.S. Attorneys' Offices, HTPU, and other investigation and prosecution partners on financial aspects of human trafficking investigations and prosecutions, including identification and analysis of financial crimes evidence, formulation of financial crimes charges, seeking forfeiture orders and enforcing them, and, when possible, using forfeited funds to compensate victims. For example, MLARS works closely with HTPU on illicit massage industry investigations and prosecutions nationwide, and on strengthening collaboration between U.S. and Mexican anti-money laundering authorities in connection with the U.S.-Mexico Bilateral Human Trafficking Enforcement Initiative. For its part, EOUSA provides training and assistance on the calculation, imposition, and enforcement of restitution.

Table 27 reports Federal money laundering offenses (18 U.S.C. §§ 1956 and 1957) charged in FY 2023 in conjunction with human trafficking charges under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1591, 1952, or 2421A. The number of cases filed reflects indictments and informations while the number of defendants convicted reflects defendants convicted on individual charges.

Table 27: Money Laundering Offenses Charged in Connection with 18 U.S.C. §§ 1591, 1952, or 2421A, FY 2023⁵¹

18 U.S.C. §§ 1956, 1957 with §§ 1591, 1952, or 2421A	
Cases Filed	10
Defendants Charged	25
Defendants Convicted ⁵²	8

F. Federal Cooperation with State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement Officials to Identify, Investigate, and Prosecute Federal or State Trafficking Offenses

This subsection provides information on cooperative efforts between Federal and State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies to identify, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking offenses.⁵³

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

DHS collaborates extensively with Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement officials to identify, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking and related offenses. Additionally, HSI participates in over 100 human trafficking task forces nationwide.⁵⁴

⁵¹ This table includes only criminal cases in which prosecutors charge a defendant under 18 U.S.C. § 1956 or § 1957, in combination with charges under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1591, 1952, or 2421A. The table does not include all money laundering charges with a nexus to human trafficking because case management systems do not currently capture or track such data.

⁵² Sentences for money laundering may be significantly lower than sentences for human trafficking, especially when a defendant is convicted under 18 U.S.C. § 1591, which carries high mandatory minimum sentences. Sentences under 18 U.S.C. § 1956 carry a maximum of 20 years, and sentences under § 1957 carry a maximum of 10 years. See 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)-(3); 18 U.S.C. § 1957(b)(1). Defendants charged with both money laundering and human trafficking offenses may ultimately be convicted of only money laundering, only human trafficking, or both. Plea negotiations often require defendants to plead guilty to the most serious sentencing offense. Accordingly, depending on the facts of the case and the charges, negotiations to plead to the most serious sentencing offense may preclude a guilty plea to a money laundering conviction that would result in a lower sentence than would a conviction for a human trafficking offense. Plea negotiations are not the only reason a defendant is not convicted of a particular charge. For example, a jury may convict a defendant on a substantive charge, but not a money laundering charge, or a charge may be dismissed.

⁵³ As in previous years, Federal agencies did not track the number of individuals referred for prosecution for State offenses in FY 2023, including offenses relating to the purchasing of commercial sex acts. See 22 U.S.C. § 7103(d)(7)(Q)(iii).

⁵⁴ HSI’s Victim Assistance Program’s data tracking system does not collect disaggregated data regarding the number of victims trafficked by third parties and by family members, the victims trafficked by specific victim age, and victims trafficked by the type of trafficking.

U.S. Department of Justice

DOJ also collaborates with Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies to identify, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking and related offenses.⁵⁵

Criminal Division

MLARS investigates and prosecutes human trafficking and related financial violations in coordination with various Federal, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies. In addition, MLARS collaborates with State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies by providing trainings. In FY 2023, MLARS conducted 14 virtual and in-person trainings for prosecutors, investigators, and local, Federal, and Tribal law enforcement officials (see III.A for more information).

Federal Bureau of Investigation

The FBI conducts human trafficking investigations in coordination with State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies.

Office for Victims of Crime

In FY 2023, OVC provided nearly \$19 million in grant funding to support the work of 10 ECM task forces. This funding included awards to 10 State and local law enforcement agencies, 10 victim service providers, and two training and technical assistance providers. All ECM task force grantees are engaged in training, outreach, and awareness to increase the identification of victims of all forms of human trafficking and offer individualized services. Grantees collaborate with Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement partners.

OVC issued a training and technical assistance award to Project Roadmap to mentor and assist OVC-funded task forces on best practices for developing and maintaining a high-functioning task force. OVC issued another award to the Consortium for Just Outcomes to support State, Tribal, and local jurisdictions in growing and sustaining multidisciplinary responses and offering specialized trainings on advanced human trafficking investigations; identifying victims, particularly victims of labor trafficking; and improving law enforcement and prosecutorial responses to human trafficking.

Existing OVC-funded training and technical assistance includes strengthening victim assistance responses to human trafficking (housing, employment, legal services, care standards for victim service providers, and responses to labor trafficking), as well as supporting law enforcement agencies, courts, and multidisciplinary task forces as they build capacity and leadership in identifying human trafficking victims and connecting them to services. State, Tribal, and local law enforcement officers, service providers, and other key entities participated in training events virtually and in person at national and regional conferences, classroom trainings, webinars, and grantee convenings during FY 2023.

⁵⁵ DOJ does not track the specific agencies that participated in various stages of identification, investigation, and prosecution of any specific case.

U.S. Attorneys' Offices

Pursuant to the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 and the Abolish Human Trafficking Act of 2017, 34 U.S.C. § 20711(a) and (d), each U.S. Attorney's Office has a designated Human Trafficking Coordinator whose responsibilities include coordinating with Federal, State, local, Tribal, and nongovernmental anti-trafficking partners. U.S. Attorneys' Offices are active participants in multidisciplinary task forces made up of Federal, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement partners as well as nongovernmental detection and victim assistance partners. Such task forces include ECM task forces, FBI-led Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Forces, U.S. Attorney's Office-led district-wide human trafficking task forces, and other regional anti-trafficking task forces.

Examples of U.S. Attorney's Office participation in such task forces include the following:

- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado is an active member of the Denver Anti-Trafficking Alliance Advisory Committee, which includes grant partners, stakeholders from Federal and State entities, and NGOs.
- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada participates in monthly human trafficking task force meetings led by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and quarterly collaborative community events. The U.S. Attorney's Office also conducts a daily review of all trafficking-related incident reports, advises on critical investigative steps, and evaluates evidence for potential criminal charges.
- ❖ In FY 2023, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio successfully prosecuted a sex trafficker who also operated a narcotics distribution enterprise, as the result of the long-term collective efforts of multiple State and Federal law enforcement agencies and the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, including the Franklin County (Ohio) Sheriff's Office, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, FBI, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ohio National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, Pickerington (Ohio) Police Department, New Albany (Ohio) Police Department, and Fairfield County (Ohio) Sheriff's Office SWAT Team.
- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas plays a leadership role in the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance, which consists of local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies in southern Texas working together with social service organizations to combat trafficking. In May 2023, the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance, in conjunction with the NGO United Against Human Trafficking, hosted a human trafficking summit featuring panels and presentations on several trending human trafficking topics, including labor trafficking fundamentals and survivor perspectives.
- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington helps lead the large multidisciplinary Washington Advisory Committee on Trafficking, actively participates in the Washington State Anti-Trafficking Task Force, and works collaboratively with Federal and State law enforcement agencies through an FBI-led initiative focused on sex

trafficking of minors. The U.S. Attorney’s Office also acts as a liaison between law enforcement agencies investigating human trafficking and nongovernmental victim service providers.

U.S. Department of State

DOS’s DSS undertakes human trafficking investigations conducted by specialized units in headquarters, field offices across the United States, and special agents and investigators assigned to U.S. embassies and consulates overseas. As mentioned earlier, DSS Headquarters’ Criminal Investigations Division supports 32 domestic offices and centrally coordinates worldwide investigations with Regional Security Officers, Overseas Criminal Investigations Units, and interagency partners in more than 270 U.S. diplomatic missions. DSS special agents work in almost every U.S. diplomatic mission and support human trafficking cases at the Federal, State, Tribal, and local levels in the United States.

DSS conducted joint investigations with HSI, FBI, and law enforcement agencies at the State, Tribal, and local levels in FY 2023. DSS also served on human trafficking task forces throughout the United States and conducted liaison work overseas with host-nation law enforcement counterparts.

G. Trafficking in Persons Incidents Reported to the U.S. Department of Defense and Disciplinary Actions Against U.S. Armed Forces Members

In FY 2023, DOD reported criminally investigating 230 incidents under the Uniform Code of Military Justice connected with exploitation, abuse, and potential human trafficking involving DOD military, civilian, and contractor personnel.⁵⁶ **Tables 28–36** provide detailed information about the incidents reported, investigations, and outcomes in FY 2023.

Table 28: Reported Sex Trafficking or Related Incidents, FY 2023

	All Minors (Under 18 Years of Age)	All Adults (18 Years of Age or Older)	Mixture of Adults and Minors	Unknown	Not Applicable (Undercover Operation)	No Answer Given	Total
Victims	64	16	14	12	0	46	152
Incidents	52	16	5	22	14	103	212

⁵⁶ DOD follows the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), which does not explicitly prohibit human trafficking as defined under Federal law. UCMJ provisions that prohibit armed forces personnel from engaging in commercial sex, child abuse, and child exploitation and the UCMJ’s “General Article,” which prohibits, *inter alia*, a range of other non-capital violations of the U.S. Code, including fraud in foreign labor contracting and misuse of a passport, address allegations of exploitation and abuse—some of which may involve human trafficking indicators or potential human trafficking victims. It is unclear how many of the 230 incidents investigated involved potential human trafficking victims or crimes as defined under Federal law. Of the 230 incidents, 18 involved indicators of forced labor. Of these, officials resolved 17 through remedial measures that did not require a determination that the conduct constituted forced labor, while one incident remained pending.

Table 29: Subjects of Reported Sex Trafficking or Related Incidents, FY 2023

Subject	Incidents
Military	145
DOD Contractor	3
DOD Civilian	12
Non-DOD Civilian (U.S. Citizen)	24
Other Country National	2
Unknown	21
No answer given	5
Total	212

Table 30: Sex Trafficking or Related Allegations Investigated, FY 2023

Allegation	Victims	Incidents
Sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion	7	16
Sexual abuse of minor	3	3
Sexual exploitation of children	10	9
Selling or buying children	1	2
Certain activities relating to material involving the sexual exploitation of minors	15	21
Mann Act	0	4
Transportation of minors	1	1
Commercial sex act	2	2
Child sexual abuse	30	26
Other sexual misconduct	12	5
General offenses (e.g., child pornography)	79	86
Pandering and prostitution; purchase of sex; patronizing a prostitute	25	43
State law	19	36
International law	1	2
Other	28	41

Table 31: Findings of Sex Trafficking or Related Incidents Investigations, FY 2023

Finding	Investigations
Investigation not yet completed	83
No investigation open	6
Administrative investigation: allegations unsubstantiated	3
Administrative investigation: allegations substantiated	1
Criminal investigation: allegations unfounded (DOD Instruction 5505.18 ⁵⁷)	27
Criminal investigation: allegations founded (DOD Instruction 5505.18)	25

⁵⁷ DOD Instruction 5505.18, "Investigation of Adult Sexual Assault in the Department of Defense."

Finding	Investigations
Civil/foreign jurisdiction	25
Non-sex trafficking conduct substantiated	5
Criminal investigation completed	35
No answer given	2
Total	212

Table 32: Outcomes of Sex Trafficking or Related Incidents Investigations, FY 2023

Outcome	Outcomes
Court-martial charge preferred	6
Non-judicial punishment (UCMJ Article 15)	8
Other adverse administrative action	6
Action pending	18
Civilian/foreign jurisdiction	33
No action taken	41
Other	6
No answer given	94
Total	212

Table 33: Labor Trafficking or Related Incidents, FY 2023

	All Adults (18 Years of Age or Older)	Unknown	No Answer Given	Total
Victims	11	36	0	47
Incidents	2	15	1	18

Table 34: Labor Trafficking or Related Allegations Investigated, FY 2023

Allegation	Victims	Incidents
Other	37	16
Conspiracy	8	1
Fraud in foreign labor contracting	8	1
False statement in the application for or use of a passport	8	1
Misuse of a passport	32	5
Sale into involuntary servitude	8	1
Forced labor	8	1
Trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor	8	1
Unlawful conduct with respect to documents in furtherance of trafficking, peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor	18	2
Benefiting financially from peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons	10	4

Table 35: Findings of Labor Trafficking or Related Incidents Investigations, FY 2023

Finding	Investigations
Investigation not yet completed	1
No investigation open	10
Administrative investigation: allegations unsubstantiated	3
Administrative investigation: allegations substantiated	1
Criminal investigation concluded, investigations only (DOD Instruction 5505.18)	1
Non-labor trafficking misconduct substantiated	2
No answer given	0
Total	18

Table 36: Outcomes of Labor Trafficking or Related Incidents Investigations, FY 2023

Outcome	Total
Action pending	0
Other	4
No action	4
Reported to the Federal Awardee Performance Integrity Information System	0
Employee terminated	0
Withhold contract payment	0
Suspension and debarment	0
Terminate contract	0
Do not exercise contract option	0
Withhold award fee	0
Corrective Action Report	2
Termination of subcontractor	0
Employee charged with a crime	0
Removal of contract employee	1

In FY 2023, the U.S. Armed Forces disciplined 18 members—6 members of the U.S. Air Force, 7 members of the U.S. Army, and 5 members of the U.S. Navy—for conduct involving sex trafficking or related incidents. See **Table 37** for a breakdown of disciplinary actions for sex trafficking or related incidents in FY 2023.

Table 37: Disciplinary Actions in Sex Trafficking or Related Incidents, FY 2023

Disciplinary Action	Air Force	Army	Navy	Total
Forfeiture of pay and allowance	4	2	0	6
Fine	0	1	0	1
Reduction in grade	6	2	2	10

Disciplinary Action	Air Force	Army	Navy	Total
Restriction	2	2	0	4
Confinement	0	3	2	5
Extra duty	0	2	0	2
Reprimand	6	2	0	8
Administrative discharge	0	0	1	1
Court-martial discharge	0	3	1	4
Other	0	1	2	3
Added to sex offender registry	0	2	1	3
Total	18	20	9	47

III. Prevention

A. Domestic Training and Outreach

U.S. Agency for International Development

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) deploys counter-trafficking training via its learning management system, USAID University. All USAID staff and hiring mechanisms must take a mandatory online Counter Trafficking in Persons (C-TIP) Code of Conduct (Code) training within five months of onboarding and revisit the training every three years thereafter. USAID offers the training in English with both English and Spanish slides and covers combating human trafficking as a critical development priority at USAID. The Code advances the highest ethical standards for all USAID personnel, as well as contractors, subcontractors, recipients, and subrecipients. The Code prohibits employees from engaging in trafficking and any activities that facilitate it, such as commercial sex. It also requires employees to report suspected involvement of contractors or recipients in trafficking. In FY 2023, 2,229 individuals completed the training.

The Federal Acquisition Institute deploys FAC 022, Combating Trafficking in Persons, via its learning management system. All USAID staff members pursuing Federal Acquisition Certifications take the course, and it is mandatory for all those who are currently certified. The course objective is for individuals to develop an understanding of issues related to human trafficking in governmental contracting, and to learn about the legislation, regulations, and prohibitions in place to combat the practice. Individuals also gain an understanding of the specific roles and responsibilities of contracting professionals and contractors, in particular, new Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) guidelines regarding the role of the contracting officer,

contract specialist, and contracting officer's representative in monitoring contractor compliance. In FY 2023, 3,058 individuals completed the online training.

USAID's Responsibility, Safeguarding, and Compliance Division trained more than 2,500 staff members and implementing partners on safeguarding measures, including C-TIP policies and requirements, through a combination of in-person and live virtual outreach sessions. The training focused on the response to safeguarding violations, including human trafficking, in USAID programs, along with mitigation and compliance measures to prevent violations. The outreach targeted USAID's overseas mission staff, staff with award management responsibilities, and local partners.

U.S. Department of Defense

DOD's domestic human trafficking training and outreach efforts during FY 2023 included the following activities:

- ❖ DOD's Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Program Management Office (PMO) requires CTIP training for the 3.4 million members of the DOD global workforce, including the nearly 2.1 million service members. In FY 2023, the CTIP PMO launched specialized healthcare and human trafficking training for the Defense Health Agency's 140,000 employees, including nearly 108,000 active-duty medical personnel, and a specialized CTIP training for the 5,276 DOD chaplains.
- ❖ In FY 2023, 3,184 DOD personnel reported taking the CTIP Investigative Professionals training and 24,436 personnel reported taking the CTIP Acquisition Personnel training.
- ❖ The Air Force Office of Special Investigations sent personnel to attend the International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators conference.
- ❖ The U.S. Army Military Police School trained 489 personnel in two specialized courses on child abuse prevention and investigation techniques and special victims capability.
- ❖ Army Special Operations Forces' Global Combatant Command-Aligned Countering Human Trafficking Training developed trainings specific to U.S. Africa Command, U.S. European Command, U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Central Command, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command that highlighted regional human trafficking trends and case studies on "hot spot" countries.

U.S. Department of Education

Since 2020, the U.S. Department of Education has conducted a webinar series to address child and youth trafficking in U.S. schools. The series draws attention to the important efforts underway in the education community in the United States to address sex and labor trafficking. The National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, a technical assistance center funded by the Department of Education's Office of Safe and Supportive Schools, facilitates

these webinars and posts them on its website. The Department of Education hosted six webinars in FY 2023.⁵⁸

- ❖ “Protecting Young People from Online Exploitation” (October 26, 2022). This webinar focused on understanding what online exploitation is and how schools can protect young people. Speakers defined online exploitation, described how exploiters facilitate it via technology, discussed how online human trafficking compares with online sexual abuse, and shared what schools can look out for and do if it is occurring. Additionally, the speakers engaged in a panel discussion to share how they implemented mitigation strategies and how schools can educate young people to recognize grooming and other dangerous online behavior.
- ❖ “Supporting Students Who Have Experienced Familial Human Trafficking” (Part 1) (January 11, 2023). This webinar was part one of a two-part miniseries focused on the roles of families in human trafficking. Subject matter experts, including individuals with lived experience, provided brief presentations on the impacts of familial trafficking, and, as part of a panel discussion, shared approaches to supporting students who have these experiences.
- ❖ “Engaging Families in Preventing and Addressing Human Trafficking” (Part 2) (January 25, 2023). This webinar was part two of the two-part miniseries focused on the roles of families in human trafficking. Subject matter experts offered a variety of approaches for school personnel to work with families to build protective factors in their children to lessen the risk of victimization and discussed approaches to support students who have been trafficked.
- ❖ “Forced Criminality in Human Trafficking: Identifying and Intervening to Support Students” (April 19, 2023). Presenters described what forced criminality is, why and how traffickers force victims to engage in criminal behavior, and the lasting impact of forced criminality on young people and their future lives. The panelists discussed ways to identify students whose criminal involvement might mask trafficking circumstances, laws that can protect young people forced into criminal behavior, and ways to support students who experience the dual trauma of human trafficking and forced criminality.
- ❖ “Building Protective Factors to Reduce Student Vulnerability to Human Trafficking” (June 28, 2023). This webinar explored protective factors that school personnel can provide and help students develop so students can avoid or leave human trafficking situations. For example, presenters discussed strategies for helping students develop financial literacy skills because research suggests that poverty is a risk factor for human trafficking. The webinar also included a panel discussion with an expert with lived experience.
- ❖ “Centering the Experience of Boys, Young Men, and Male Identifying Students in Human Trafficking” (September 13, 2023). Researchers presented data dispelling the

⁵⁸ See [Human Trafficking Webinar Series | National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments \(NCSSLE\)](#).

myth that exploitation of children is a problem that affects only cisgender girls and young women, as well as data showing that boys and male-identifying youth are, in fact, frequently exploited and trafficked. The webinar included a panel discussion featuring experts with lived experience and educators working directly with youth in school anti-trafficking programs to understand better the experiences of male and male-identifying youth who have experienced human trafficking.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

In August 2023, HHS hosted the inaugural National Human Trafficking Prevention Summit, which brought together leaders across Federal, State, Tribal, local, and territorial governments; business, industry, and other private sector entities; nonprofits and NGOs; and philanthropic, faith-based, and research organizations to inspire and galvanize a collective effort to prevent human trafficking. The summit provided opportunities for attendees to hear from experts across multiple sectors and discuss best practices and lessons learned in efforts to prevent human trafficking and related forms of violence. Five hundred participants attended the summit and more than 4,000 participated virtually. Approximately 16 percent of in-person attendees and speakers at the summit were those with lived experience in human trafficking.

Administration for Children and Families

In FY 2023, HHS's Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) continued to inform and enhance healthcare and social services responses to human trafficking through training and technical assistance. Through NHTTAC, OTIP trained 55,172 training participants during 75 unique training and technical assistance activities. Examples of training and technical assistance activities conducted in FY 2023 include the following:

- ❖ As a follow-up to a training series in FY 2022 focused on human trafficking in Indigenous communities, NHTTAC conducted a two-day training, "Identifying and Responding to Trafficking: A Whole-Family Approach," for the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence. The speakers discussed the intersections between family violence, youth, and human trafficking. They also focused on the increased risk factors faced by boys and Native Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth.
- ❖ In partnership with HHS's Regions 3 and 7,⁵⁹ NHTTAC made a presentation, "Labor Trafficking 101: Local Trends in Labor Trafficking of Foreign Nationals," to 43 Federal and State governmental staff members in April 2023. National experts explained the distinctions between labor exploitation and human trafficking, shared data on labor trafficking trends, and highlighted the barriers that foreign nationals encounter that may increase their risk for trafficking.

⁵⁹ HHS's Region 3 covers Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Region 7 covers Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

- ❖ NHTTAC hosted and delivered a live webinar, “Applying for OTIP Funding,” in June 2023 to 36 individuals. The event focused on legislative eligibility guidelines, best practices for submitting a complete and successful award application, and lessons learned from past OTIP funding opportunities. The webinar is available to the public on NHTTAC’s website.
- ❖ OTIP award recipients continued to receive individualized training and technical assistance. In FY 2023, NHTTAC worked with five recipient organizations to implement their training and technical assistance plans. The training and technical assistance focused on sustainability planning, survivor advisory board development, trauma-informed and culturally and linguistically appropriate materials (e.g., recruitment strategies, policies, and procedures), improving outreach strategies for specific populations (e.g., Indigenous populations and individuals who are or were formerly incarcerated), and program creation (e.g., building a residential program).
- ❖ OTIP continued to offer Stop, Observe, Ask, Respond (SOAR) to Health and Wellness Training Program online, a series of online, on-demand trainings. During FY 2023, OTIP launched two new modules: “SOAR for Procurement Professionals in Healthcare Systems” and “Responding to Human Trafficking Through the Child Welfare System.” In FY 2023, participants completed 47,615 SOAR modules, and 4,250 SOAR Online recipients obtained continuing education or continuing medical education credits.

Health Resources and Services Administration

HHS’s Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) funded an initial three-year (2020–2023) technical assistance cooperative agreement with Futures Without Violence/Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation. Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation provided 1,400 HRSA-funded health centers with technical assistance to screen, identify, treat, and refer patients experiencing or survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) or human trafficking to recovery services. Training and technical assistance offerings included establishing health center policy and procedure changes designed to create a trauma-informed healthcare environment and provided instruction and tools to establish formal partnerships with community-based social service, medical-legal, and law enforcement agencies. HRSA BPHC funded the cooperative agreement for an additional three-year period that began in July 2023 and continues until June 2026. The technical assistance provided to date addresses the unique needs of populations that are at higher risk for IPV and human trafficking. A sampling of those resources includes the following:

- ❖ Futures Without Violence CUES videos demonstrate the use of the CUES approach in different health settings. CUES is an evidence-based strategy for providing education on relationships and the health impact of IPV and offering national educational resources.
- ❖ HRSA’s [*2023–2025 HRSA Strategy to Address Intimate Partner Violence*](#) (May 2023) encourages enhanced coordination between HRSA projects, strengthens infrastructure and workforce capacity to increase IPV prevention and response services, and promotes prevention of IPV through evidence-based programs. The strategy recognizes BPHC’s efforts to include data on IPV and human trafficking experience through the Uniform

Data System; training and technical assistance offerings of the Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation; and the SOAR to Health and Wellness Training from ACF partners, as key approaches to human trafficking and encourages the uptake of similar activities across HRSA.

In FY 2023, HHS concluded implementation of the third phase of Project Catalyst, an initiative to build the capacity of State and territorial leadership teams to improve the health and safety outcomes of survivors of IPV and human trafficking. This multi-year initiative supported training for more than 1,300 healthcare providers and victim advocates in 10 States and territories. Project Catalyst advanced leadership development and practice changes for health center and domestic violence service providers to promote health and safety outcomes for IPV and human trafficking survivors. All leadership teams engaged in sustainable State-level policy and systems changes to support an integrated and improved response to IPV and human trafficking in health centers and for other needed services in domestic violence programs. The Project Catalyst model continues to be a reference point and replicable approach for partnership-based strategies to address violence in its various forms.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Division of Violence Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) views violence as an urgent public health problem and aims to stop violence before it begins. This prevention focus extends to a variety of violence forms, including human trafficking. As a part of a larger portfolio to prevent child sexual abuse, CDC funds three cooperative agreements focused on preventing child sex trafficking.

In FY 2021, CDC awarded the University of Kentucky four years of funding to implement and evaluate a bystander-informed prevention program focused on preventing sex trafficking among middle schoolers called CSTOP! Now using a randomized controlled trial. During FY 2023, the University of Kentucky team recruited, implemented, and collected data from middle school staff across intervention counties in Kentucky. The team also created a tool for staff members to use when they have suspicions that one of their students may be experiencing sex trafficking. This tool, the See It to Stop It Indicator (SITSII) Tool, provides staff members with questions to gauge the child's risk of human trafficking and provides tailored outputs for next steps, such as reporting to child services or referring the child to the mental health professional in the school. In FY 2023, the team created an additional module for the training focused on the SITSII assessment interview that will support school mental health professionals as they respond to suspicions of trafficking and support the student. The team also focuses on the dissemination of its findings and has made presentations at conferences.

In FY 2022, the CDC awarded the University of New Hampshire and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln funding focused on the prevention of sex trafficking among youth. The University of New Hampshire team is implementing the Not a Number program in youth-serving organizations across Minnesota with partners at the University of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Health, and program developers and implementers at Love146. In FY 2023, the team completed formative research, including measurement development and refinement, community and partnership building, and pilot testing. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln team is implementing the Ready to Stand program across high schools in Des Moines Public Schools

with partners and program developers from the Set Me Free Project. In FY 2023, the team completed formative work, including community building and engagement, pilot testing, and implementation refinement. Both projects have multiple manuscripts detailing their formative work in progress and will begin their formal evaluations in FY 2024.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Blue Campaign and the Center for Countering Human Trafficking

The Blue Campaign is DHS's national public awareness campaign designed to educate members of the public, law enforcement agencies, and other industry partners to recognize and report human trafficking. In December 2022, Congress passed the Countering Human Trafficking Act of 2021, P.L. 117-322, which, among other things, organizationally moved the Blue Campaign under the Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT) within DHS. In FY 2023, the Blue Campaign enrolled 63 new partner organizations and provided 194 external human trafficking training events to 19,626 NGO, law enforcement, congressional, and public attendees. Training topics included human trafficking basic awareness, recognizing indicators of human trafficking, reporting options when suspected trafficking is present, and applying a victim-centered approach.

The Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI) is an element of the Blue Campaign, led by the U.S. Department of Transportation and DHS's U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The BLI trains aviation personnel to identify potential traffickers and human trafficking victims, and to report their suspicions to Federal law enforcement officers. In FY 2023, the Blue Campaign enrolled 32 new BLI partner organizations and trained 260,897 individuals.

The CCHT provides training on indicators of human trafficking, identification of potential victims and the victim-centered approach, Continued Presence, and human trafficking investigative strategies to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. In FY 2023, the CCHT conducted 135 training and outreach events to 14,350 individuals. Training included 34 trainings conducted for 2,720 foreign stakeholder participants, as well as five courses of advanced human trafficking training for 213 participants. The CCHT facilitated 28 training and outreach events to 3,335 members of State, Tribal, and local governmental and law enforcement agencies during FY 2023.

Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

DHS's Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) delivers human trafficking awareness training to law enforcement and direct law enforcement support personnel to recognize indicators and respond appropriately to suspected cases of human trafficking. FLETC trained 3,131 law enforcement officers on the indicators of human trafficking in FY 2023. FLETC delivers some of this training as part of FLETC's basic training. FLETC also delivers stand-alone human trafficking training.

- ❖ FLETC delivers human trafficking awareness training to Federal law enforcement officers within its basic training programs. In FY 2023, 3,011 students who attended FLETC basic training programs received this introductory training, which helps to equip

frontline law enforcement officers with the knowledge needed to recognize and properly respond to potential human trafficking situations.

- ❖ FLETC also delivers a human trafficking awareness training program that provides Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement officers and enforcement and direct law enforcement support personnel with an in-depth understanding of current indicators that law enforcement and the private sector may observe in industries known for human trafficking. The training features an overview of Federal statutes and applicable State laws related to trafficking. The classroom-oriented training features case studies, videos, and student-centered learning activities to enhance the learning experience. FLETC delivered three such programs to 120 Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers at locations outside a FLETC training delivery point in FY 2023.

FLETC additionally hosts the Blue Campaign's Concern human trafficking law enforcement training on its distance learning platform and provides access for up to 500 student users annually at no cost.

Transportation Security Administration

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) human trafficking awareness course, an annual requirement for all TSA employees, provides an introduction on recognizing, reporting, and responding to suspected cases of human trafficking. The course also highlights TSA's role in combating human trafficking, with an explanation of links between human trafficking criminal activity and terrorism. A total of 63,140 employees completed the course in FY 2023.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

In FY 2023, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Training and Development offered the DHS-owned course, "Blue Campaign – Human Trafficking Awareness," which is mandatory for all law enforcement personnel every calendar year. In 2023, CBP was 96 percent compliant (50,207 assigned; 47,980 complete).

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provided an agency-wide virtual learning session on human trafficking awareness to support National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in January 2023. The training provided an overview of common human trafficking indicators and reporting suspected human trafficking for USCIS employees who regularly conduct in-person interviews, administer site visits at homes and businesses, and engage with members of the community generally. Guest speakers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the HSI Victim Assistance Program shared their experiences and addressed participant questions. In FY 2023, more than 600 USCIS employees received a training session.

In FY 2023, 14,756 USCIS employees in offices with public-facing roles who may encounter trafficking victims received the annual mandatory USCIS human trafficking awareness training. The course explains human trafficking, differentiates it from human

smuggling, and provides examples of how employees might encounter victims of human trafficking and traffickers themselves. The training also provides guidance and resources should the employee identify human trafficking in a professional or private capacity.

USCIS's Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate (FDNS) conducted the following relevant trainings specific to their officers during FY 2023:

- ❖ The FDNS Officer Basic Training Program In-Residence (FOBTP-R) at the FLETC in Charleston, South Carolina (FLETC Charleston), includes a module, "Interviewing for Criminal Investigators," that discusses human trafficking and provides examples of recognizing fear of punishment or fear of recurring victimization for the victim or their family members. The module includes situational and behavioral indicators of human trafficking. In addition, FOBTP-R provides a site-visit scenario practical exercise with role players exhibiting elements of human trafficking indicators. FDNS delivered five FOBTP-R sessions to a total of 118 employees during FY 2023.
- ❖ The FDNS Officer Protection Training Program (FOPTP) at FLETC Charleston contains a site-visit scenario practical exercise with role players exhibiting elements of human trafficking indicators. FDNS delivered four FOPTP sessions to 86 employees during FY 2023.
- ❖ FDNS added content to its Officer Professionalism and Site Visit Safety (OPSVS) module, which FDNS delivers during the FDNS Officer Basic Training Program-Distance (FOBTP-D) and annually for all USCIS personnel who conduct site visits to reinforce human trafficking concepts, such as indicators and reporting measures. In addition to delivering six FOBTP-D sessions to 176 employees, FDNS delivered 22 OPSVS training sessions to 1,165 employees during FY 2023.

U.S. Secret Service

The U.S. Secret Service continued to partner with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to deliver The Childhood Smart Program. This series equips students, parents, and community members with an understanding of child sex trafficking, how it occurs, indicators of exploitation, and actions to take if one suspects that a child is being trafficked. During FY 2023, the Secret Service delivered 571 presentations to a total of 43,915 stakeholders across the United States.

U.S. Department of the Interior

In FY 2023, DOI trained a total of 1,802 individuals regarding human trafficking, including DOI law enforcement officers, DOI contracting officers, and individuals affiliated with or representing Tribal communities. FY 2023 training highlights include the following:

- ❖ Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Justice Services provided 9 trainings for 675 individuals. Training recipients included Indian Gaming Commission and Casino officials, including upper management and staff members; Federal and Tribal public safety officials, including law enforcement patrol officers, dispatch personnel, and corrections officers; and Tribal school and governmental officials and community

members, including Tribal leaders, Governors, Tribal Council members, custodians, and kitchen staff.

- ❖ The Office of Law Enforcement and Security provided training to 695 individuals. Of these, 295 were DOI law enforcement employees taking the Human Trafficking Awareness e-learning course and 400 were contracting professionals from the DOI Acquisition Division who attended a virtual town hall meeting.
- ❖ There were 252 BIA law enforcement new recruits who received at least one human trafficking training session as part of basic training.

Additionally, the Bureau of Land Management sent out periodic informational announcements to 304 law enforcement officers on human trafficking training and victim service resources.

U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

During FY 2023, the Civil Rights Division's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit (HTPU) delivered over 65 anti-trafficking training programs to over 6,000 participants representing Federal, State, local, Tribal, territorial, and international law enforcement agencies, other governmental and nongovernmental anti-trafficking partners, and multilateral organizations. HTPU's training programs provide specialized expertise and strategic guidance on identifying, investigating, and prosecuting human trafficking and assisting victims. Topics of training included proactive human trafficking case identification and investigation strategies; survivor-centered, trauma-informed approaches to advancing investigations and prosecutions; developing and corroborating evidence of coercion; securing restitution for victims; and detecting human trafficking indicators in healthcare settings, Tribal communities, drug-trafficking operations, and immigration-related contexts.

Examples of significant FY 2023 domestic training programs include the following:

- ❖ HTPU presented on the role that immigration attorneys and representatives play in identifying victims of human trafficking as part of DOJ's Executive Office for Immigration Review's Model Hearing Program, an educational program designed to provide governmental attorneys, private attorneys, and potential or newly accredited representatives with information about practices and procedures related to advocacy in immigration court.
- ❖ In collaboration with the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), the Criminal Division's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section, and DOJ's National Advocacy Center, HTPU held a multi-day human trafficking conference for U.S. Attorneys' Offices regarding the challenges facing Human Trafficking Coordinators in developing effective, district-specific, anti-human trafficking strategies.

- ❖ HTPU presented on next-generation strategies in human trafficking investigations on a panel moderated by DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime at the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police conference. Several hundred Federal, State, local, Tribal, territorial, and international senior law enforcement officials attended.
- ❖ HTPU presented on successfully detecting, investigating, and prosecuting forced labor in the agricultural sector at the Second Annual Labor Trafficking in the Agriculture Industry roundtable hosted by DOL's Wage and Hour Division's (WHD) Southeast Region. Five hundred attendees, including DOL WHD staff, as well as NGO representatives, immigration attorneys, victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, agricultural industry representatives, and other community partners, attended the event.
- ❖ HTPU presented to 30 analysts and agents assigned to the International Organized Crime Intelligence and Operations Center (IOC-2) to enhance IOC-2's capacity to provide analytic support to advance Federal agencies' anti-trafficking case identification, threat assessment, targeting, investigation, deconfliction, and case coordination efforts.
- ❖ HTPU and the National Indian Country Training Initiative, in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan, delivered a seminar on identifying human trafficking in Tribal communities to 50 Tribal prosecutors and police officers, as well as Federal anti-trafficking partners in the region.
- ❖ HTPU and DHS's CCHT coordinated to deliver multiple training presentations to over 75 HSI Group Supervisors, agents, and analysts from all HSI offices nationwide at the annual human in-service training convened by CCHT to enhance HSI capacity to initiate and advance victim-centered human trafficking investigations and develop them into successful prosecutions. Topics included strategies for proving nonviolent coercion, corroborating victim testimony, and overcoming common defenses in human trafficking prosecutions.
- ❖ HTPU presented on how multidisciplinary teams can build effective human trafficking investigations and prosecutions to 500 Federal, State, and local prosecutors and law enforcement officers, victim service providers, and NGO representatives at the STOP Human Trafficking Conference in San Antonio, Texas.
- ❖ HTPU presented multiple sessions at the annual International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators conference in Clearwater, Florida, to over 800 prosecutors, law enforcement agents, intelligence analysts, and victim service providers from throughout the United States and Canada. Topics included proving nonviolent coercion, documenting a human trafficking crime scene, collection and analysis of digital evidence, and multiple case studies.
- ❖ HTPU presented at the annual Wisconsin Statewide Human Trafficking Conference co-hosted by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin. Over 300 Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers and prosecutors attended.

Topics included dismantling human trafficking networks in the illicit massage industry, approaching cases in which a victim has become a trafficker, and multiple case studies.

- ❖ HTPU, in partnership with the FBI's Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking Unit and the FBI Detroit Field Office, delivered a three-day advanced human trafficking seminar in Detroit, Michigan, for 75 Federal, State, local and Tribal prosecutors, law enforcement officers, analysts, and victim witness specialists. Topics included proving coercion, corroborating evidence, proactive case identification, trial preparation, charging strategies, and multiple case studies.
- ❖ HTPU, in partnership with the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) and CEOS, participated in a webinar attended by over 100 DOJ personnel in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Topics included recent updates to the *Attorney General Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance*, legal obligations of DOJ personnel under the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act and the Crime Victims' Rights Act, best practices and available resources for providing effective services and assistance to human trafficking victims, and the role of the Office of the Victims' Rights Ombuds.
- ❖ HTPU presented at the annual conference of the Freedom Network USA, an NGO coalition of organizations providing legal representation and other advocacy on behalf of human trafficking survivors.

HTPU also continued to provide anti-trafficking expertise to delegations of international law enforcement and governmental officials through programs organized by DOS, DOJ's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), and multilateral organizations. *See Appendix C* for further details.

Criminal Division

CEOS participated in domestic trainings during FY 2023 that included the following:

- ❖ CEOS presented a training on maximizing the use of computer forensic evidence in investigating and proving cases involving child sexual abuse material. Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the child exploitation and human trafficking section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, as well as law enforcement agents and computer forensic analysts, attended.
- ❖ CEOS presented a training on Federal prosecution of child sex trafficking cases as part of the FBI's Lync and Learn series. Topics included relevant statutes, presenting evidence at trial, and the importance of a victim-centered approach. Approximately 80 attendees, including FBI special agents, task force officers, and support personnel involved in anti-trafficking investigations and operations, attended.
- ❖ CEOS presented a training at the FBI's Advanced Child Victimization Training. The training focused on restitution in child sex trafficking and child pornography cases, including discussion of best practices for proving the amount of a victim's losses at a

restitution hearing. Approximately 45 members of the FBI's Victim Services Division attended.

- ❖ CEOS developed and delivered multiple training presentations at the annual National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation, which over 1,600 Federal, State, and local investigators, prosecutors, computer forensics and victim witness specialists, and other professionals attended. Topics included investigating and prosecuting Tor and Freenet cases, protecting sensitive peer-to-peer investigation techniques, evidentiary issues, hot topics in child exploitation cases, "child modeling" cases, virtual and in-person child sex trafficking, developing Federal cases, and protecting child victims.
- ❖ CEOS presented at a training hosted by HSI in Dallas, Texas, that covered the investigation and prosecution of international livestreamed child sexual abuse cases. HSI Special Agents from around the United States attended.

The Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) conducted 14 virtual and in-person trainings for prosecutors, investigators, and State, local, Federal, and Tribal law enforcement officials in FY 2023. Attendance at these trainings varied depending on the scope of the training; the largest audience comprised 800 attendees from both local and Federal law enforcement agencies. Examples of training include the following:

- ❖ MLARS presented a training on "Following the Money, Forfeiture, and Obtaining Victim Restitution in Human Trafficking Cases" at the Human Trafficking Coordinators' Conference.
- ❖ MLARS, in collaboration with the Criminal Division's OPDAT, presented a virtual training, "Private Public Sector Forum on Money Laundering and Trafficking in Persons," for members of the Indonesian financial sector.
- ❖ MLARS made a presentation titled "Follow the Money" for the FBI Field Office in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- ❖ MLARS delivered a presentation on "Combating Child Exploitation and Trafficking Through Financial Investigation" at the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation in Atlanta, Georgia.
- ❖ MLARS presented on "Combating Human Trafficking through Financial Investigation" for a U.S. Attorney Office-hosted, statewide human trafficking conference in Wisconsin.

U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys

Several U.S. Attorneys' Offices and EOUSA participated in or provided human trafficking training during FY 2023. Examples include the following:

- ❖ EOUSA and HTPU, in collaboration with the Office of Legal Education and the National Advocacy Center, delivered a three-part webinar series on human trafficking investigations and prosecutions to over 100 participants from U.S. Attorneys' Offices

nationwide, including Assistant U.S. Attorneys and supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorneys, as well as investigative agents selected by individual U.S. Attorneys' Offices. Topics included victim identification with an emphasis on identifying potential forced labor victims and violations, initiating proactive investigations, detection of human trafficking threats and indicators in the context of immigration and narcotics investigations, and sex trafficking and labor trafficking case studies. Presenters included HTPU prosecutors, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, case agents, and prosecution partners from Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces and MLARS.

- ❖ DOJ's National Indian Country Training Initiative and HTPU delivered a three-day webinar series on investigating and prosecuting human trafficking in Tribal communities for U.S. Attorneys' Offices, human trafficking task forces, and other anti-trafficking partners nationwide. More than 250 criminal justice and social service personnel, medical providers, Tribal leaders, and other community stakeholders attended. The training featured presentations on legal definitions; statutory elements; effective strategies for identifying, investigating, and prosecuting human trafficking cases; conducting successful enforcement operations; pretrial litigation strategies; effective trial presentation in victim-centered human trafficking prosecutions; and recurring sentencing issues.
- ❖ Prior to the National Football League's Super Bowl LVII in February 2023, Phoenix's Central Arizona United to Stop Exploitation (CAUSE) Task Force, with participation from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, engaged in significant outreach to the region's hotel industry to raise awareness about sex trafficking and aid in the identification of trafficking victims.
- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia engaged in multiple training and outreach initiatives, including participating in a webinar hosted by Futures Without Violence, "Intersection of Human Trafficking and Substance Use: Trauma-Informed Care and Collaboration Strategies to Support Survivors"; two human trafficking prevention presentations through the First and Sixth District Citizens Advisory Councils; and the Washington, D.C. Human Trafficking Taskforce – Black and Missing presentation that the U.S. Attorney's Office co-chaired with the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia.
- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida provided information and guidance to a class of physician assistant students at South University, underscoring that healthcare professionals are a significant point of contact for human trafficking victims seeking assistance and care. The presentation explored the importance of healthcare professionals documenting and preserving evidence of human trafficking offenses and provided tips to assist members of the medical community in identifying signs of human trafficking and obtaining support services for victims.
- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia participated in educational presentations to adult and youth forums regarding human trafficking and online exploitation. These outreach events included a family engagement support forum

in South Atlanta, a community forum in Cobb County, Georgia, and a roundtable event held in coordination with the FBI and DOS in which a delegation from Liberia was in attendance.

- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia participated in the 8th Annual Traffick Jam—Bringing Our Community Together for Awareness and Prevention event. Representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office served on a law enforcement panel and delivered a labor trafficking presentation.
- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, along with its partners in the Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force, hosted the 13th Annual Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force Conference. Attendees at the two-day conference had the opportunity to network, learn about new research, examine the latest trends and initiatives in the anti-trafficking environment, listen to survivor leaders, and engage with experts in interactive sessions and workshops.
- ❖ In anticipation of Super Bowl LVIII and F1 racing events scheduled to take place in Las Vegas, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada and other members of the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force conducted presentations to alert the public to trafficking indicators and provide information about reporting human trafficking to law enforcement officials. The task force includes the U.S. Attorney's Office, Nevada Attorney General, Clark County District Attorney's Office, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, FBI, HSI, and several victim service providers. Members made presentations to representatives of hotels, private businesses, and community organizations.
- ❖ The Western District of New York Human Trafficking Task Force, with participation from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of New York, led multiple in-person trainings for law enforcement supervisors, corrections officer recruits, law enforcement officer recruits, and police officers at various county law enforcement academies.
- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Dakota co-chairs the West River Human Trafficking Task Force, which consists of local, State, and Federal agencies, nonprofit agencies, and individuals. The task force engaged in educational, outreach, and public awareness efforts in connection with the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.
- ❖ The STOP Human Trafficking Task Force, chaired by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas and based in San Antonio, held its annual conference, with more than 400 registered attendees. The two-day event included presentations and workshops for task force members consisting of prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, victim advocates, and service providers in multiple counties.
- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia coordinated with task force partners from the West Virginia State Police and the West Virginia Center for Children's Justice to develop training videos for teachers and child protective services

workers. The videos focus on human trafficking risk factors, vulnerabilities, red flags, and ways to respond to suspected human trafficking incidents. The videos also include an introduction from the U.S. Attorney and highlight the enhanced anti-trafficking collaboration among Federal and State law enforcement agencies, as well as West Virginia's health and educational services.

- ❖ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin provided a child sex trafficking webinar presentation in a community discussion series hosted by the Milwaukee Community Justice Council.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In FY 2023, the FBI delivered more than 300 trafficking-related trainings for more than 11,500 detection and enforcement partners. Participants included local and State law enforcement personnel, educational institutions, community centers, medical and mental health providers, and industry liaisons in the private sector. Topics included identifying human trafficking victims, violations, and indicators, and available resources for assisting victims.

The FBI's Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking Unit (CACHTU) initiated the Biweekly Human Trafficking Webinar Series and held four training sessions in FY 2023, including presentations delivered in partnership with HTPU. Approximately 125 FBI agents, analysts, and victim specialists attended these virtual trainings. Topics included national human trafficking threats and trends, best practices in human trafficking investigations and prosecutions, investigative strategies, victim considerations, and case studies.

CACHTU also partnered with the Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking Intelligence Unit (CACHTIU) to bring in guest speakers to deliver trainings to FBI field offices nationwide on gang-related human trafficking or tailor trainings to subsections of the FBI, such as foreign language analysts, to ensure they were aware of human trafficking trends and tradecraft. These presentations reached a total of over 300 participants.

CACHTU and the FBI's Victim Services Division hosted a series of 13 trainings for multidisciplinary teams, including law enforcement officers, victim service providers, and analysts, focused on victim-centered, trauma-informed best practices for recovering minor victims of commercial sex trafficking in connection with the Innocence Lost National Initiative and related law enforcement operations.

Federal Bureau of Prisons

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) has a mandatory human trafficking training for all staff, "Human Trafficking: Stopping the Cycle." The one-hour training, provided on BOP's learning management system, familiarizes BOP personnel with human trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence. The training also offers insights on identifying trafficking victims within the prison system as well as appropriately addressing victims' needs. After completion of the course, participants can define gender-based violence, identify human trafficking and human traffickers' recruitment efforts, identify trafficking victims within the

prison system, and identify trauma-informed resources and approaches to address survivors' needs. There were 31,585 course completions in FY 2023.

Additionally, BOP's learning management system, Bureau Learning University, provides two other human trafficking courses:

- ❖ The "Human Trafficking Awareness" course addresses awareness of human trafficking in any location or workplace. Participants learn to identify key principles about what human trafficking involves, recognize the types of activities associated with human trafficking, recognize the common indicators that a person may be a victim of human trafficking, identify the protocol for reporting suspicions that participants may have that trafficking may be occurring in their places of employment, and identify the legal protections afforded to victims. Fifteen personnel completed the course in FY 2023.
- ❖ The "Human Trafficking Awareness for Employees of Federal Contractors" course, developed with subject matter support provided by The Potomac Law Group, PLLC, enables participants to discuss indicators of human trafficking and what to do if they suspect that prohibited activities are occurring. Participants also learn to identify activities prohibited under human trafficking regulations, identify prohibited employment activities when performing Federal governmental contracts, identify possible indicators of human trafficking, recognize the obligations of employees of Federal contractors to report human trafficking, and recognize prohibited employment actions and obligations to report suspected human trafficking. Ninety-nine participants completed the course in FY 2023.

Office of Justice Programs

In FY 2023, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) made four competitive, anti-trafficking training and technical assistance awards totaling \$7 million. The newly awarded training and technical assistance focused on training for OVC-funded task forces, law enforcement officers and prosecutors, grantees providing housing assistance for human trafficking victims, and OVC's preventing trafficking of girls program. As of September 2023, OVC managed 20 distinct training and technical assistance awards, addressing the training and technical assistance needs of a broad range of stakeholders.

Training by OVC Training and Technical Assistance Grantees (JustGrants Data)

From July 2022 through June 2023, OVC anti-trafficking training and technical assistance grantees reported conducting 305 trainings for 15,097 participants. The grantees also reported completing 1,808 technical assistance requests with 3,890 recipients.

Training by OVC Anti-Trafficking Direct Service Grantees (Performance Management Tool Data)

In FY 2023, direct service provider grantees, reporting through the Performance Management Tool (PMT), reported conducting 4,740 trainings funded by grants for 62,613 participants. **Table 38** summarizes these trainings.

Table 38: Topics of Trainings Hosted by OVC Anti-Trafficking Direct Services Grantees (PMT), FY 2023

Topic of Training	Trainings Hosted
Professional Development	343
Sex and Labor Trafficking	1,251
Sex Trafficking	414
Labor Trafficking	158
Other	153

Office of Tribal Justice

As required under the Not Invisible Act of 2019, on May 5, 2022, the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General announced the members of the Not Invisible Act Commission (NIAC), a cross-jurisdictional advisory committee composed of Federal and non-Federal members, including law enforcement officials, Tribal leaders, Federal partners, service providers, family members of missing and murdered individuals, and—most importantly—survivors. The Federal members included representatives from DOI, DOJ, HHS, FBI, and DHS. The 40 Federal and non-Federal members of the NIAC made recommendations to Congress and Federal agencies, including DOI and DOJ, to improve intergovernmental coordination and establish best practices for State, Tribal, and Federal law enforcement; bolster resources for survivors and victims’ families; and combat the missing and murdered Indigenous peoples (MMIP) crisis. The Commission held 10 public field hearings across the United States, including a two-day virtual hearing, to listen to law enforcement officials, Tribal leaders, survivors, families, Federal officials, health practitioners and other subject matter experts, and the public in some of the areas most affected by the MMIP crisis. NIAC collected at least 260 testimonies because of the public hearings.⁶⁰

U.S. Department of Labor

In January 2023, the Employment and Training Administration’s (ETA) YouthBuild program held a two-part webinar series for program staff, “Stopping Human Trafficking: Protecting our Youth through Knowledge and Action.” In June 2023, ETA hosted the State Monitor Advocate Leadership Conference at its National Office. State Monitor Advocates are State workforce agency staff that ensure migrant and seasonal farmworkers have equitable access to the public workforce development system, which provides career services, skill development, and workforce protections. The training included sessions on processing complaints regarding suspected human trafficking.

DOL’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) continued to provide training on preventing and eliminating labor exploitation and human trafficking to all agency enforcement staff. In addition, WHD hosted virtual events with advocates and worker organizations to discuss the prevalence and indicators of forced labor in the agricultural and construction industries. WHD participated in more than 230 meetings dedicated to the prevention and combating of human trafficking in

⁶⁰ NIAC delivered its final recommendations in a November 2023 report, [“Not One More”: Findings and Recommendations of the Not Invisible Act Commission](#). The report included more than 200 recommendations to the United States.

FY 2023. These meetings included regular human trafficking task force participation, training, webinars, and similar engagements.

DOL’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) created educational materials, including a fact sheet, “[Stopping Human Trafficking: How to Identify and Report It](#),” and a wallet card, “[Identifying & Reporting Labor Trafficking](#),” for use by OSHA staff, community advocates, and vulnerable workers. OSHA also updated its website to include human trafficking information and developed and disseminated labor trafficking fact sheets and pocket cards for field personnel to use in OSHA’s enforcement and outreach activities. Additionally, OSHA conducted extensive interagency outreach and cross-training to amplify these efforts. OSHA continued to participate in and jointly facilitate labor trafficking-related outreach and training with local human trafficking task forces and other groups.

U.S. Department of State

Training

DOS’s Foreign Service Institute (FSI) provided classroom, virtual, and web-based training to raise awareness of human trafficking and train personnel to properly identify and address it. In addition to three human trafficking-specific online distance-learning courses, FSI provided classroom, virtual, and online distance-learning courses that featured human trafficking modules. FSI offered 51 sessions of 14 separate courses that address human trafficking over the course of FY 2023. There were 6,927 individuals who participated in these courses in FY 2023. See **Tables 39** and **40** for information on these courses.

Table 39: Foreign Service Institute Distance-Learning Courses on Human Trafficking, FY 2023

Distance-Learning Course	Audience	Description	FY 2023 Participants
Human Trafficking Awareness Training	Direct-hire DOS personnel	The 45-minute online course outlines the Federal government’s policy against human trafficking, defines human trafficking, and provides information on DOS’s related Standards of Conduct.	632
Trafficking in Persons Awareness	Diplomatic Security personnel	The 90-minute online course covers common trafficking schemes and misconceptions that can hinder investigations. The course also discusses red flags and best practices for identification of human trafficking, including best practices for interviewing possible victims.	370
Combating Trafficking in Persons Consular Training	Consular personnel	The 90-minute online course outlines the forms of human trafficking and most common characteristics of vulnerable populations, while providing consular staff with the ability to	1,764

Distance-Learning Course	Audience	Description	FY 2023 Participants
		recognize trafficking patterns and indicators of potential human trafficking situations.	

Table 40: General Foreign Service Institute Courses Featuring a Human Trafficking Module, FY 2023

Course	Primary Audience	Description	FY 2023 Participants
Promoting Human Rights & Democracy	Direct-hire DOS personnel covering human rights domestically or overseas	The five-day virtual course features modules on combating human trafficking.	59
Political & Economic Tradecraft	Direct-hire DOS personnel serving as first-time political or economic officers at overseas missions	The three-week in-person course includes a discussion of U.S. government objectives on combating human trafficking.	242
Labor Officer Skills	Direct-hire DOS personnel covering international labor issues	The five-day course features multiple human trafficking modules on forced labor.	17
Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse	Direct-hire DOS personnel working in or with DOS's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration	Two-and-a-half-hour online course	130
Gender Equality and Foreign Policy	Direct-hire DOS personnel working on issues related to gender equality and the advancement of women and girls	The four-day course includes modules on human trafficking related to women and girls.	57
General Service Officer Acquisitions	Direct-hire DOS personnel working as General Service Officers overseas	The 20-day virtual and in-person course provides basic training in overseas contracting and procurement.	32
Simplified Acquisition Procedures	Direct-hire DOS personnel assigned overseas who have simplified acquisition responsibilities	The 40-hour online course includes an introduction to basic rules and procedures for making simplified acquisitions.	574
Contracting Officer's Representative	Direct-hire DOS personnel seeking initial Federal Acquisitions Certification (FAC)-Contracting Officer's	The four-day virtual course provides knowledge related to COR roles and responsibilities.	347

Course	Primary Audience	Description	FY 2023 Participants
	Representative (COR) certification at Level I or Level II		
Department of State Contracting Officer's Representative	Direct-hire DOS personnel seeking initial FAC-COR certification at Level I or Level II	The one-day virtual course provides training to recognize the duties, limitations, and authority of the COR and governmental technical monitor.	333
How to be a Contracting Officer's Representative	Direct-hire DOS personnel designated as a COR, assigned to oversee contractor performance, or needing FAC-COR recertification	The 40-hour online course provides knowledge through the various phases of procurement.	2,274
Deputy Chief of Mission/Principal Officer Seminar	Direct-hire DOS personnel designated to be Deputy Chief of Mission or Principal Officer	The three-week seminar focuses on the specific skills and knowledge that the Deputy Chief of Mission and Principal Officer need to manage their missions effectively.	82
Ambassadorial Seminar	Ambassador-designates	The three-week seminar prepares ambassador-designates for their new roles.	49

FSI's Consular Training Division continued to educate entry-level consular officers and consular managers during FY 2023 on the requirements of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, including mandatory distribution of the [Know Your Rights pamphlet](#) that provides information regarding the legal rights of certain visa recipients.

In addition, the DOS Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (DOS TIP Office) and an NGO partner continued to update, market, and make available to U.S. government contractors, acquisition personnel, and other business leaders the [Responsible Sourcing Tool](#) website, which is designed to assist stakeholders, especially companies, in understanding the risks of human trafficking, particularly forced labor, in their global supply chains and developing effective management systems to detect, prevent, and combat the crime. The NGO partner added new risk-management tools for the facilities services sector to the site in FY 2023, and the contractor conducted work to complete a site redesign, including the development of new due diligence tools for the construction sector. During FY 2023, 16,769 users visited the Responsible Sourcing Tool website.

Drawing on the resources from the Responsible Sourcing Tool and in collaboration with a contractor, the DOS TIP Office began a pilot initiative to develop a human trafficking risk mapping process for high-risk contracts. Starting with the construction sector, the DOS TIP Office and the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations will test a new approach to risk assessment and contract monitoring into 2024. With lessons learned from a tested process, the goal is to expand the pilot tool to serve as a resource for DOS CORs working on any contract.

DOS's Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) provides human trafficking training to its special agents worldwide at various career stages. Trainings provide special agents with information on human trafficking in its various forms, then introduces them to the Victims' Resource Advocacy Program. DSS also conducts domestic outreach programs for passport centers and passport agencies across the United States. DSS augments the multi-agency endeavors of DOJ, DOL, and DHS in providing specialized training to other Federal, State, and local representatives on various task forces and interagency teams in multiple U.S. cities, including the interagency teams established through the Anti-Trafficking Coordination Team Initiative.

Other Outreach and Public Awareness Efforts

The DOS TIP Office leads DOS's global efforts to combat human trafficking. In FY 2023, the TIP Office engaged civil society and the private sector in key partnerships to raise awareness of human trafficking and educate the public about identifying and preventing the crime. The TIP Office participated in public-facing speaking engagements with faith-based communities, academic and media outlets, corporations, multilateral institutions, think tanks, and podcasts. It also conducted numerous trainings around the world for foreign governments, NGOs, and other stakeholders. The TIP Office reached approximately 1.8 million people through human trafficking outreach efforts, including through its website, social media, and speaking engagements, in FY 2023. Online views increased by 14 percent compared to FY 2022, whereas there was a 67.5 percent increase in post impressions across the social media accounts.

The TIP Office designed extensive social media campaigns throughout the year for special events such as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons meeting, and World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. In June 2023, the Secretary of State hosted an in-person ceremony for the release of the [2023 Trafficking in Persons Report](#) (TIP Report). The ceremony was also livestreamed to expand the opportunity for public participation. The introduction to the 2023 TIP Report highlighted and emphasized the importance of partnership, shared lessons learned, and highlighted elements and examples of good partnerships for governments and authorities, international organizations, civil society, private sector entities, and other stakeholders. To amplify the release of the 2023 TIP Report, Ambassador-at-Large Cindy Dyer hosted a live interactive panel discussion. The TIP Office shared the 2023 TIP Report release ceremony with the public via YouTube. There were more than 3,600 views in FY 2023.

Survivor Engagement

Survivor engagement is a central tenet of the Federal government’s approach to establishing effective anti-trafficking strategies that address prosecution, protection, and prevention. Throughout FY 2023, the DOS TIP Office worked closely with the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. The TIP Office also supported engagements between the Council and over 15 Federal agencies and components to inform the Council’s [Annual Report 2023](#).

The U.S. Advisory Council continued to leverage virtual and in-person meetings with the Federal government more than ever, including with components it had not previously engaged. The Council’s report, and continued collaboration with Federal agencies and components, reaffirms the importance of survivor engagement.

In FY 2023, Human Trafficking Expert Network (Network) consultants advised DOS on 12 projects, ranging from delivering trauma training to DOS staff to collaborating on several key products. Most notably, through the Network, the TIP Office again partnered with subject matter experts, particularly survivors of human trafficking, to draft the 2023 TIP Report introduction essay. Network consultants also drafted material for a “Survivor Insight” section and reviewed photographs for inclusion in the report. In collaboration with the TIP Office, the Network created a resource with trauma-informed guidance for DOS staff conducting international site visits or meetings at shelters for victims and survivors. This resource, the first of its kind, prepares DOS staff to incorporate trauma-informed approaches when conducting shelter visits to prevent retraumatizing survivors during their visits.

U.S. Department of Transportation

Since 2012, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has required its approximately 55,000 Federal employees to take human trafficking awareness training every two years.⁶¹ Together with DHS and CBP, DOT also trains more than 350,000 aviation industry personnel across nearly 140 partners through the Blue Lightning Initiative. The training module enables aviation stakeholders to fulfill statutory requirements that flight attendants, ticket counter agents, gate agents, and other air carrier workers whose jobs require regular interaction with passengers receive training initially and annually on recognizing and responding to human trafficking.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

In FY 2023, the EEOC held 128 agency outreach events focused on human trafficking. More than 7,680 people attended. Event highlights included the following:

- ❖ The EEOC’s Washington Field Office hosted a virtual human trafficking training for its Fair Employment Practice Agency partners and employees.

⁶¹ In FY 2023, DOT changed its counter-trafficking training requirement for Federal employees to every two years to comply with section 122(c) of the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022. Previously, DOT required employees to complete training every three years.

- ❖ The EEOC’s Philadelphia District Outreach and Education team collaborated with the Prince George’s County Office of Human Rights Fair Employment Practice Agency to provide training addressing human trafficking and other topics.
- ❖ The EEOC’s Houston District Office participated with the Labor Trafficking and Immigration Joint Subcommittee of the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission to review gaps in Louisiana’s statewide response to labor trafficking and issues of immigration related to trafficking, provide recommendations to the State’s Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board, and develop partnerships with other agencies and advocacy groups.

B. Activities of the Senior Policy Operating Group

The President’s Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF) is a Cabinet-level entity created by the TVPA to coordinate Federal efforts to combat human trafficking. The Secretary of State chairs the PITF. The TVPA, as amended in 2003, established the Senior Policy Operating Group (SPOG), which consists of senior officials designated as representatives of PITF agencies. The Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons chairs the SPOG. The SPOG brings together Federal agencies that address all aspects of human trafficking.

Five standing committees and several ad hoc working groups met regularly in FY 2023 to advance substantive areas of the SPOG’s work.

- ❖ The Research and Data Committee bolstered agencies’ understanding of the scope, demographics, and nature of human trafficking by facilitating information sharing about human trafficking research, data, and evaluation projects; inviting external researchers to present on their latest findings; and driving interagency discussions on addressing challenges related to gathering, harmonizing, and sharing human trafficking data. To implement Priority Action 4.1.2 of the [National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking](#) (National Action Plan),⁶² agencies shared their current and upcoming research focused on supporting and serving vulnerable populations and underserved victims.
- ❖ The Public Awareness and Outreach Committee published a [Federal Anti-Trafficking Resource Inventory](#) in response to Priority Action 4.4.1 of the National Action Plan.⁶³ The inventory includes Federal human trafficking prevention and protection outreach efforts and resources, awareness campaigns, tool kits, programs, and evaluations of their effectiveness. Additionally, in response to Priority Action 2.1.3 of the National Action Plan,⁶⁴ the committee created a [Guide for Introductory Human Trafficking Awareness Training](#) to serve as a resource for professional entities when developing or updating human trafficking training for their workforces.

⁶² “Identify research gaps to better serve vulnerable populations and underserved victims.” National Action Plan, p. 50.

⁶³ “Conduct future outreach initiatives based on a review of prior federal outreach efforts.” National Action Plan, p. 53.

⁶⁴ “Regularly train federal law enforcement and service provider agencies on identifying human trafficking.” National Action Plan, p. 29.

- ❖ The Victims Services Committee convened information-sharing meetings. The committee heard presentations from the International Organization for Migration on two programs it implements with DOS funding: the Return, Reintegration, and Family Reunification Program for Victims of Trafficking in the United States and the Emergency Victim Assistance Fund. The committee also heard presentations from DOL’s OSHA and WHD about DOL’s ability to certify U and T visa applications and from DHS’s USCIS regarding its enforcement of labor and employment laws.
- ❖ The Procurement and Supply Chains Committee continued to focus on addressing Priority Action 1.3.1 of the National Action Plan.⁶⁵ On January 17, 2023, in collaboration with the Chief Acquisition Officers Council staff at the General Services Administration, the committee held its first public outreach session to build awareness about the anti-trafficking requirements of the FAR, per Priority Action 1.3.1. The event attracted more than 200 attendees from contracting companies, NGOs, international partners, and associations of State, local, Tribal, and territorial officials.
- ❖ The Grantmaking Committee released [Promising Practices: A Review of U.S. Government-Funded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Programs](#), a resource for Federal grantmaking agencies, practitioners, and other key stakeholders to identify areas and approaches for combating trafficking that are worth testing in their own countries and communities. The committee developed this resource to address recommendations made by the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking to identify promising practices along the prevention, protection, and prosecution model that may include survivor-informed, trauma-informed, and culturally competent approaches.
- ❖ The Ad Hoc Working Group on Demand Reduction discussed demand related to direct care services.
- ❖ The Ad Hoc Working Group on Rights and Protections of Temporary Workers analyzed the rights and protections granted to temporary employment-based visa holders to develop solutions for addressing gaps in those protections.
- ❖ The Ad Hoc Working Group on Screening Forms and Protocols held meetings across the Federal government to learn more about the scenarios in which Federal employees could encounter a human trafficking victim, collected existing data on relevant screening tools and protocols currently used by agencies, and began to identify gaps, areas for improvement, and potential promising practices.

In addition, PITF agencies collaborated with the U.S. Advisory Council to help inform the recommendations in its 2023 annual report, as well as to implement previous report recommendations for improving Federal anti-trafficking programs and policies.

⁶⁵ “Require select agencies to designate a senior accountable official to ensure effective implementation of anti-trafficking acquisition rules and best practices.” National Action Plan, p. 22.

C. Enforcement of 22 U.S.C. § 7104(g) (Procurement Termination and Remedy Clauses) and Related Activities

Section 7104(g) of Title 22 requires the President to ensure that Federal grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements that provide funds to private entities include a condition that authorizes the Federal government to terminate the grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, or take other remedial action, if the grantee, subgrantee, contractor, or subcontractor engages in or uses labor recruiters, brokers, or other agents who engage in (1) severe forms of trafficking in persons; (2) the procurement of a commercial sex act during the period of time that the grant, contract, or cooperative agreement is in effect; (3) the use of forced labor in the performance of the grant, contract, or cooperative agreement; or (4) acts that directly support or advance trafficking in persons.

Federal agency actions related to enforcement of § 7104(g) and implementation of FAR 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons,⁶⁶ during FY 2023 are described below.

U.S. Agency for International Development

USAID's Office of Inspector General (USAID-OIG) reported receiving or logging nine allegations related to C-TIP during FY 2023. One complaint involved an agency employee and eight involved implementing partners. The USAID-OIG initiated one investigation, which is currently open and ongoing. The OIG did not make any referrals to the Attorney General.

USAID's Responsibility, Safeguarding and Compliance (RSC) Division did not receive any referrals from the USAID-OIG for consideration of suspension and debarment measures that contain allegations of severe forms of trafficking in persons. The RSC Division continued to work closely with the USAID-OIG on human trafficking allegations against both USAID employees and implementing partners to be able to consider exclusionary action. This past year, the RSC Division briefed members of other bilateral donor governments on the remedies that USAID uses to respond to human trafficking and other safeguarding failings. The RSC Division is continuing to develop a centralized incident and case management system to strengthen USAID's response to safeguarding failings, improve coordination, and provide more reliable data related to misconduct.

USAID continued to respond to safeguarding violations in USAID-funded programs, including sexual exploitation and abuse and human trafficking, and led discussions about enforcement action (potential suspensions and debarments) on this type of misconduct.

U.S. Department of Defense

DOD's activities in this area include the following:

- ❖ The CTIP PMO maintains an [Acquisition Resources page](#) on its website with resources for the DOD contracting community, including a CTIP Checklist.

⁶⁶ [52.222-50 Combating Trafficking in Persons. | Acquisition.GOV.](#)

- ❖ The 408th Contracting Support Brigade employs a Quality Assurance/CTIP Team; trains members who monitor contractor performance and hold contractors accountable via non-conformance reports; uses a locally established checklist that includes references to FAR 52.222-50, Kuwaiti labor laws, or other countries' local labor laws, and ministry decrees for management and compliance review, housing inspections, and employee interviews; and enters documentation into the Contractor Performance Reporting System when violations are found.
- ❖ Defense Criminal Investigative Service agents at the Kuwait Resident Agency increased coordination efforts with the Regional Contracting 9 Center – Kuwait, 408th Contracting Support Brigade, Camp Arifjan. This coordination helps ensure that any reported allegations are properly investigated.
- ❖ Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Instruction 2200.01, CTIP, requires the Director of DLA Acquisition to include a clause in all contracts for DLA contractors to receive CTIP training from their employers each year.
- ❖ U.S. Air Forces Central A48 has developed an innovative staff education program, as well as updated policy and guidance and a self-inspection program, at the forward Expeditionary Contracting Squadrons (ECONS). Furthermore, it stressed CTIP measures in all briefings to deploying ECONS/Commanders and initiated a COR training program that stresses CTIP in Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan and Performance Work Statement development.
- ❖ Defense Pricing and Contracting's [CTIP webpage](#) provides information and instruction on the contracting officer's role, responsibilities, and resources for reporting human trafficking under the DOD CTIP Program. The webpage also features information on outreach and communication, including CTIP policy for the acquisition community and contractors.
- ❖ The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) maintains a CTIP Job Aid on its website developed in response to a recommendation in the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Report [21-546](#).
- ❖ U.S. Air Forces Central requires all contractors that participate in the Air Force Contract Augmentation Program to submit detailed CTIP management and mitigation plans to participate in the contract program. U.S. Air Forces Central deemed all plans acceptable in FY 2023.
- ❖ Combined Joint Task Force Operation – Inherent Resolve: CORs conduct interviews and surveillance with prime contractors. If they identify a possible violation, the Quality Assurance CTIP representative conducts spot checks and follow-up interviews with contractors to ensure compliance.

- ❖ All U.S. Indo-Pacific Command contractors traveling within the Area of Operations must take an online CTIP training and computer-based training course as outlined in the Command’s Memorandum on Annual Individual Mandatory Training.
- ❖ CTIP training for contractor personnel is a condition for contract award at U.S. Northern Command.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

HHS continued to incorporate FAR 52.222-50 into contract language during FY 2023.

In FY 2023, HHS OTIP, along with other interagency colleagues, participated in a convening in New York for hospital administrators on forced labor in supply chains. The event, co-hosted by the American Hospital Association and HEAL Trafficking, included a Federal panel moderated by OTIP and featuring representatives from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), DOS, and DOL.

OTIP also co-chaired the Joint Forced Labor Working Group (JFLWG) of the Government and Sector Coordinating Councils for the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Critical Infrastructure Protection Partnership. This public-private working group consists of key stakeholders and subject matter experts from across the health supply chain, including DHS’s CCHT, the DOS TIP Office, and HHS’s Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response; healthcare systems; medical device manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers; relevant trade associations, unions, and nonprofits; individuals with lived human trafficking experience; and workers’ rights advocates. The working group informs Federal efforts to strengthen implementation of 7104(g), in response to Principle 1.3 of the National Action Plan⁶⁷ and Objective 1.4 of the *National Strategy for a Resilient Public Health Supply Chain*.⁶⁸

As noted, OTIP’s National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center launched an online training module informed by the JFLWG, “SOAR for Procurement Professionals in Healthcare Systems,” which provides information on compliance with 7104(g). Additionally, the JFLWG informed the development of an [online resource portal](#) on forced labor in supply chains for the healthcare and public health sector.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

According to the roles outlined in OMB Memorandum M-20-01, *Anti-Trafficking Risk Management Best Practices & Mitigation Considerations*, the CCHT Director is designated as the Agency Trafficking in Persons Expert and provides information and advice to the DHS Office of the Chief Procurement Officer/Senior Accountable Official and the Procurement Trafficking in Persons Point of Contact on countering risks in DHS’s procurement chain. In FY 2023, the CCHT and HSI participated in the DHS Senior Accountable Official Working Group

⁶⁷ “Strengthen efforts to identify, prevent, and address human trafficking in product supply chains and ventures.” National Action Plan, p. 21.

⁶⁸ Objective 1.4: “Achieve ethical, sustainable sourcing that includes high standards on labor and environment, while combatting unfair trade.”

to clarify roles and guidance for DHS procurement personnel on identifying and reporting allegations of human trafficking in DHS contracts.

U.S. Department of State

DOS makes continuous efforts to strengthen its commitment to combating trafficking in persons on its contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements. Through policy updates and continuous training, DOS consistently reminds the contracting and grants workforce of their roles and responsibilities to ensure every Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement includes an obligation that the recipients of Federal funds comply with Federal and DOS policies to combat human trafficking.

DOS Contracting Officers (COs) must incorporate FAR 52.222-50 into all solicitations and contracts over the micro-purchase threshold (\$10,000). DOS's Bureau of Administration, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE) Trafficking in Persons policy provides guidance, information, and tools to its acquisition workforce on monitoring contracts for combating trafficking in persons. The policy includes CO and COR responsibilities, assessment tools such as a Compliance Plan Checklist, Housing Assessment Form and Guidance, and a Monitoring Trafficking in Persons Checklist to assist COs and CORs with ensuring and documenting contractor trafficking in persons compliance. It incorporates guidance from OMB Memorandum M-20-01 and promotes the Responsible Sourcing Tool website. The Responsible Sourcing Tool provides resources to assist U.S. Federal procurement officials, Federal contractors, private companies, and other stakeholders to better identify, prevent, and address human trafficking in global supply chains, offering U.S. government acquisition personnel and Federal contractors with information on implementing trafficking-related safeguards. The policy mandates the Federal Acquisition Institute's course, FAC 022, Combating Trafficking in Persons, as an annual required course for COs and CORs, ensuring that the DOS acquisition workforce training requirements are aligned with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy's (OFPP) [*Acquisition Flash 2024-1: FY 24 Assignment of Mandatory Training for Civilian Agency FAC-C \(Professional\), FAC-COR and FAC-P/PM Holders*](#). Additionally, internal controls are in place to ensure the receipt of requested documents supporting compliance and to ensure the incorporation of Combating Trafficking in Persons FAR and DOS Acquisition Manual clauses into the solicitation and award files and documents.

A/OPE continues to partner with the DOS TIP Office to provide support and assistance in the development and delivery of human trafficking training. The A/OPE biannual COR workshop offers human trafficking training presented by the DOS TIP Office. The training features information on human trafficking indicators, the requirements of the FAR prohibiting human trafficking, trafficking-related activity, and resources available for COs and CORs related to the implementation of the FAR's anti-trafficking requirements.

A/OPE attends the quarterly and triannual SPOG Procurement and Supply Chains Committee meetings, which focus on developing innovative approaches to combat forced labor in global supply chains and assist agencies with working through challenges related to strengthening procurement safeguards.

D. Activities or Actions Related to the Prohibition on the Importation of Goods Produced Wholly or in Part with Forced Labor

Enforcement of 19 U.S.C. § 1307

The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act authorized the DHS-led Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force (FLETF). Executive Order 13923 formally established the FLETF to monitor the import prohibition on goods made with forced labor. *See* 19 U.S.C. § 1307.⁶⁹ The DHS Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans chairs the FLETF, and membership includes the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, DOL, DOS, DOJ, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the U.S. Department of Commerce. The FLETF met quarterly during FY 2023 to review active CBP Withhold Release Orders (WROs), ongoing forced labor investigations, petitions received by CBP alleging forced labor in U.S. imports, the FLETF's forced labor enforcement priorities, and other issues related to enforcing the prohibition on importing goods made with forced labor into the United States.

CBP conducts law enforcement investigations of forced labor allegations it receives from other U.S. government agencies, civil society organizations, NGOs, academia, media reports, the private sector, and other external sources. CBP also initiates investigations when it identifies forced labor indicators in the production of goods exported to the United States. In FY 2023, CBP stopped 4,415 shipments of goods, valued at over \$1.46 billion, suspected to have been made wholly or in part with forced labor. CBP issued one WRO against Central Romana Corporation Limited (Dominican Republic) and issued modifications of three WROs: Sime Darby Plantations, YTY Industry Holdings, and Smart Glove (all in Malaysia).⁷⁰

The CCHT worked with HSI and CBP during FY 2023 to increase the partnership and information sharing between CBP and HSI to increase the number of WROs and findings issued by CBP and cases initiated by HSI.

Implementation of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act

The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), enacted in December 2021, required the FLETF to develop, report, and implement a strategy for supporting the enforcement of 19 U.S.C. § 1307 to prevent the importation into the United States of goods mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part with forced labor in the People's Republic of China (UFLPA Strategy). In June 2022, the FLETF issued the [UFLPA Strategy](#). In implementing the UFLPA Strategy, the FLETF created and administers the [UFLPA Entity List](#), a list of entities that produce goods using forced labor in Xinjiang, work with the Xinjiang government to receive or facilitate forced labor from persecuted groups out of Xinjiang, or entities and facilities that source material from Xinjiang or from persons working with the Xinjiang government for purposes of any governmental labor scheme that uses forced labor. The UFLPA Strategy listed

⁶⁹ 19 U.S.C. § 1307 provides that “[a]ll goods, wares, articles, and merchandise mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part in any foreign country by convict labor or/and forced labor or/and indentured labor under penal sanctions shall not be entitled to entry at any of the ports of the United States, and the importation thereof is hereby prohibited.”

⁷⁰ Information on these and other WROs is available at [Withhold Release Orders and Findings Dashboard | U.S. Customs and Border Protection \(cbp.gov\)](#).

20 entities on the UFLPA Entity List. The FLETF added seven entities to the UFLPA Entity List during FY 2023.

The UFLPA Strategy tasks the FLETF with collaborating with stakeholders in the private sector and NGOs to facilitate discussions on enhancing compliance and strengthening enforcement of the UFLPA's prohibition on imports under Section 1307 of the Tariff Act of 1930. In FY 2023, DHS, in its role as Chair of the FLETF, held more than 70 meetings with stakeholders from industry, civil society, and international partners, including its first biannual meetings with private sector and NGO representatives. In August 2023, the FLETF issued its annual Updates to the UFLPA Strategy, which provided information on updates to the UFLPA Entity List, plans for future stakeholder collaboration, and resources needed for implementation of the UFLPA Strategy.

As required by the UFLPA, CBP began to apply a rebuttable presumption on June 21, 2022, that all goods produced wholly or in part in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China or by entities on the UFLPA Entity List are produced by forced labor and are prohibited entry into the United States. Of the 4,415 total shipments that CBP stopped in FY 2023, 4,053 shipments were subject to UFLPA reviews or enforcement actions. CBP denied 1,599 shipments valued at more than \$292 million from entering U.S. commerce due to presumed UFLPA violations or failure by the importer to provide evidence to support the release of the shipments stopped for forced labor reviews.

E. Activities or Actions to Enforce Prohibitions on U.S. Government Procurement of Items or Services Produced by Forced Labor

U.S. Department of Defense

U.S. Africa Command holds monthly Operational Contract Support Working Group meetings to provide a forum to discuss acquisition issues, including CTIP compliance oversight. Africa Command has taken measures to ensure compliance with the governing directives and mandates to prevent human trafficking by contractors and subcontractors performing on contracts in support of its mission on the continent. Below are several examples of the initiatives and actions taken in support of the CTIP Program:

- ❖ Issuance of U.S. Africa Command Instruction 4800.07A, "Foreign Vendor Vetting Program" (September 4, 2020).
- ❖ Local Employee Screening Support/Biometrics Project #37 at Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) under the U.S. Africa Command Operational, Planning, and Training Support (AOPTS) task order.
- ❖ Local Employee Screening Support/Biometrics projects support CJTF-HOA and Camp Lemonnier, under the AOPTS task order.

As previously reported, GAO Report 22-105056, *Forced Labor: Actions Needed to Better Prevent the Availability of At-Risk Goods in DOD's Commissaries and Exchanges* (February 3, 2022), found that DOD needed to increase collaboration across the resale organizations and create overarching policy with consistent processes to reasonably ensure that

resale goods are not produced by forced or child labor. DOD's Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Military Community and Family Policy, and Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Resale Policy Directorate, in collaboration with the CTIP Program Management Office, formed a working group in 2020 to discuss the GAO report recommendations and to identify opportunities for collaboration among the resale groups. Participants in the working group include the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Navy Exchange Service Command, Marine Corps Exchange, and Defense Commissary Agency. The working group met regularly during FY 2023. Its outcomes include DOD's updating of DOD Instruction 4105.67, "Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Procurement Policy and Procedure," with new forced labor language. The DOD Instruction is now working its way through the issuance process.

The Vendor Threat Mitigation (VTM) Working Group, chaired by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, meets quarterly to provide a DOD-wide forum to discuss development and implementation of VTM program and policy by Geographic Combatant Commands. VTM topics discussed included all aspects of foreign vendor risks, such as evidence of human trafficking.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

In July 2021, HHS published the *National Strategy for a Resilient Public Health Supply Chain*. Coordinated by DOS's Office of Multilateral Trade Affairs, Federal agencies developed a Plan of Action & Milestones (POAM) for achieving the strategy's objective of mitigating forced labor risks in the public health supply chain by promoting adoption and enforcement of ethical production and trade standards (POAM 21). In FY 2023, HHS continued efforts under this framework, which complements and integrates with priority actions related to forced labor prohibitions in Federal procurement under the National Action Plan. Specifically, HHS committed to providing guidance for the public health sector on preventing forced labor in supply chains; established a technical working group on human trafficking in public health supply chains; developed, piloted, and launched an online training module for healthcare procurement professionals and suppliers; and engaged with agency and private sector partners to increase awareness about forced labor within the public health supply chain.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

HSI works diligently to protect the public from crimes of victimization and exploitation. To help realize DHS and HSI strategic goals, HSI's Document, Benefit, and Labor Exploitation Unit and CCHT are continuing to develop a closer partnership, which will enable each unit's subject matter experts to further engage, allow for Form I-9 (employment eligibility verification) audits to leverage existing forced labor investigations, and incorporate HSI's Suspension and Debarment program to further CCHT's mission.

CBP members of the DHS Acquisition Workforce must complete the continuous learning module, FAC 022, Combating Trafficking in Persons, biennially. The two-hour online training module helps ensure that members of the acquisition workforce are aware of human trafficking, adhere to the policies, and enforce the requirements of the FAR.

F. Grants and Global Efforts under 22 U.S.C. §§ 7104, 7105, and 2152d

U.S. Department of Labor

DOL's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) combats child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking through research, reporting, policy engagement, and funding for technical assistance projects.

On September 26, 2023, DOL released the 22nd edition of the [*Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor*](#) report, which covers 131 U.S. trade beneficiary countries and territories and addresses human trafficking as one of the worst forms of child labor, in accordance with international standards. The report provides individual country assessments that identify the level of effort made by governments in addressing these problems and includes country-specific suggestions for governmental action.

On September 26, 2023, DOL also released an update to [*Sweat & Toil: Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking Around the World*](#). The mobile app is a free, comprehensive resource, compiling more than 1,000 pages of DOL's research documenting child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking around the world. The app draws data and research from DOL's three flagship reports: *Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor*, [*List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor*](#), and [*List of Products Produced by Forced or Indentured Child Labor*](#). The app includes information on new, current, and past projects to combat child and forced labor that DOL has implemented in each country and allows users to visit each project page and consult past project evaluations. The app also includes data visualizations of goods produced with child labor or forced labor by region, sector, and country, and introduced a new data visualization on labor inspectorate capacity by region.

ILAB completed several updates during FY 2023 to its public [*ILAB Knowledge Portal*](#), which enables users to find ILAB-funded resources, materials, and tool kits created by grantees, and features a searchable database of learnings and successful strategies found in ILAB project evaluation reports. ILAB made the following updates to the Knowledge Portal and related webpages in FY 2023:

- ❖ Posted an additional 207 resources, including training materials, reports, tool kits, and handbooks collected from ILAB's technical assistance grant projects worldwide, and 158 learnings from project evaluation reports.
- ❖ Overhauled its evaluation report search page. The new and improved page now includes advanced filters and keyword search options, and a cleaner user experience more consistent with the portal's other search pages.
- ❖ Launched the new Data and Statistics page. This new page is a directory where the public can find open data resources, tools, and visualizations related to ILAB's technical assistance projects and research.
- ❖ Completed an overhaul of its success stories page. The update includes a keyword search function and searchable terms, social media options to share success stories with the public, and a cleaner, more consistent, and more modern user experience.

Additionally, in September 2023, DOL launched a new interactive web format of the [Comply Chain: Business Tools for Labor Compliance in Global Supply Chains](#) tool to help businesses tackle child labor and forced labor in their supply chains. The tool provides a practical, step-by-step guide on critical elements of an integrated worker-driven social compliance system, including engaging stakeholders and partners, assessing risks and impacts, developing a code of conduct, communicating and training across the supply chain, monitoring compliance, remediating violations, independent review, and reporting performance and engagement. It also includes an enhanced user interface and new visual guides on global legal compliance, responsible recruitment, auditing for child labor, and other key business and human rights challenges.

In September 2023, DOL also updated the [Better Trade Tool](#), which integrates existing DOL data on international child labor and forced labor with U.S. import trade data. The data include Harmonized Tariff Schedule codes and enable enhanced trade data analysis, supply chain mapping, global trade data, and identification of risks and priorities in strategic planning to combat child and forced labor. New features in 2023 include enhanced search capabilities, updated U.S. import data from 2022, and a new global data dashboard that highlights the risk of child labor and forced labor in global supply chains. This tool will help increase transparency and accountability in global supply chains and is useful for companies looking to manage risk, trade analysts, civil society organizations, and ethically conscious consumers.

DOL obligated a total of \$33,999,212 in FY 2023 for five new projects (\$22,145,000) and 11 cost increases (\$11,854,212) for ongoing projects designed to combat forced labor around the world.

New ILAB Forced Labor Projects in FY 2023

- ❖ \$2 million to the International Labour Organization (ILO) for Phase I of a global technical assistance project, piloted in the Indonesian palm oil sector, to reduce and remediate forced labor in supply chains where forced labor is prevalent.
- ❖ A \$4.45 million project for Verité to increase locally led actions to collectively address child labor and forced labor in targeted municipalities in Mexico.
- ❖ A \$4 million project for JSI Research & Training, Inc., to increase the resiliency of local communities to child labor and forced labor in the context of a changing climate in Nepal.
- ❖ \$6.95 million for the ILO Research to Action II project for child labor and forced labor research.
- ❖ A \$4.74 million project for Partners of the Americas to improve adherence to International Labor Standards in the Agricultural Sector in Ecuador.

ILAB Forced Labor Projects Receiving Additional Funding in FY 2023

- ❖ A \$1.5 million cost increase for the Forced Labor Indicators Project, implemented by Verité, to continue its work helping law enforcement, private sector due-diligence monitors, social service and civil society organizations, and workers to prevent, detect, and eliminate forced labor and labor trafficking in supply chains in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana.
- ❖ A \$1.1 million cost increase for the Attaining Lasting Change (ATLAS) Project, implemented by Winrock International, to expand its work to address forced labor in Liberia.
- ❖ A \$330,000 cost increase for the Capacity Strengthening of Governments to Address Child Labor and/or Forced Labor, and Violations of Acceptable Conditions of Work in Sub-Saharan Africa (CAPSA) Project, implemented by the ILO, to support the Kenyan government and its social partners in promoting the ratification of the 2014 Protocol to ILO Convention 29 on Forced Labor and improving assistance services for victims of child and forced labor.
- ❖ A \$300,000 cost increase for the Cooperation On Fair, Free, Equitable Employment (COFFEE) Project, implemented by Verité, to further disseminate tools to identify, monitor, and address forced labor in supply chains.
- ❖ A \$1,360,289 cost increase for the Palma Futuro Project, implemented by Partners of the Americas, to expand its work in Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru to prevent and reduce child labor and forced labor in palm oil supply chains.
- ❖ A \$1 million cost increase for the Pilares Project, implemented by Pact, Inc., to scale up the scope of the project and sustain the impact of the project's achievements in Colombia to address child and forced labor in targeted gold mining communities.
- ❖ A \$238,923 cost increase for the Child and Forced Labor Research for Policy Impact Project, implemented by Innovations for Poverty Action, to conduct intervention implementation activities and additional data collection in Guatemala.
- ❖ A \$400,000 cost increase for the Fostering Accountability in Recruitment for Fishery Workers (FAIR Fish) Project, implemented by Plan International, to address forced labor and human trafficking in recruitment processes and promote responsible recruitment among small-sized and medium-sized enterprises in Thailand.
- ❖ A \$725,000 cost increase for the Evidence to Action Project, implemented by the ILO, for additional research and engagement activities on forced labor in the garment sectors of Argentina and Madagascar.

- ❖ A \$2.9 million cost increase for the Bridge II Project, implemented by the ILO, to expand activities to increase capacity to eliminate forced labor at the global, regional, and country levels.
- ❖ A \$2 million cost increase for the Global Accelerator Lab Project, implemented by the ILO, to broaden the project’s scope to new geographic locations as well as reinforce the actions against forced labor and child labor through innovation globally, regionally, and in Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, South Africa, and Tanzania by strengthening workers’ voice, social protection, and due diligence and transparency in supply chains.

U.S. Department of State

Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

The DOS TIP Office manages a diverse portfolio of assistance projects aimed at strengthening efforts outside of the United States to prosecute traffickers, protect victims, and prevent human trafficking. The annual TIP Report, which primarily guides the DOS TIP Office’s funding priorities, is the U.S. government’s principal diplomatic tool to engage foreign governments on trafficking in persons, providing a comprehensive analysis of governmental anti-trafficking efforts around the world and country-specific recommendations. Programming decisions consider several factors in addition to those addressed in the TIP Report, including a country’s political will and economic resources or expertise to address the problem effectively.

The DOS TIP Office provides awards to strengthen legal frameworks, build governmental capacity, enhance victim identification and protection, and support other anti-trafficking activities. In FY 2023, the DOS TIP Office awarded more than \$66 million to fund 55 projects (both new projects and cost extensions for existing projects) worldwide that address both sex and labor trafficking. These awards include \$25 million in support of the Program to End Modern Slavery (PEMS)⁷¹ and \$12.5 million to support efforts to combat child trafficking through Child Protection Compact (CPC) Partnerships, which include active partnerships with Colombia, Côte d’Ivoire, Jamaica, Mongolia, and Peru.⁷² As of September 2023, the DOS TIP Office had 108 open anti-trafficking projects in more than 80 countries, in addition to eight global projects, totaling more than \$230 million.

The DOS TIP Office supports cross-cutting programs that address multiple elements of the “3P” paradigm: prosecution, protection, and prevention. Examples of new and ongoing programming during FY 2023 include the following:

- ❖ In Cambodia, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$595,000 to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to strengthen governmental efforts to protect trafficking survivors.

⁷¹ Federal law authorizes PEMS separately. See 22 U.S.C. § 7114.

⁷² Federal law authorizes CPCs separately. See 22 U.S.C. § 7103a. A CPC Partnership is a multi-year plan developed jointly by the United States and a particular country that documents the commitment of the two governments to achieve shared objectives aimed at strengthening the country’s efforts to effectively prosecute and convict child traffickers, provide comprehensive trauma-informed care for child victims of these crimes, and prevent child trafficking in all its forms. [Child Protection Compact Partnerships - United States Department of State](#).

- ❖ In India, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$500,000 to the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children to combat online child sexual exploitation.
- ❖ In Laos, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$400,000 to Village Focus International to build capacity among local officials operating shelters for victims of human trafficking.
- ❖ In Madagascar, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$2 million to the United Nations (UN) Office on Drugs and Crime to work with the government to establish and operationalize human trafficking investigation and prosecution units.
- ❖ In Peru, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$1 million to the ILO to reduce child trafficking for labor and sexual exploitation in Peru.
- ❖ In Romania and Bulgaria, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$1.5 million to the International Justice Mission to work collaboratively with governmental, nongovernmental, and grassroots stakeholders to ensure the protection of Ukrainian refugees and other vulnerable populations from human trafficking in Romania and Bulgaria.

The DOS TIP Office's PEMS team issued five new awards using a methodology called intervention development research (IDR), which includes phased research and implementation to better understand, design, and test potential interventions for understudied and particularly complex human trafficking scenarios. The selected projects will conduct rigorous research into the context in which the identified trafficking issue is occurring and develop a model intervention that has the potential for scale-up and adaptation for other related contexts.

- ❖ In Ethiopia, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$3 million to Population Council to reduce human trafficking in forced begging of people with disabilities.
- ❖ In Mexico, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$2.4 million to the Urban Institute to reduce labor trafficking vulnerability and protect forced labor survivors in some of the most impoverished communities from which economic crises have compelled thousands of Indigenous men and boys to work in agricultural fields where they encounter exploitation.
- ❖ In Nepal, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$4 million to La Isla Network to co-create and evaluate an intervention to prevent and respond to forced labor among Nepalese labor migrants and returnees.
- ❖ In Thailand, the DOS TIP Office awarded \$4 million to New York University to develop innovative intervention activities to combat sex trafficking that will address service gaps and enhance support to underserved and vulnerable populations in Bangkok and Pattaya.
- ❖ The DOS TIP Office awarded \$1 million to NORC at the University of Chicago to carry out a developmental evaluation of the four IDR projects listed above benefiting Nepal, Thailand, Ethiopia, and Mexico.

Examples of DOS-funded program impacts during FY 2023 include the following outcomes:

- ❖ DOS TIP Office-funded projects provided 3,703 trafficking victims with short-term to long-term services, including shelter, medical and psychosocial care, repatriation, legal aid, and reintegration assistance.
- ❖ DOS TIP Office award recipients trained 5,896 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges on the investigation and prosecution of trafficking cases.
- ❖ DOS TIP Office implementers trained 10,585 service providers, providing technical assistance and capacity building on providing trauma-informed services.
- ❖ The DOS TIP Office continued to support a global emergency victim assistance fund, managed by IOM, to provide short-term direct assistance to trafficking victims overseas on an emergency, case-by-case basis. In FY 2023, 489 adult victims of human trafficking (269 males and 220 females) and 36 minors received services, including shelter, medical care, repatriation, legal aid, and reintegration assistance.

Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration's (PRM) Office of International Migration obligated \$800,000 at the end of FY 2023 to the Return, Reintegration, and Family Reunification Program for Victims of Trafficking in the United States. Implemented by IOM, this program helps reunite trafficking survivors with their eligible family members when those survivors cooperate with law enforcement officials against traffickers. The program also supports those survivors who wish to return to their home countries. Between October 1, 2022, and August 31, 2023, the U.S. Trafficking in Persons Program completed 187 family reunification cases (99 females; 88 males). During the same period, the program received 243 referrals for assistance (134 females; 109 males), and 463 beneficiaries received pre-departure support (248 females; 215 males).

In FY 2023, PRM's Office of International Migration also contributed funding to regional projects implemented by IOM to build the capacity of host governments and civil society organizations to identify, protect, and assist vulnerable migrants in Africa, Asia, and the Western Hemisphere, including victims of trafficking.⁷³

Through the Africa Regional Migration Program, IOM organized training for EgyptAir cabin crew and check-in staff to build staff knowledge on human trafficking and smuggling of migrants. The May 2023 training, strengthened by the participation of the French, Italian and German embassies, enhanced the capacity of frontline staff to combat human trafficking and protect vulnerable migrants.

PRM supported refugees from Ukraine through the UN-led 2023 Ukraine Regional Refugee Response Plan, which included work to prevent and raise awareness of the risks of trafficking. Through international partners such as IOM and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, these activities included providing information about trafficking and labor exploitation

⁷³ PRM is unable to assign precise dollar amounts to the anti-trafficking components of these regional projects because the anti-trafficking components are integrated with migration activities that improve the protection environment for all vulnerable migrants.

at border crossings and at protection service centers in refugee-hosting countries. Partners also connected at-risk refugees with relevant support and legal services, and operated hotlines for refugee survivors of trafficking or those at risk of exploitation. With PRM and other donor funding, IOM also co-led counter-trafficking working groups in several refugee-hosting countries to help coordinate UN agencies and NGOs working to support counter-trafficking programming for refugees.

Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs' (INL) foreign assistance programming aims to help partner countries address illicit drug challenges, combat transnational crime and corruption, and strengthen criminal justice institutions to deliver fair and effective justice. INL works directly with partner countries' law enforcement agencies and through DOJ, DHS, and the DOS TIP Office to support training and case-based mentoring of counterparts to prosecute human traffickers. INL border security programs improve partner capacity to secure land, air, and sea borders, and acquire modern technology. INL-funded CBP mentors provide on-the-job training on interviewing and passport verification techniques and develop strategic plans to better monitor and control borders and disrupt human traffickers. Examples of INL anti-trafficking activities during FY 2023 include the following:

- ❖ INL provided approximately \$975,000 in new funding to support training courses on combating human trafficking at its International Law Enforcement Academies. These courses, led by DHS Immigration and Customs Enforcement and DOJ's CEOS, featured participation by criminal justice sector officials, including police officers, investigators, and prosecutors from various regions. Course topics included policy guidelines, legislative developments, best practices for working with victims and securing convictions of traffickers, and model legislation.
- ❖ In Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama, INL supported \$11.2 million in grants over previous fiscal years. In FY 2023, INL provided \$9 million for legislative reforms, training, and equipment to use DNA forensic tools to combat human trafficking through DNA forensic evidence and case development. INL also funded more than \$300,000 for equipment and logistical support to human trafficking units and activities in Belize, El Salvador, and Guatemala.
- ❖ In Liberia, INL provided \$1,990,992 to the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) to train and mentor law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges on the requirements of the Revised Act to Ban Trafficking in Persons (2021) and on a human trafficking victim-centered approach. IDLO is also providing technical support for a case management system to facilitate information sharing among human trafficking stakeholders on specific cases, and is supporting law enforcement agencies and civil society organizations in their efforts to raise human trafficking awareness in communities. INL also funds a senior judicial advisor for \$336,877 to provide advice, technical assistance, and mentoring to law enforcement and justice actors on human trafficking cases.

- ❖ In the Mano River Union (an international association whose members include Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone), INL provided \$2,100,000 to IDLO to help member countries work together to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate human trafficking cases. The objectives of the project include establishing a regional cooperation framework at the Mano River Union Secretariat, establishing and working through human trafficking task forces, using human trafficking data for planning and information sharing, and training law enforcement and justice officials on investigations and case management. This project also aims to uncover and fill gaps in communication where possible in each of the respective member states.
- ❖ In Mexico, INL enhanced Mexico’s efforts to accredit law enforcement and justice institutions and certify individuals to advance more efficient, fair, and transparent criminal justice outcomes. INL provided comprehensive training to Mexican federal and state entities to improve collaboration between investigators and prosecutorial authorities to advance cases, including human trafficking cases. In FY 2023, INL funded a \$2 million follow-on project with DOJ Resident Legal Advisors to provide case-specific mentoring and capacity building for state and federal prosecutors and investigators throughout Mexico, including in trafficking cases. These investigations include child exploitation, extraterritorial commercial child sexual exploitation and abuse, and sex trafficking.
- ❖ In Uzbekistan, INL provided a \$327,000 cost extension to Istiqbolli Avlod to extend its grant for assistance to victims, including a hotline and victim identification training for law enforcement personnel. INL also signed a new \$420,000 letter of agreement with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime to support its human trafficking law enforcement advisor, who is based in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, by providing advice and capacity-building assistance on human trafficking investigations to law enforcement agencies throughout Central Asia.
- ❖ In Kazakhstan, INL provided \$700,000 to IOM to enhance Kazakh law enforcement capacity to identify, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking cases through hands-on training. In addition, INL provided \$833,512 to IOM to work with policymakers in Kazakhstan to develop legislation to criminalize human trafficking in accordance with international norms and standards and then work with law enforcement and the judiciary to implement.
- ❖ Globally, the INL-funded International Law Enforcement Academy program conducted 14 courses on human trafficking reaching 546 participants from 55 countries using approximately \$3 million.

Conclusion

In FY 2023, DOJ awarded more than \$100 million to grantees to empower communities to respond to human trafficking, offer essential services to survivors, and support research regarding effective methods to combat human trafficking and serve human trafficking victims. Funding included \$47 million for victim service awards addressing a broad range of

comprehensive and specialized service needs, \$19 million to support multidisciplinary anti-trafficking task forces, \$16.5 million for housing assistance for trafficking victims, and \$12 million for services to minor victims of sex and labor trafficking. HHS issued 582 Certification Letters and 2,148 Eligibility Letters to foreign national adults and children, respectively, to give them access to federally funded benefits and services. HHS's Trafficking Victim Assistance Program served 1,577 foreign nationals and qualified family members. The HHS-funded National Human Trafficking Hotline received reports of 9,877 potential human trafficking cases. DHS's Victim Assistance Program assisted 731 human trafficking victims. Projects funded by the DOS TIP Office provided 3,703 trafficking victims with short-term to long-term services. The Legal Services Corporation recorded 391 human trafficking case closures in 2023. In the area of immigration protection for human trafficking victims and their eligible family members, DHS granted 382 requests for Continued Presence, granted T nonimmigrant status to 2,181 victims and 1,495 family members of victims, and approved 17,889 petitions for U nonimmigrant status.

The FBI initiated 666 human trafficking investigations and conducted 145 Federal arrests associated with human trafficking cases. DHS initiated 1,282 investigations related to human trafficking and reported 2,610 criminal arrests in connection with Federal, State, and local cases involving indicators of trafficking and related conduct. DOJ brought 181 total Federal human trafficking prosecutions, charged 258 defendants, and secured convictions against 289 traffickers (31 for labor trafficking).

Federal agencies continued to be active in providing and funding domestic and international prevention activities, including training and technical assistance and project awards. For example, the FBI held more than 300 trainings for more than 11,500 participants. The Department of Education conducted a webinar series to address child and youth trafficking in America's schools. DOD's Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Management Office launched specialized healthcare and human trafficking training for the Defense Health Agency's 140,000 employees, including nearly 108,000 active-duty medical personnel, and a specialized counter-trafficking training for the 5,276 DOD chaplains. DHS's Center for Countering Human Trafficking conducted 135 trainings for 14,350 individuals on human trafficking, and DHS's Blue Campaign provided 194 external human trafficking events to 19,626 attendees. HHS's National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center trained 55,172 training participants during 75 unique training and technical assistance activities. DOI trained 1,802 individuals regarding human trafficking, including DOI law enforcement officers, DOI contracting officers, and individuals affiliated with or representing Tribal communities. DOS TIP Office implementers trained 10,585 service providers. DOL obligated a total of nearly \$34 million for five new projects and 11 cost increases for ongoing projects designed to combat forced labor around the world. Finally, the DOS TIP Office awarded more than \$66 million to fund 55 projects (both new projects and cost extensions for existing projects) worldwide that address both sex and labor trafficking.

Appendices

Appendix A: U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Case Examples

Forced Labor

- ❖ *United States v. Moreno et al.* (M.D. Fla.). In December 2022, a Federal judge sentenced Bladimir Moreno to 118 months in prison and ordered him to pay more than \$175,000 in restitution for leading a Federal racketeering and forced labor conspiracy that exploited and victimized Mexican H-2A agricultural workers in the United States. The defendant was the owner of Los Villatoros Harvesting, a labor contracting company that brought large numbers of seasonal Mexican agricultural workers to work on farms in Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, Georgia, and North Carolina. The defendant and his co-conspirators made false promises to the Mexican workers to induce them to come to the United States, and falsified applications for the workers' H-2A agricultural visas. The defendant and his co-conspirators then coerced the workers into working long hours of physically demanding farm labor, six to seven days a week, with very little pay and in unsanitary, degrading, and cramped living conditions. The defendant and his co-conspirators also confiscated the victims' passports, charged them inflated sums for the H-2A visas to place them in debt to their traffickers, and threatened them with arrest and deportation if they did not comply with demands.
- ❖ *United States v. Aman et al.* (E.D. Va.). In January 2023, a Federal judge sentenced three defendants, Zahida Aman, Mohammed Rehan Chaudhri, and Mohammed Nauman Chaudhri, to prison terms of 144 months, 120 months, and 60 months, respectively, for their roles in a conspiracy to hold a Pakistani women in forced labor as a domestic servant for 12 years. The court ordered two of the defendants to pay the victim \$250,000 in restitution. Following a seven-day trial in May 2022, the jury convicted all three defendants of conspiracy to commit forced labor, convicted two defendants of forced labor, and convicted Aman of document servitude. Aman arranged for her son's marriage to the victim in 2002, but even after the victim's husband moved away from the home, the defendants kept the victim in their Virginia home to serve the extended family, using verbal and physical abuse, control over the victim's immigration documents, threats of deportation, and threats to separate her from her children to compel the victim's continued, unpaid labor in the defendants' home under isolated conditions, with insufficient food or rest.
- ❖ *United States v. Mwarecheong et al.* (S.D. Iowa). In March 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Nesly Mwarecheong and Bertino Weires to 48 months in prison and ordered them to pay nearly \$70,000 in restitution to two Micronesian victims they compelled to work in a meat processing plant by isolating them, saddling them with debts, confiscating their passports, and holding them in fear of homelessness if they failed to comply with the defendants' demands.
- ❖ *United States v. Gomez et al.* (S.D. Tex.). In March 2023, Eduardo Javier Gomez and Margarita Alvarez pleaded guilty to benefiting financially from compelling a Guatemalan

victim into performing unpaid domestic service and childcare in the defendants' home, as well as unpaid labor at the fireworks stand managed by Gomez. In June 2024, a Federal judge sentenced Gomez to 70 months in prison. Alvarez received two years of probation.

- ❖ *United States v. Teodoro Ac-Salazar et al.* (N.D. Ill.). In April 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Santos Teodoro Ac-Salazar and Olga Choc Laj to 70 months in prison and ordered them to pay over \$98,000 in restitution for using threats and assaults to compel Guatemalan minors to perform domestic service, childcare, and labor in nearby businesses for the defendants' financial gain.
- ❖ *United States v. Fulton* (W.D. La.). In May 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Darnell Fulton to 35 years in prison and ordered him to pay over \$979,000 in restitution for using violence, sexual abuse, withholding of food, degradation, and intimidation to coerce multiple minors to work for his brownie-baking business for his profit. The defendant required the victims to bake throughout the night and travel to as many as 20 to 30 locations a day to sell the brownies at plazas, car dealerships, law firms, restaurants, and parking lots. The defendant regularly assaulted the victims when he was not satisfied with their performance or when they failed to meet his daily sales quota. The defendant also made the minor victims perform sexual acts with him and transported them across State lines to engage in criminal sexual activity.
- ❖ *United States v. Tiwari* (N.D. Ga.). In June 2023, Shreesh Tiwari, a hotel manager, pleaded guilty to trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor for compelling a victim to work as a house cleaner at a motel in exchange for pay, an apartment, an attorney, and assistance regaining custody of her child. Contrary to his promises to assist the victim, who he knew had struggled with homelessness and addiction, the defendant compelled her to perform labor, services, and sexual acts by threatening to evict her and report her drug use to law enforcement officials and child welfare agencies if she did not comply with his demands. In December 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Tiwari to 57 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$42,648 in restitution to seven individuals.
- ❖ *United States v. Balcazar et al.* (D.S.C.). In June 2023, a Federal judge sentenced three defendants for labor trafficking, confiscating passports in connection with labor trafficking, and fraud in foreign labor contracting. The judge sentenced Enrique Balcazar to 40 months in prison and ordered him to pay more than \$11,000 in restitution. The judge sentenced Elizabeth Balcazar to time served and ordered both her and the defendants' labor recruiting company, BNH, to pay \$508,125.89 in restitution to 55 victims. Evidence presented in court indicated that the defendants recruited foreign national agricultural workers from Mexico under the H-2A visa program, promising them certain work conditions. The defendants then charged them unauthorized fees, confiscated their passports and visas, and subjected them to harsh and exploitative labor conditions. The defendants made the victims work up to 90 hours a week, but paid them for only 40 hours a week, at lower rates than promised. The defendants denied the workers adequate food and medical care, threatened them with deportation, brandished and discharged weapons, and posted armed guards to maintain control.

- ❖ *United States v. Landaverde et al.* (E.D. Va.). In August 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Ana Landaverde, Jeffrey Vaughan, George Evans, and Salvador Jeronimo-Sis to prison sentences ranging from 20 to 57 months for operating a labor trafficking conspiracy that compelled undocumented migrant children, some as young as 13, to work long night shifts in the defendants' commercial laundry business, while attending school during the day. The judge also ordered the lead defendants to pay over \$205,000 in restitution, and ordered defendant Vaughan to forfeit \$3.9 million and a vehicle. Co-conspirators participated in smuggling the victims into the United States, obtaining fraudulent identification documents, indebting the victims with high smuggling fees, and using debts, threats, and intimidation to compel the victims' compliance.
- ❖ *United States v. Francisco-Juan et al.* (C.D. Ill.). In August and September 2023, defendants Catarina Domingo-Juan, Domingo Francisco-Juan, and Lorenza Domingo-Castaneda each pleaded guilty to various counts of forced labor, forced labor conspiracy, kidnapping, and kidnapping conspiracy arising from their scheme to compel the labor of undocumented Guatemalan victims. The defendants lured two minor victims from Guatemala, as well as a third Guatemalan victim, on false promises of a better life, and then used verbal and psychological abuse and other coercive means to compel the victims to perform unpaid childcare and domestic service in the defendants' homes and labor at local businesses. A Federal judge sentenced Domingo-Juan to 240 months in prison and ordered her to pay over \$80,000 in restitution in December 2023. In April 2024, the judge sentenced Francisco-Juan to life in prison and ordered him to pay \$50,000 in restitution. The judge sentenced Domingo-Castaneda to 240 months and ordered her to pay over \$80,000 in restitution.

Sex Trafficking

- ❖ *United States v. George et al.* (E.D. Ark.). In October 2022, a Federal judge sentenced DeMarcus George to life in prison for conspiracy to sex traffic a six-year-old child. In March 2023, the judge sentenced co-defendant Mario Waters to life in prison. The evidence indicated that both defendants sexually assaulted and were involved in trafficking the victim to others.
- ❖ *United States v. Hall* (D. Mass.). In November 2022, a Federal judge sentenced Ronald Hall to 18 years in prison for sex trafficking multiple victims across seven States. In March 2023, the judge ordered the defendant to pay a total of \$1,859,000 in restitution apportioned among four victims. The defendant used force, threats, and coercion to exploit victims for commercial sex in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Florida, and Nevada. He targeted victims suffering from substance use disorders and used their addictions to manipulate and coerce them, often requiring them to perform multiple commercial sex acts per day, seven days a week. In addition to manipulating their addictions, the defendant used physical and sexual assault to intimidate and control the victims, and made some victims brand themselves with tattoos.
- ❖ *United States v. Radney* (E.D. Mich.). In November 2022, a Federal judge sentenced Kollier Devonte Radney to 192 months in prison for sex trafficking and transporting a

minor with the intent to engage in sexual activity. The defendant met the 15-year-old victim on Snapchat and convinced the victim to travel from Minnesota to Detroit with the promise of a lavish lifestyle. The defendant purchased the victim's plane ticket, flew the victim to Detroit, and created and posted online commercial sex advertisements. Shortly thereafter, the defendant recruited a 16-year-old victim whom he also provided to commercial sex buyers. The defendant retained all proceeds from the victims' commercial sex acts, knowing they were minors.

- ❖ *United States v. Intarathong et al.* (D. Minn.). In November 2022, Sumalee Intarathong pleaded guilty to sex trafficking conspiracy and money laundering conspiracy for her role in an extensive transnational sex trafficking organization. Intarathong was the last of 38 defendants convicted for their respective roles in the large-scale trafficking organization that exploited hundreds of Thai women for commercial sex throughout the United States. In April 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Intarathong to time served since her arrest in Belgium in 2016, and ordered her to pay \$500,000 in restitution to the victims. According to court documents, the defendant and her co-conspirators gathered personal information on the victims and their families, brought the victims into the United States on fraudulent visas, and then used the information to threaten victims who became non-compliant or tried to flee before repaying an exorbitant "bondage debt" of between \$40,000 and \$60,000.
- ❖ *United States v. Turner* (D. Neb.). In November 2022, a Federal judge sentenced Carney Turner, Sidney Marker, and Julisha Biggs to prison terms of life, 180 months, and 87 months, respectively, pursuant to their convictions for conspiracy to sex traffic minors and related offenses. The defendants were each implicated in recruiting, advertising, and providing minors to commercial sex buyers at area hotels and at the apartment shared by the co-defendants. The defendants were each ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution.
- ❖ *United States v. Champion* (E.D. Wisc.). In November 2022, a Federal judge sentenced Jovante L. Champion to 240 months in prison for sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion, sex trafficking of a child, and related crimes. The defendant used false promises of love and financial security to recruit two vulnerable victims when they were 20 and 16 years old, respectively. He then used physical force, psychological coercion, and intimidation based on his gang affiliation and possession of a firearm to compel the victims to perform commercial sex acts at his direction. The judge ordered the defendant to pay \$7,680 in restitution to the victims.
- ❖ *United States v. Mitchell et al.* (M.D. Ala.). In December 2022, a Federal judge sentenced Lonnie Dontae Mitchell to 720 months in prison and ordered him to pay over \$950,000 in restitution to victims of his sex trafficking scheme, including multiple young women and a minor. The defendant manipulated the victims' substance abuse issues to hold them in fear of extremely painful withdrawal sickness. The defendant also used violence, control over the victims' identity documents, and threats to expose derogatory images and information to the victims' families to further exert control over them and compel them into commercial sex for his profit.

- ❖ *United States v. Quarles* (M.D. Fla.). In January 2023, a Federal judge sentenced David Alan Quarles to 420 months in prison for conspiracy; sex trafficking by force, threats, fraud, or coercion; importation of an alien for the purpose of prostitution; transportation of an individual in interstate commerce for the purpose of prostitution; and using a facility of interstate commerce in aid of prostitution, following his November 2022 conviction after trial. The defendant frequented strip clubs and bikini bars to find vulnerable young women who lacked stable homes, had recently aged out of foster care, and were struggling financially. He lured them with false promises of financial security, love, affection, and a family. He also recruited foreign nationals into the United States. He then used violence, threats, sexual abuse, and psychological coercion to compel them to engage in commercial sex for his profit. In June 2023, the court ordered Quarles to pay the victims a total of over \$1.6 million in restitution.

- ❖ *United States v. Ray* (S.D.N.Y.). In January 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Lawrence Ray to 720 months in prison for racketeering, extortion, sex trafficking, forced labor, tax evasion, and money laundering for subjecting college students and others to physical, sexual, and psychological abuse for over a decade. The defendant's tactics included sleep deprivation, psychological and sexual humiliation, verbal abuse, threats of physical abuse, physical violence, threats of criminal legal action, alienation, and the exploitation of the victims' mental health vulnerabilities to compel them to perform unpaid labor and commercial sex acts at his direction. The defendant used threats and physical assaults to force one victim to engage in commercial sex acts that generated millions of dollars in proceeds over an extended period to pay down falsely claimed damages. In April 2023, the judge ordered the defendant to pay more than \$5.5 million in restitution to his victims.

- ❖ *United States v. Person* (E.D. Pa.). In February 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Karvarise Person to life in prison plus an additional 10 consecutive years. The judge sentenced co-defendant James Goode to 444 months in prison. The defendants were convicted in June 2022, along with two other co-defendants, of racketeering conspiracy; conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion and sex trafficking of a minor; sex trafficking; and other violent crimes in aid of racketeering offenses, including kidnapping, assaults, and firearms offenses, all arising from their membership in and association with a violent gang called "The Sevens" that controlled and operated out of a 50-room boarding house in Reading, Pennsylvania. The defendants used physical and sexual violence, threats, abuse, and withholding of addictive drugs to compel both adult and minor victims into commercial sex acts.

- ❖ *United States v. Jackson et al.* (S.D. Tex.). In February 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Aryion Dupree Jackson to 324 months in prison for sex trafficking of a minor victim and conspiracy to traffic an adult victim by force, fraud, or coercion. The defendant, a documented gang member, used force and threats of violence to cause both an adult and a minor victim to engage in commercial sex acts for his financial benefit. The defendant tattooed the minor victim with an image he used as his personal brand. The defendant forced the adult victim to make \$1,000 a day, charging \$100 to \$300 for each commercial sex act.

- ❖ *United States v. Hamilton* (N.D. Ga.). In April 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Tyrus Hamilton to 130 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$13,500 in restitution for conspiracy to commit sex trafficking. In October 2022, the defendant pleaded guilty to using physical force, intimidation, and coercion to compel a woman into commercial sex acts in his apartment and keeping all the proceeds for his own profit. He used a combination of addictive drugs to enable the victim to engage in commercial sex acts throughout the night, and to ensure she remained addicted, thereby increasing her dependence on the defendant as the supplier of the addictive drugs.
- ❖ *United States v. Graham et al.* (W.D.N.Y.). In May 2023, Lairon Graham pleaded guilty to sex trafficking by force or coercion and drug distribution conspiracy. The defendant coerced four victims into engaging in commercial sex acts by providing them crack cocaine or heroin, manipulating their addictions, and using physical assaults and threats to hold the victims in fear. The defendant also operated a drug conspiracy, selling cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl. In January 2024, the court sentenced Graham to 264 months in prison.
- ❖ *United States v. Zacharias* (N.D. Ohio). In May 2023, a Federal jury convicted Michael J. Zacharias, a priest, of five counts of sex trafficking involving three victims, two of whom the defendant trafficked both as minors and as adults. The evidence at trial established that the defendant abused his position of trust and manipulated the victims' drug addictions to coerce them into performing commercial sex acts at his direction. In November 2023, the court sentenced Zacharias to life in prison and ordered him to pay \$3,061,378 in restitution.
- ❖ *United States v. Felts et al.* (E.D. Pa.). In June 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Andre Felts to 300 months in prison following his September 2022 guilty plea to sex trafficking of minors and conspiracy. In May and July 2023, the judge sentenced co-defendants Ryan Keel and Kevin Francis to prison terms of 135 months and 120 months, respectively, following their March 2023 guilty pleas. The judge ordered the defendants to pay a total of \$235,000 in restitution to four identified minor victims. Felts led a sex trafficking ring in Philadelphia that advertised and exploited minors for commercial sex and collected a substantial portion of the proceeds. Keel and Francis provided their houses as recurring locations for the commercial sex acts in exchange for a portion of the proceeds.
- ❖ *United States v. Martinez et al.* (S.D. Tex.). In June 2023, Rita Martinez pleaded guilty to sex trafficking a minor, following her indictment on charges of conspiracy to use force, fraud, and coercion to compel 10 victims, including both adults and minors, to engage in commercial sex in the defendant's cantina. In her plea agreement, the defendant admitted to compelling a 16-year-old girl to perform commercial sex acts for clients at the cantina to pay down a smuggling debt the defendant imposed for smuggling the girl into the United States. In December 2023, the court sentenced Martinez to 360 months in prison and ordered her to pay \$840,000 in restitution.

- ❖ *United States v. Moreno et al.* (S.D. Tex.). In July 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Rasiel Gutierrez Moreno, Hendry Jimenez Milanés, and Rafael Mendoza Labrada to 210, 120, and 34 months in prison, respectively, for sex trafficking and related crimes, including interstate travel in aid of racketeering. Additionally, the judge ordered Moreno to pay \$451,298 in restitution and Milanés to pay \$359,108 in restitution. The defendants arranged to smuggle women from Cuba into the United States on false promises of good job opportunities. They then inflated smuggling fees, severely indebting the women, and forced them to work in Houston-area strip clubs and engage in commercial sex acts to pay off the false debts, using assaults and threats against the victims and their families.
- ❖ *United States v. Lazzaro et al.* (D. Minn.). In August 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Anton Joseph Lazzaro to 252 months in prison following his March 2023 conviction at trial for operating a sex trafficking conspiracy that exploited multiple minor victims, some as young as 15 and 16 years old. Lazzaro and his co-defendant Gisela Castro Medina, who pleaded guilty to sex trafficking conspiracy in December 2022 and was subsequently sentenced to 36 months for her role in the conspiracy, targeted especially vulnerable victims they called “broken girls” by promising cash and other items of value to induce them to perform sex acts. The judge ordered the defendants to pay more than \$415,000 in restitution.
- ❖ *United States v. Thomas* (N.D. Okla.). In August 2023, a Federal jury convicted Byron Cordell Thomas of nine counts of sex trafficking, interstate transportation for prostitution, witness tampering, and firearms violations arising from his operation of a sex trafficking enterprise. The defendant targeted young women who were struggling financially with little or no support and promised to help them make money. He then transported them to other States on false pretenses, isolated them, and used violent assaults, threats, intimidation with a gun, and varying degrees of emotional, psychological, and financial control to compel them to perform commercial sex acts for his profit, retaining their earnings for himself.
- ❖ *United States v. Rowell* (D. Mass.) In September 2023, a Federal jury convicted Keion Rowell on charges of sex trafficking a missing 15-year-old victim who had recently run away from home. Upon meeting the victim, the defendant almost immediately created and posted online commercial sex advertisements and directed her to engage in commercial sex acts with customers until law enforcement officers located and recovered her approximately 10 days later. In February 2024, the court sentenced Rowell to 180 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$29,900 in restitution.
- ❖ *United States v. Moses* (E.D.N.Y.). In September 2023, Somorie Moses pleaded guilty to sex trafficking eight women and to the 2017 murder of one of the women, Leondra Foster. The prosecution featured the first use of the Federal statute criminalizing murder in the course of sex trafficking. Since at least 2003, the defendant forced women and girls, including minors, into commercial sex for his benefit using violence, threats of violence, and psychological manipulation. The defendant used false promises of love and marriage to initiate sexual relationships with his victims before demanding that they engage in commercial sex and turn over the earnings to him. The defendant pressured

many of his victims into tattooing his first name on their bodies, and used brutal beatings, rape, torture, and threats to coerce his victims to engage in commercial sex acts in Brooklyn and Queens, New York. When one victim refused, the defendant used a taser against her until she complied. The defendant slashed a second victim's arms and back with a razor and beat her with a belt before pouring lemon juice on her wounds, leaving her permanently scarred. When a third victim would not comply, he put a shotgun in her mouth and threatened to kill her and her child. In 2017, the defendant murdered Foster and dismembered her body inside their shared apartment. In May 2024, the court sentenced Moses to life in prison.

Extraterritorial Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

- ❖ *United States v. Levin* (E.D. Pa.). In May 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Craig Alex Levin to 420 months in prison and lifetime supervised release after he previously pleaded guilty to traveling in foreign commerce to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor, attempted sex trafficking of a minor, distribution of child pornography, and transportation of child pornography. The judge also ordered Levin to pay \$30,000 in restitution, \$30,000 in assessments under the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, and \$3,600 in other assessments. In 2019, officials arrested the defendant in the Philippines with an underage girl with whom he was planning to have sex at his hotel. Subsequent investigation revealed that the defendant had been traveling from his home in Pennsylvania to the Philippines on numerous occasions for many years for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with children as young as 11. He paid the children and intermediaries for the sexual acts. He also maintained a log book of his victims, rating them on a five-point scale; the log book had more than 70 names of minors.
- ❖ *United States v. Stenson* (E.D. Wisc.). In June 2023, a Federal judge sentenced Donald Stenson to 120 months in prison for sex trafficking of minors in the Philippines. The judge ordered Stenson to pay \$40,000 in restitution. The defendant traveled to the Philippines on multiple occasions to engage in sexual activity with minors there. Between 2016 and 2019, he lured five minor victims between the ages of approximately 11 and 17 into performing commercial sex acts in exchange for money and gifts. Co-defendant John Burgdorff traveled with Stenson to the Philippines and engaged in commercial sex acts with minor victims. In November 2022, the judge sentenced Burgdorff to 30 months in prison for illicit sexual conduct with a minor in a foreign place.

Appendix B: Restitution Awards Ordered in FY 2023

No.	Federal District	Defendant	Case Type (Case No.)	Judgment Date	Amended Judgment Date/ Restitution Order Date	Restitution Amount	Restitution Owed ⁷⁴
1	Alabama Middle	Mitchell, Lonnie Dontae	Sex Trafficking (2:21-CR-00344)	12/2/2022		\$957,120.00	\$957,120.00
2	Arizona	Fuhrmann, Siegfried	Sex Trafficking (4:20-CR-02527)	9/6/2023		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
3	Arizona	Ramos, Henry Salome	Sex Trafficking (4:20-CR-02523)	12/1/2022	12/14/2022	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
4	Arizona	Yost, Robert Allen	Sex Trafficking (4:20-CR-02523)	10/21/2022	12/14/2022	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
5	Arkansas Eastern	Berrier, Jonathan Stacy	Sex Trafficking (4:18-CR-00267)	4/14/2023 ⁷⁵		\$2,400.00	\$2,302.63
6	California Central	Dorame, Francisco Anthony	Sex Trafficking (2:22-CR-00428)	3/8/2023		\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00
7	California Northern	Guizar-Cuellar, Ariel	Sex Trafficking (5:16-CR-00150)	9/28/2022	12/20/2022	\$39,900.00 ⁷⁶	\$39,661.77

⁷⁴ Data from DOJ's Consolidated Debt Collection System (CDCS) as of December 4, 2024. An amount of \$0.00 indicates that the defendant paid the restitution amount in full.

⁷⁵ Date of resentencing. In March 2022, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit vacated the district court's December 2020 judgment and remanded for resentencing. The *Attorney General's Annual Report to Congress on U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons, 2021*, reported Berrier's original restitution order.

⁷⁶ Joint and several with co-defendants Jocelyn Contreras (in the amount of \$15,960), Araceli Mendoza (in the amount of \$15,960), and Alyssa Anthony (in the amount of \$1,250).

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8	California Northern	McMillon, Chase Ronyae	Sex Trafficking (4:22-CR-00054)	2/28/2023		\$17,500.00	\$16,500.00
9	California Northern	Mendoza, Araceli	Sex Trafficking (5:16-CR-00150)	9/27/2022	12/20/2022	\$15,960.00 ⁷⁷	\$18,498.00
10	California Southern	Gyi, Theodore Wilfred	Sex Trafficking (3:19-CR-04488)	11/9/2022	3/13/2023	\$103,849.11 ⁷⁸	\$103,824.11
11	District of Columbia	Barton, Rodrick McGrier	Sex Trafficking (1:19-CR-00385)	4/24/2023		\$2,000.00	\$1,975.00
12	District of Columbia	Douglas, Marcus	Sex Trafficking (1:22-CR-00128)	3/1/2023		\$36,956.00	\$36,956.00
13	District of Columbia	Fowler, Curtis Lakeith	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00137)	11/29/2022		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
14	District of Columbia	Jones, Brittany	Sex Trafficking (1:19-CR-00307)	3/3/2023		\$17,000.00	\$19,184.30
15	District of Columbia	Lewis, Willis Pierre	Sex Trafficking (1:19-CR-00307)	3/3/2023		\$17,000.00	\$19,180.28
16	District of Columbia	Wilkins, Michael Jabaar	Sex Trafficking (1:19-CR-00390)	4/5/2023	7/3/2023	\$662,430.00	\$661,225.00

⁷⁷ Joint and several with co-defendants Ariel Guizar-Cuellar (in the amount of \$15,960), Jocelyn Contreras (in the amount of \$15,960), and Alyssa Anthony (in the amount of \$1,250).

⁷⁸ Joint and several with co-defendants and co-conspirators Michael Pratt, Matthew Wolfe, Ruben Andre Garcia, and Valorie Moser.

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17	Florida Middle	Cabrera Rodas, Efrain	Forced Labor (8:21-CR-00313)	10/27/2022		\$24,732.20 ⁷⁹	Debtor not in CDCS
18	Florida Middle	Gamez, Christina	Forced Labor (8:21-CR-00313)	10/27/2022		\$9,353.91 ⁸⁰	\$3,192.71
19	Florida Middle	Hardin, Edward Alan	Sex Trafficking (3:20-CR-00093)	7/14/2022	10/6/2022	\$12,500.00 ⁸¹	Restitution order not in CDCS
20	Florida Middle	Marino, Mark Manuel Angeles	Sex Trafficking (3:20-CR-00094)	10/31/2022		\$163,500.00 ⁸²	\$191,650.62
21	Florida Middle	Moreno, Bladimir	Forced Labor (8:21-CR-00313)	12/28/2022		\$173,125.44	\$166,307.05
22	Florida Middle	Muldrew, Jamel	Sex Trafficking (8:21-CR-00172)	10/5/2022		\$27,740.00	\$28,678.72
23	Florida Middle	Quarles, David Alan	Sex Trafficking (8:21-CR-00013)	1/24/2023	6/12/2023	\$831,081.12	Debtor not in CDCS
24	Florida Middle	Reio, Leslie	Sex Trafficking (8:21-CR-00125)	10/26/2022		\$5,760.00 ⁸³	\$5,635.00
25	Florida Southern	Brown, Kerby, Jr.	Sex Trafficking (0:20-CR-60045)	11/18/2022		\$1,235.00	\$1,235.00

⁷⁹ Joint and several with co-defendants Christina Gamez and Bladimir Moreno.

⁸⁰ Joint and several with co-defendants Efrain Cabrera Rodas and Bladimir Moreno.

⁸¹ Joint and several with Gregory Thomas Garcia (in the amount of \$6,250) (Case No. 3:20-CR-00131).

⁸² Joint and several with co-defendants Christina Gamez and Efrain Cabrera Rodas.

⁸³ Joint and several with co-defendant Julius Arline.

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26	Florida Southern	Carter, Anthony Bernard	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-20052)	11/29/2022	3/1/2023	\$16,587.00	\$16,587.00
27	Florida Southern	de Jesus Silva, Jose, Jr.	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-20539)	9/16/2022	12/1/2022	\$92,373.65	\$106,910.27
28	Florida Southern	Marshall, Mark	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-20556)	2/21/2023	5/5/2023	\$570.00 ⁸⁴	Restitution order not in CDCS
29	Florida Southern	Mozie, Julius Dwight	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-20256)	3/4/2022	10/31/2022	\$9,000.00	\$8,779.44
30	Florida Southern	Quick, Qushun	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-20556)	2/22/2023	5/9/2023	\$500.00 ⁸⁵	Restitution order not in CDCS
31	Florida Southern	Spencer, Janiya	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-20556)	1/31/2023	5/3/2023	\$1,270.00 ⁸⁶	\$1,270.00
32	Georgia Northern	Hamilton, Tyrus	Sex Trafficking (1:22-CR-00370)	4/18/2023		\$13,500.00	\$15,120.62
33	Georgia Northern	Lawhon, Anthony Joseph	Sex Trafficking (4:17-CR-00006)	10/26/2022		\$940.00	\$890.00
34	Georgia Northern	Nwachukwu, Phillip	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-00282)	4/14/2023		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

⁸⁴ Joint and several with co-defendant Janiya Spencer.

⁸⁵ Joint and several with co-defendant Janiya Spencer.

⁸⁶ Joint and several with co-defendants Qushun Quick (in the amount of \$500) and Mark Marshall (in the amount of \$570).

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35	Illinois Central	Leonard, Michael	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-10034)	4/10/2023		\$49,000.00	\$47,925.00
36	Illinois Northern	Laj, Olga Choc	Forced Labor (1:20-CR-00700)	2/9/2023		\$98,364.16 ⁸⁷	\$98,136.08
37	Illinois Northern	Teodoro Ac-Salazar, Santos	Forced Labor (1:20-CR-00700)	5/19/2023		\$98,364.16 ⁸⁸	\$97,873.47
38	Illinois Northern	Williams, Ronald	Sex Trafficking (1:18-CR-00323)	5/15/2023		\$920.00	\$920.00
39	Illinois Northern	Willis, Marcus	Sex Trafficking (1:16-CR-00306)	6/8/2023		\$6,000.00 ⁸⁹	\$0.00
40	Indiana Southern	Alexander, Damion	Sex Trafficking (1:22-CR-00159)	3/15/2023		\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
41	Indiana Southern	Castillo, Arnold	Sex Trafficking (1:22-CR-00124)	8/23/2023		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
42	Iowa Southern	Euring, Keith Deshon, Sr.	Sex Trafficking (3:21-CR-00009)	1/25/2023		\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
43	Iowa Southern	Mwarecheong, Nesly	Forced Labor (4:21-CR-00091)	3/20/2023		\$69,854.24 ⁹⁰	\$60,707.04

⁸⁷ Joint and several with co-defendant Santos Teodoro Ac-Salazar.

⁸⁸ Joint and several with co-defendant Olga Choc Laj.

⁸⁹ Joint and several with co-defendant Benjamin Biancofiori.

⁹⁰ Joint and several with co-defendant Bertino Weires.

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44	Iowa Southern	Weires, Bertino	Forced Labor (4:21-CR-00091)	3/20/2023		\$69,854.24 ⁹¹	\$60,707.04
45	Louisiana Eastern	Lewis, Randi	Sex Trafficking (2:22-CR-00018)	9/20/2023		\$620.00	\$620.00
46	Louisiana Eastern	Schenck, Randy Jonal	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-00019)	10/6/2022	4/25/2023	\$361,684.97	\$359,353.76
47	Louisiana Western	Fulton, Darnell	Forced Labor/Sex Trafficking (1:20- CR-00148)	5/19/2023		\$979,800.00	\$979,800.00
48	Louisiana Western	Richard, Deray	Sex Trafficking (5:21-CR-00272)	6/8/2023		\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
49	Maryland	Bickling, Steven Martin	Sex Trafficking (1:22-CR-00063)	11/15/2022		\$6,000.00	Debtor not in CDCS
50	Maryland	Lee, Xavier	Sex Trafficking (1:19-CR-00159)	1/17/2023		\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00
51	Maryland	Little, Sirron	Sex Trafficking (8:20-CR-00169)	12/7/2022		\$20,122.20	Debtor not in CDCS
52	Maryland	Oliver, Ryan Odell	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00431)	11/28/2022		\$175.00	Debtor not in CDCS

⁹¹ Joint and several with co-defendant Nesly Mwarecheong.

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53	Massachusetts	Hall, Ronald	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-10255)	11/3/2022	3/14/2023	\$1,859,000.00	\$1,859,000.00
54	Michigan Eastern	McCoy, Samuel	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-20234)	1/24/2023	2/8/2023	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
55	Minnesota	Dexter, Charles William, III	Sex Trafficking (0:21-CR-00040)	1/10/2023		\$305.00	\$305.00
56	Minnesota	Intarathong, Sumalee	Sex Trafficking (0:16-CR-00257)	4/23/2023		\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
57	Minnesota	Wanless, Waralee	Sex Trafficking (0:17-CR-00107)	9/16/2020	2/2/2023	\$250,000.00 ⁹²	\$248,838.43
58	Mississippi Southern	Settles, Wayne Edwards	Sex Trafficking (3:22-CR-00005)	2/7/2023	4/10/2023	\$129,500.00	\$129,500.00
59	Missouri Eastern	Burow, Scott F.	Sex Trafficking (4:22-CR-00281)	6/13/2023		\$7,500.00	\$0.00
60	Missouri Western	Smith, Cory Lavelle	Sex Trafficking (4:19-CR-00035)	11/1/2022		\$385.00	\$335.00
61	Montana	Newkirk, William Maurice	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00025)	7/13/2022	10/12/2022	\$42,897.50	\$42,897.50
62	Montana	Stella, Ashley Michael	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-00041)	10/12/2022		\$2,500.00	\$2,350.00

⁹² Joint and several with various co-defendants.

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63	Nebraska	Biggs, Julisha	Sex Trafficking (8:21-CR-00078)	11/8/2022		\$5,000.00 ⁹³	\$4,800.00
64	Nebraska	Chatman, James Ferman	Sex Trafficking (8:21-CR-00295)	4/27/2023		\$1,300.00	\$0.00
65	Nebraska	Marker, Sidney	Sex Trafficking (8:21-CR-00078)	11/14/2022		\$5,000.00 ⁹⁴	\$4,800.00
66	Nebraska	Turner, Carney	Sex Trafficking (8:21-CR-00078)	11/8/2022		\$5,000.00 ⁹⁵	\$4,800.00
67	New York Eastern	Blaha, Thomas	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-00220)	11/2/2022		\$918,777.00	\$64,114.62
68	New York Eastern	Colamussi, Ralph	Forced Labor (2:17-CR-00592)	11/3/2022		\$305,479.60	\$359,624.86
69	New York Eastern	Granados-Rendon, Jaime	Sex Trafficking (1:11-CR-00557)	8/11/2023		\$802,371.96	\$892,494.78
70	New York Eastern	Kelly, Robert Sylvester	Sex Trafficking (1:19-CR-00286)	6/30/2022	12/7/2022	\$379,649.90	\$0.00
71	New York Eastern	Lewis, Lawrence	Sex Trafficking (2:18-CR-00187)	7/17/2023		\$9,650.00	\$9,650.00

⁹³ Joint and several with co-defendants Sidney Marker and Carney Turner.

⁹⁴ Joint and several with co-defendants Julisha Biggs and Carney Turner.

⁹⁵ Joint and several with co-defendants Julisha Biggs and Sidney Marker.

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72	New York Eastern	Mullan, Daniel	Sex Trafficking (2:17-CR-00495)	5/23/2023		\$334,634.00 ⁹⁶	\$13,041,493.81 ⁹⁷
73	New York Eastern	Thomas, Gladimir	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00001)	1/3/2023		\$525,399.00	\$606,626.10
74	New York Eastern	Villanueva, Roberto	Forced Labor (2:17-CR-00592)	11/3/2022		\$305,479.60	\$358,807.20
75	New York Northern	Lavigne, Dennis	Sex Trafficking (1:22-CR-00031)	12/6/2022		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
76	New York Southern	Barreto, Michael	Sex Trafficking (1:19-CR-00909)	6/27/2023		\$9,000.00	\$10,123.46
77	New York Southern	Debnam, Sean	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00669)	8/12/2022	11/9/2022	\$4,000.00	\$4,263.96
78	New York Southern	Jiggetts, Juan	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-00664)	9/13/2023		\$5,700,000.00	\$5,700,000.00
79	New York Southern	Jordan, Dillon	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-00423)	2/10/2023	6/26/2023	\$49,683.00	\$0.00
80	New York Southern	Murchison, Toby	Sex Trafficking (7:22-CR-00172)	1/13/2023		\$6,000.00	\$5,263.05
81	New York Southern	Ray, Lawrence	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00110)	1/19/2023	3/7/2023	\$5,594,862.83	\$5,594,862.83

⁹⁶ Total restitution after additional orders in FY 2024 equals \$12,970,190.00.

⁹⁷ Amount reflects additional orders in FY 2024.

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82	New York Southern	Rivera, Justin	Sex Trafficking (1:19-CR-00131)	10/13/2022	10/18/2022	\$86,000.00 ⁹⁸	\$100,311.94
83	New York Western	McDonald, Michael	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00134)	12/1/2022		\$628,700.00	\$628,700.00
84	North Carolina Eastern	Bavaro, Timothy William	Sex Trafficking (7:20-CR-00115)	3/14/2023		\$89,500.00	\$89,500.00
85	North Carolina Eastern	Busbee, Yomere Juan	Sex Trafficking (5:20-CR-00393)	3/24/2023		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
86	North Carolina Eastern	Gray, Merianda	Sex Trafficking (5:20-CR-00393)	10/21/2022		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
87	North Carolina Eastern	McEachern, James Calvin, Jr.	Sex Trafficking (5:20-CR-00393)	3/24/2023	4/13/2023	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
88	North Carolina Western	Hasty, Milton Antonio	Sex Trafficking (3:20-CR-00431)	3/23/2023		\$172,860.00	\$172,796.75
89	Ohio Southern	Aldridge, Joshua D.	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-00095)	2/14/2023		\$294,215.00 ⁹⁹	\$294,215.00
90	Ohio Southern	Cole, William David	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-00095)	4/5/2023		\$96,600.00 ¹⁰⁰	\$96,510.24

⁹⁸ Joint and several with co-defendant Lorenzo Randall.

⁹⁹ Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹⁰⁰ Joint and several with co-defendants.

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91	Ohio Southern	Porter, Larry Dean	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-00095)	3/14/2023		\$357,815.00 ¹⁰¹	\$405,845.38
92	Ohio Southern	Rawlins, Charity	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-00095)	12/20/2022		\$252,215.00 ¹⁰²	\$251,543.04
93	Ohio Southern	Wright, Timothy W.	Sex Trafficking (2:21-CR-00177)	12/9/2022		\$15,000.00	\$0.00
94	Oklahoma Western	Cox, Joshua Daniel-Enoch	Sex Trafficking (5:22-CR-00284)	9/19/2023		\$30,000.00	\$29,775.00
95	Oklahoma Western	Henke, Greg Allen	Sex Trafficking (5:21-CR-00137)	12/21/2022		\$87,000.00	\$84,875.05
96	Oregon	Barajas, Evan Blake	Sex Trafficking (3:19-CR-00186)	2/16/2023		\$3,246.00	\$3,246.00
97	Pennsylvania Eastern	Clayton, Victor Lavine	Sex Trafficking (2:18-CR-00524)	9/28/2022	8/4/2023	\$3,600.00	Restitution order not in CDCS
98	Pennsylvania Eastern	Felts, Andre Michael	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-00258)	6/9/2023		\$235,000.00 ¹⁰³	\$234,795.39
99	Pennsylvania Eastern	Francis, Kevin Michael	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-00258)	7/27/2022	3/21/2023	\$235,000.00 ¹⁰⁴	Restitution order not in CDCS

¹⁰¹ Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹⁰² Joint and several.

¹⁰³ Joint and several with co-defendants Ryan Keel and Kevin Michael Francis.

¹⁰⁴ Joint and several with co-defendants Ryan Keel and Andre Michael Felts.

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100	Pennsylvania Eastern	Keel, Ryan	Sex Trafficking (2:20-CR-00258)	5/31/2023		\$235,000.00 ¹⁰⁵	\$234,795.39
101	Pennsylvania Eastern	Levin, Craig Alex	Sex Trafficking (2:19-CR-00728)	5/9/2023		\$30,000.00	\$20,749.34
102	Pennsylvania Eastern	Person, Karvarise E.	Sex Trafficking (5:19-CR-00218)	1/31/2023		\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
103	Pennsylvania Eastern	Williams, Theodore	Sex Trafficking (2:19-CR-00145)	11/3/2022		\$324,000.00	\$324,000.00
104	Pennsylvania Middle	Golom, John David	Sex Trafficking (3:19-CR-00159)	10/14/2022		\$300,356.00	\$300,356.00
105	Pennsylvania Western	King, Roderick	Sex Trafficking (2:21-CR-00184)	12/16/2022	6/28/2023	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
106	South Carolina	Balcazar, Elizabeth	Forced Labor (3:21-CR-00834)	6/13/2023		\$508,125.89 ¹⁰⁶	\$470,459.26
107	South Carolina	Balcazar, Enrique	Forced Labor (3:21-CR-00834)	6/13/2023		\$11,332.90 ¹⁰⁷	\$173.90
108	South Carolina	Balcazar Nature Harvesting, LLC	Forced Labor (3:21-CR-00834)	6/13/2023		\$508,125.89 ¹⁰⁸	\$470,459.26

¹⁰⁵ Joint and several with co-defendants Andre Michael Felts and Kevin Michael Francis.

¹⁰⁶ Joint and several with co-defendants Enrique Balcazar (in the amount of \$11,332.90) and Balcazar Nature Harvesting (in the amount of \$496,792.00).

¹⁰⁷ Joint and several with co-defendants Elizabeth Balcazar and Balcazar Nature Harvesting.

¹⁰⁸ Joint and several with co-defendants Enrique Balcazar (in the amount of \$11,332.90) and Elizabeth Balcazar (in the amount of \$508,125.89).

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109	South Carolina	Caldwell, Earl Dawson, IV	Sex Trafficking (9:21-CR-00317)	8/21/2023		\$29,322.00	\$0.00
110	South Carolina	Grover, Ryan Darian	Sex Trafficking (3:20-CR-00492)	3/22/2023		\$2,400.00 ¹⁰⁹	\$1,875.00
111	South Carolina	Mills, Jessica Michele	Sex Trafficking (9:21-CR-00317)	9/19/2023		\$31,932.00	\$31,432.00
112	South Carolina	Rion, Jonathan McKinney	Sex Trafficking (3:21-CR-00469)	1/4/2023		\$500.00	\$0.00
113	South Carolina	Vargas Luna, Angie X.	Sex Trafficking (6:22-CR-00179)	10/25/2022		\$5,000.00	\$4,536.12
114	South Carolina	Watson, Brian Leroy	Sex Trafficking (3:20-CR-00492)	8/17/2023		\$45,000.00	\$44,475.00
115	Tennessee Eastern	Booher, Kent Lowery	Sex Trafficking (3:19-CR-00161)	8/7/2022	1/19/2023	\$262,327.50	\$260,835.78
116	Texas Northern	Bethany, Christopher Wayne	Sex Trafficking (3:18-CR-00297)	8/3/2023		\$693,000.00	\$693,000.00
117	Texas Northern	Blakemore, Tremont	Sex Trafficking (3:19-CR-00531)	10/6/2022	1/12/2023	\$618,000.00	\$617,555.12
118	Texas Southern	Gutierrez Moreno, Rasiel	Sex Trafficking (4:18-CR-00693)	7/12/2023		\$451,298.00	\$504,680.34

¹⁰⁹ Joint and several with co-defendant Brian Leroy Watson.

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119	Texas Southern	Jimenez Milanes, Hendry Jordank	Sex Trafficking (4:18-CR-00693)	7/12/2023		\$159,544.00	\$178,547.66
120	Texas Southern	Jones, Charlie James	Sex Trafficking (3:17-CR-00016)	12/20/2022		\$7,200.00	\$8,049.76
121	Texas Western	Hibbler, Jeremy Walton	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-00191)	1/12/2023		\$30,906.38	\$34,002.40
122	Virgin Islands	Rivera Luna, Ramona	Sex Trafficking (3:20-CR-00045)	1/23/2023		\$1,095,712.00	\$1,260,310.48
123	Virginia Eastern	Aman, Zahida	Forced Labor (3:19-CR-00085)	1/23/2023		\$253,876.72 ¹¹⁰	\$253,301.72
124	Virginia Eastern	Bonilla Gonzalez, Sioni Alexander	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00196)	10/21/2022		\$2,802.00 ¹¹¹	\$2,802.00
125	Virginia Eastern	Caballero Portillo, Nelson Ezequiel	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00196)	3/3/2023		\$6,505.20 ¹¹²	\$6,481.20
126	Virginia Eastern	Chaudhri, Mohammad Rehan	Forced Labor (3:19-CR-00085)	1/23/2023		\$253,876.72 ¹¹³	\$253,301.72
127	Virginia Eastern	Erausquin, Matthew J.	Sex Trafficking (1:21-CR-00049)	3/18/2022	6/14/2023	\$75,000.00	\$24,125.00

¹¹⁰ Joint and several with co-defendant Mohammed Rehan Chaudhri.

¹¹¹ Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹¹² Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹¹³ Joint and several with co-defendant Zahida Aman.

No.	Federal District	Defendant	Case Type (Case No.)	Judgment Date	Amended Judgment Date/ Restitution Order Date	Restitution Amount	Restitution Owed ⁷⁴
128	Virginia Eastern	Friend, Christafer Douglas	Sex Trafficking (2:22-CR-00042)	11/18/2022	12/7/2022	\$45,000.00 ¹¹⁴	\$45,000.00
129	Virginia Eastern	Gonzales, Luis Alberto	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00196)	11/10/2022		\$6,505.20 ¹¹⁵	\$6,481.20
130	Virginia Eastern	Gutierrez Castro, Santos Ernesto	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00196)	11/10/2022		\$6,505.20 ¹¹⁶	\$6,481.20
131	Virginia Eastern	Molina-Veliz, Jose Eliezar	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00196)	11/10/2022		\$6,505.20 ¹¹⁷	\$6,481.20
132	Virginia Eastern	Morales, Gilberto	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00196)	11/10/2022		\$6,505.20 ¹¹⁸	\$6,481.20
133	Virginia Eastern	Roderick, Donald Anthony	Sex Trafficking (3:22-CR-00100)	2/23/2023	3/22/2023	\$3,000.00	\$2,975.00
134	Virginia Eastern	Salmeron Funez, Orlando Alexis	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00196)	8/12/2022	11/15/2022	\$6,505.20 ¹¹⁹	\$6,480.20

¹¹⁴ On December 7, 2022, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia ordered Friend to pay \$42,000 in restitution. In December 2023, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit vacated Friend's sentence and remanded for resentencing. On June 28, 2024, the U.S. District Court resentedenced Friend and ordered him to pay \$45,000 in restitution.

¹¹⁵ Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹¹⁶ Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹¹⁷ Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹¹⁸ Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹¹⁹ Joint and several with co-defendants.

No.	Federal District	Defendant	Case Type (Case No.)	Judgment Date	Amended Judgment Date/ Restitution Order Date	Restitution Amount	Restitution Owed ⁷⁴
135	Virginia Eastern	Zelaya-Veliz, Jonathan Rafael	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00196)	11/10/2022		\$6,505.20 ¹²⁰	\$6,481.20
136	Virginia Eastern	Zelaya-Veliz, Moises Orlando	Sex Trafficking (1:20-CR-00196)	11/10/2022		\$6,505.20 ¹²¹	\$6,481.20
137	Washington Eastern	Harder, Trever Daniel	Sex Trafficking (2:21-CR-00165)	12/7/2022		\$29,346.00 ¹²²	\$29,121.00
138	Washington Eastern	Mondaca, Miguel Antonio	Sex Trafficking (2:21-CR-00130)	2/16/2023		\$33,000.00	\$22,039.05
139	Washington Western	Shorack, Isaac	Sex Trafficking (2:22-CR-00021)	12/14/2022	1/17/2023	\$150,000.00	\$149,025.00
140	Wisconsin Eastern	Burgdorff, John H.	Sex Trafficking (2:19-CR-00127)	11/2/2022		\$32,000.00	\$0.00
141	Wisconsin Eastern	Champion, Jovante L.	Sex Trafficking (2:21-CR-00057)	11/17/2022		\$7,860.00	\$7,500.67
142	Wisconsin Eastern	Mathies, Cintaurean	Sex Trafficking (2:21-CR-00087)	3/2/2023	8/1/2023	\$280.00	\$280.00
143	Wisconsin Eastern	Seifert, Stanley J., III	Sex Trafficking (1:22-CR-00193)	6/23/2023		\$500.00	\$0.00

¹²⁰ Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹²¹ Joint and several with co-defendants.

¹²² Joint and several with co-defendant Kylie Ruby Flores.

No.	Federal District	Defendant	Case Type (Case No.)	Judgment Date	Amended Judgment Date/ Restitution Order Date	Restitution Amount	Restitution Owed ⁷⁴
144	Wisconsin Eastern	Stenson, Donald A.	Sex Trafficking (2:19-CR-00127)	6/2/2023		\$40,000.00	\$0.00
145	Wisconsin Western	Aguilar, Alfredo	Forced Labor (3:22-CR-00141)	4/19/2023		\$1,144,693.56	\$0.00

Appendix C: International Training and Outreach

U.S. Agency for International Development

All USAID staff members play an active role in safeguarding the people USAID serves and their communities from harm, including human trafficking. USAID supports global counter-trafficking (C-TIP) efforts through international programming and policies and procedures at the agency level to ensure that USAID efforts do not inadvertently facilitate human trafficking. Several offices within USAID play a role in combating trafficking. The Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance leads implementation of USAID's C-TIP Policy, supported by regional and technical bureaus to ensure that USAID's programming (listed in full in Appendix D) further the objectives of the C-TIP Policy. Additionally, all agency employees must take the online training, "C-TIP Code of Conduct: Accountability and Action," offered by USAID University. USAID staff must also report any suspected cases of human trafficking or the procurement of commercial sex that involve USAID personnel or implementing partners to the Office of the USAID Inspector General and the relevant Contracting Officer/Agreement Officer for implementing partners. USAID's staff members have a responsibility to integrate safeguarding measures to protect local communities from exploitation and abuse across USAID's operations and programming.

During FY 2023, USAID awarded and started four new international programs to combat human trafficking. These programs included new C-TIP programming in Guinea, Vietnam, El Salvador, and a new global labor program, which includes elements to address forced labor. USAID's existing international C-TIP programs continued to implement activities to advance the agency's counter-trafficking efforts during the reporting period.

USAID began implementing a third and final award to complement its suite of next-generation programming to implement the Global Labor Program congressional directive. The Global Labor Program (GLP)-New Frontiers in Advancing Labor Rights is a five-year, \$85 million program, implemented by the Solidarity Center, that will run through 2027. This new program will continue to lead USAID's global efforts to counter human trafficking by addressing root causes, researching migration dynamics to better understand and prevent trafficking, and giving more voice and protections to the most vulnerable workers in several dozen countries across regions, including those impacted by climate change and often at risk of being trafficked. Two smaller GLP awards, which focus on testing innovative approaches related to migrant workers and labor rights for persons with disabilities, began implementation in October 2021 and continue to run through September 2026.

USAID's new two-year activity in Guinea, a country that has been on the Tier 2 Watch List of DOS's TIP Report for three years, will support local communities in combating human trafficking through efforts to increase public awareness of human trafficking as a gross human rights violation, and enhanced partnership and coordination in response, data collection, analysis, and reporting. This activity seeks to improve coordination and collaboration across a broad range of stakeholders, including civil society organizations, the government of Guinea, the private sector, labor unions and other worker organizations, media organizations, faith-based organizations, youth and women, and human rights groups. This activity is one example among

many USAID programs implemented by and in close partnership with local partners and managed by USAID officers and local staff in the field.

Existing USAID-funded programs continued to support counter-trafficking efforts during FY 2023. For example, the Ghana Fisheries Recovery Activity examined the drivers of child labor and trafficking in the fisheries sector in Ghana. Given accepted cultural norms related to child work in Ghana, the counter-trafficking strategies focus on changing social norms through community-driven approaches.

In Liberia, USAID integrated counter-trafficking into its development programming across sectors, which is one of the key objectives of USAID's C-TIP Policy. USAID Liberia trained all its implementing partners on human trafficking and identified opportunities across sector programming to integrate C-TIP. For example, through the USAID Media Activity, 25 journalists received training on human trafficking as a topic to investigate and report on, and some will receive grants to pursue trafficking-related stories in their work.

In Cambodia, USAID increased efforts in FY 2023 to respond to the emerging issue of human trafficking in cyber-scamming centers by providing direct victim assistance to both Cambodian and non-Cambodian survivors who have escaped from these organized crime syndicates. USAID services placed a special emphasis on foreign nationals who have limited access to protection services and conducted a political economy analysis on this emerging trend to further understand the issue. The expanded program also provides capacity-building support to independent media to run articles on scamming operations and research the correlation between trafficking and indebtedness.

Several USAID missions supported international trainings on C-TIP. USAID Azerbaijan and partner colleagues conducted a field study tour in November 2022, during which they visited counterparts at USAID Washington, DOS, HHS, the TIP Office, and various U.S. C-TIP NGOs. USAID Regional Mission in Asia, based in Bangkok, Thailand, held its third Evidence2Action Summit in December 2022. One of the issues highlighted was the importance of survivor inclusion in all aspects of countering human trafficking, such as ensuring survivors have adequate space to share their experiences and can guide practitioners.

In FY 2023, USAID also updated its mandatory C-TIP Code of Conduct training, Field Guide, and Standard Operating Procedures to include revisions to its C-TIP Policy, as well as incorporating more survivor-centered content. USAID released the USAID C-TIP Field Guide to assist Mission staff and partners implementing USAID-funded activities to design, implement, monitor, and evaluate C-TIP investments. The new Field Guide embodies the substantive updates of USAID's new C-TIP Policy issued last year.

At the agency level, USAID participated in two large scale C-TIP outreach efforts in FY 2023. During the 2023 National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in January, USAID amplified key messages and facts to raise awareness of human trafficking. Through various social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter, USAID underscored how trafficking exploits vulnerable individuals through force, fraud, or coercion for labor or sexual exploitation, eroding human dignity and hindering global development. The outreach included a mixture of global messages on USAID's C-TIP work as well as country-specific or region-specific messaging on USAID's work in Uzbekistan, Peru, and Guatemala.

In commemoration of World Day Against Trafficking in July 2023, USAID amplified similar key messages and facts and shared information on the agency’s efforts to prevent trafficking, protect victims, and prosecute offenders. By offering essential services such as job training, trauma counseling, and legal support, USAID empowers survivors to rebuild their lives. USAID also shared outreach messages regarding how the agency upholds rigorous ethical standards and integrates counter-trafficking strategies into sectors such as health, education, and governance. Outreach messaging included global messages and country-specific and region-specific messaging on USAID’s work in Bangladesh, Central Asia, and Burundi.

U.S. Department of Defense

DOD’s international training and outreach activities during FY 2023 included the following:

- ❖ The Defense Institute of International Legal Studies trained 1,499 foreign military personnel from 72 countries through resident courses and mobile programs in support of U.S. Code Title 10 (Armed Forces) and Title 22 (Foreign Relations and Intercourse) programs, as well as human rights training required by Sections 332 and 333 of Title 10.¹²³
- ❖ The Defense Security Cooperation University’s Institute for Security Governance trained 1,179 international military students from 58 countries.
- ❖ All African Maritime nations reacted to combating trafficking in persons (CTIP) events as a part of U.S. Africa Command’s exercises. Scenarios focused on human trafficking in three exercises: [Cutlass Express](#) (420 participants from 43 countries); [Obangame Express](#) (193 participants from 19 countries); and [Phoenix Express](#) (351 participants from eight countries).
- ❖ During the [Tradewinds 2023](#) exercise, human rights representatives from U.S. Southern Command and select partner nations conducted in-person human rights and human trafficking awareness briefs during exercise academics for 580 partner-nation military and police personnel from 14 nations.
- ❖ In August 2023, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command’s Office of Women, Peace and Security conducted its first Regional Military Gender Advisor Course with 21 students from 11 countries. The Gender Biases Violence module covered CTIP subject matter.
- ❖ The Naval Criminal Investigative Service spearheaded the first information exchange on crimes against women and children, co-hosted by U.S. Embassy Jakarta. The event featured representatives from several foreign missions in Jakarta as well as Indonesian governmental leaders and many private companies and organizations servicing Southeast Asia with approximately 750 in-person attendees.

¹²³ Section 332 covers “Friendly foreign countries; international and regional organizations: defense institution capacity building.” Section 333 covers “Foreign security forces: authority to build capacity.”

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) personnel from the DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT) conducted 13 human trafficking training sessions for foreign law enforcement partners at DOS's International Law Enforcement Academies (ILEAs) located in Thailand, Hungary, Botswana, Ghana, and El Salvador to a total of 518 participants from 50 countries. Outside of the ILEA program, CCHT conducted 34 training and outreach sessions for a total of 2,720 participants from other countries around the world, including foreign delegations in the United States and abroad.

The Blue Campaign and Blue Lightning Initiative conducted 11 training sessions to a total of 485 participants from other countries around the world, including foreign delegations in the United States and abroad.

U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

The Civil Rights Division's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit (HTPU) participated in numerous multilateral convenings as well as meetings and training events with delegations of international law enforcement and governmental officials throughout FY 2023. Significant multilateral engagements include the following:

- ❖ HTPU's Director presented on combating forced child labor to the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime Working Group on Trafficking in Persons. HTPU collaborated with DOS to develop resolutions on the topic introduced at the meeting.
- ❖ HTPU participated on a panel, "Strengthening State Capacity to Prevent and Respond to Trafficking in Persons," at the Inter-American Development Bank's Fifth Technical Dialogue on Trafficking in Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean. The panel discussed best practices in coordinating Federal, State, local, and NGO partners to develop an effective anti-trafficking program, and rights and protections for foreign victims.
- ❖ HTPU presented at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Second Intersessional meeting of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, Austria, on safeguarding victim's rights and protecting witnesses and improving criminal investigation processes in the Kyoto Declaration.
- ❖ HTPU presented to a delegation of approximately 125 senior government and nongovernmental officials from the Bahamas, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Mongolia, Netherlands, Palestinian Territories, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, South Africa, South Sudan, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and Uzbekistan on the U.S. government's work to combat human trafficking and other crimes.

In FY 2023, HTPU also delivered capacity-building and training programs to delegations of international investigators, prosecutors, judges, governmental officials, and NGO representatives from 15 countries to strengthen anti-human trafficking efforts in the participating countries and to enhance transnational law enforcement coordination and information sharing between U.S. and international authorities.

In connection with the U.S.-Mexico Bilateral Human Trafficking Enforcement Initiative, HTPU, in partnership with the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), delivered capacity-building trainings and a training on working with reluctant witnesses, and facilitated exchanges of expertise and strategic guidance with Mexican State-level human trafficking task forces from Oaxaca, Nuevo Leon, Monterey, and Morelia, Mexico. HTPU also partnered with OPDAT Mexico to support a moot trial in Juarez, Mexico, for Chihuahua State prosecutors who are preparing for trial in the State's first forced labor prosecution.

Criminal Division

The Criminal Division's international training and programming in FY 2023 included the following:

- ❖ The Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) presented several lectures on online sexual exploitation of children to approximately 30 Filipino prosecutors. OPDAT and the Philippines' Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking created and facilitated the training. Topics included the admissibility of digital evidence, proving a case with digital evidence, and parrying common defenses. A CEOS Digital Investigative Analyst provided training on the sources of digital evidence; seizure, collection, and preservation of digital evidence; and drafting forensic reports.
- ❖ CEOS, in conjunction with OPDAT and DOS's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), met with exchange program participants from Liberia to address and discuss the United States' efforts in prosecuting crimes against children. The audience included Liberian law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and NGO representatives. CEOS explained U.S. child exploitation laws, discussed methods of appropriate prevention and awareness of human trafficking, and provided an overview of CEOS's efforts to prosecute American citizens who travel abroad for the purpose of engaging in criminal sexual activity with minors. Additionally, CEOS's presentation highlighted the scale of the threat and the evolving complex nature of child exploitation offenses in the digital world and successfully investigating and prosecuting online child exploitation offenses, including "sextortion" and "crowdsourcing" offenses as well as offenses on the dark web.
- ❖ CEOS exchanged ideas with a group of IVLP exchange program participants that included prosecutors, other governmental officials, and NGO representatives from approximately 25 countries regarding the United States' approach to combating child sex trafficking. CEOS's presentation provided an overview of U.S. child exploitation laws and addressed best practices for maintaining a victim-centered approach and collaboration among prosecutors, investigators, and other actors.

- ❖ CEOS delivered presentations and led workshops for 11 delegations of judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and other governmental officials from Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam as part of a two-week symposium sponsored by DOS through its Bangkok ILEA. The presentations and workshops focused on building a comprehensive national response in each country to combat child sexual exploitation. Key areas of focus included policy and enforcement guidance, criminal justice, victim services, and engagement with civil society that form the foundation for effective solutions to these crimes. The training stressed a victim-centered approach with instruction on victim identification and victim services, as well as best practices for facilitating victim cooperation as cases move from investigation to prosecution. The forum provided the delegates with instruction on how child exploitation offenders commit their crimes, including through the Internet and other computer-based technologies, and the techniques, tools, and strategies that need to be employed to successfully prevent, interdict, investigate, and prosecute child sexual exploitation. During breakout workshops, the delegations worked strategically to develop a comprehensive response to the problems of child sexual exploitation in their countries using the WePROTECT Global Alliance's [Model National Response](#) as a framework and drawing on the presentations and dialogue from earlier that day. CEOS's Deputy Chief of Litigation, Child Victim Witness Administrator, and Digital Investigative Analyst, as well as representatives from HSI, the International Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and the nonprofit organization A21, made presentations.
- ❖ CEOS presented two trainings on investigating child sexual exploitation cases involving CyberTips in Malaysia. Training topics included an overview of CyberTips, collecting and preserving evidence, mobile forensics, and presenting evidence at trial. Malaysian police officers and prosecutors attended.
- ❖ CEOS presented a training on U.S. child exploitation laws and offenses as part of a training for new FBI Violent Crimes Against Children (VCAC) International Task Force members. FBI agents and new members of the Task Force, including representatives from Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, Turkey, Hungary, Sweden, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Estonia, Bahrain, the Republic of Korea, Poland, Malaysia, and Slovenia, attended.
- ❖ CEOS presented a training on countering online sexual exploitation of children to a delegation from the Philippines hosted by OPDAT. Topics included an overview of CEOS and its initiatives to protect victims and advance law enforcement investigations, U.S. policies, and the role of the Federal government in combating human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children.
- ❖ CEOS gave a presentation to Cash App Financial Crimes team employees, who conduct transaction monitoring, investigate financial crimes with fiat currency or bitcoin, and write or file suspicious activity reports. Cash App invited this presentation on the rising scourge of financially motivated sextortion to address how Cash App has benefited investigations and how it can do more. Approximately 97 Cash App employees located in

the United States, Europe, and Australia attended. A Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section trial attorney, FBI special agent, and U.S. Secret Service special agent also participated.

- ❖ CEOS presented a training to approximately 35 prosecutors from the Philippines that defined online sexual exploitation of children and explained the current landscape of online sexual exploitation of children in the United States and the Philippines. Topics also included prior CEOS cases that involved successful cooperation and prosecution of crimes that occurred in the Philippines.
- ❖ CEOS presented a training on investigating and prosecuting online child sexual exploitation for Moldovan law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and victim support specialists. Topics of instruction included in-depth practical exercises on forensic analysis and open-source intelligence, an overview of crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children, modern trends for offenders, and case studies for investigations involving CyberTips, sextortion, and peer-to-peer networks. The U.S. Embassy for Moldova hosted.
- ❖ CEOS presented at an FBI VCAC International Task Force Case Coordination Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal. Topics included an overview of CEOS's role in combating international child exploitation, best practices for cross-border investigations and prosecutions, recent successful examples of multinational cooperation, and strategies to protect sensitive information. FBI agents and assistant legal attachés, as well as law enforcement representatives from more than 40 foreign countries, attended.
- ❖ CEOS presented on U.S. child exploitation laws and offenses as part of a training for new FBI VCAC International Task Force members. FBI agents and new members of the Task Force, including representatives from Ecuador, Brazil, Senegal, Spain, France, Monaco, Mexico, Kosovo, Israel, and Morocco, attended.
- ❖ CEOS presented trainings on the investigation and prosecution of child sexual exploitation offenses at the Combating Online Facilitated Crimes Against Children conference in Indonesia sponsored by the FBI, in partnership with DOS's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. CEOS addressed topics in digital evidence collection and the Dark Web, in-person and livestreamed child sex tourism, and the participating countries' laws and challenges. Law enforcement personnel from eight Southeast Asian countries attended the event.
- ❖ CEOS gave presentations to and led workshops for 10 delegations of judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officials from Kenya, Botswana, Nigeria, Liberia, Tanzania, South Africa, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand, as part of a four-week symposium sponsored by DOS at the ILEA in Roswell, New Mexico. The presentations and workshops focused on building a comprehensive national response in each country for combating child sexual exploitation. Key areas of focus included policy and enforcement guidance, criminal justice, victim services, and engagement with civil society. The training stressed a victim-centered approach with instruction on victim

identification and victim services, as well as best practices for facilitating victim cooperation as cases move from investigation to prosecution. The forum provided the delegates with instruction on how child exploitation offenders commit their crimes, including through the Internet and other computer-based technologies, and the techniques, tools, and strategies that need to be employed to successfully prevent, interdict, investigate, and prosecute child sexual exploitation. Each afternoon during breakout workshops, the delegations worked strategically to develop a comprehensive response to the problems of child sexual exploitation in their countries using the WePROTECT Global Alliance's Model National Response as a framework and drawing on the presentations and dialogue from earlier that day.

- ❖ CEOS presented a live virtual lecture to prosecutors and law enforcement officers from the Philippines. The Philippines' Department of Justice and OPDAT created the training. CEOS covered the current online sexual exploitation of children landscape in the United States and the Philippines, and presented a case study related to a prosecution in the United States of a U.S. citizen who exploited children in the Philippines using virtual means.
- ❖ CEOS, along with HSI and A21 representatives, presented at the Child Forensic Interview Conference in Pattaya, Thailand. CEOS's presentation used case examples to introduce the basic child forensic interview structure; discussed why a valid forensic interview is integral to developing, investigating, and prosecuting child victim cases; and addressed best practices for conducting child interviews in criminal cases. Additionally, CEOS presented on using the information gained from a child forensic interview to investigate and develop a case for presentation in court as well as to identify additional victims and targets of a crime. Thai prosecutors, social workers, and criminal investigators attended.
- ❖ The Criminal Division's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section conducted one virtual training for international audiences on human trafficking and money laundering.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) provided training and outreach on human trafficking to dozens of international law enforcement partners during FY 2023. Examples include the following:

- ❖ FBI's Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking Unit provided human trafficking training to 14 members of the VCAC International Task Force.
- ❖ The FBI provided in-person training to international law enforcement delegates from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Djibouti as part of an FBI leadership program designed to enhance international law enforcement partnerships to combat global threats. The training focused on indicators, trends, challenges, and effective strategies to investigate human trafficking.

- ❖ The FBI provided an in-person briefing to international delegates from Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, Turkey, Hungary, Sweden, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Estonia, Bahrain, the Republic of Korea, Poland, Malaysia, and Slovenia. The briefing focused on the FBI's victim assistance response for human trafficking victims and victim engagement.
- ❖ The FBI provided a virtual briefing to a representative of the French Central Unit for Protection of Minors of the Central Directorate of the Judicial Police. The brief focused on trauma-informed, victim-centered responses to crime victims, including human trafficking victims, and resource materials for victims and their families.
- ❖ The FBI provided an online briefing to executives from Canada's Royal Canadian Mounted Police focused on the FBI's Operation Cross Country and incorporating victim assistance nationally.
- ❖ The FBI provided an in-person briefing on human trafficking to delegates from the French National Police, Directorate of Public Safety Monaco, Mexico City Attorney General's Office, Brazilian Federal Police, Ecuadorian National Police, General Directorate for National Security Morocco, National Police of Senegal, Israeli National Police, Kosovo Police, Spain Guardia Civil, and Spanish National Police.
- ❖ The FBI provided in-person human trafficking training to 30 law enforcement officers and prosecutors in Nairobi, Kenya. The training focused on best practices for investigating human trafficking allegations in a trauma-informed manner, successfully establishing and implementing a multidisciplinary team, forensic interviewing of human trafficking victims, and reducing trauma experienced by victims engaged with law enforcement and the judicial system.
- ❖ The FBI provided an in-person briefing to international delegates from Ukraine, focusing on the FBI's victim assistance response for crime victims, including human trafficking victims.

U.S. Department of State

Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

DOS's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (DOS TIP Office) is responsible for bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, targeted foreign assistance, public outreach, public-private partnerships, and new initiatives on human trafficking. The DOS TIP Office also serves as a resource to DOS on matters related to human trafficking, assisting U.S. missions, diplomats, and personnel in augmenting worldwide efforts to combat human trafficking. With the support of this office, DOS engages with foreign governments, international organizations, and civil society organizations to develop and implement effective strategies for confronting human trafficking.

The DOS TIP Office issued the [23rd annual Trafficking in Persons Report](#) (TIP Report) in June 2023. The TIP Report ranks countries on four tiers based on their respective

governments' efforts to comply with the "minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking" found in Section 108 of the TVPA, as amended. The 2023 TIP Report analyzed the efforts of 188 countries and territories, including the United States, reflecting the contributions of governmental agencies, anti-trafficking stakeholders, and the public, as well as independent research by DOS. The 2023 TIP Report also provided analysis of appreciable progress in governmental efforts to fight human trafficking, including efforts to prosecute traffickers, protect trafficking victims, and prevent human trafficking. The 2023 TIP Report continued to ensure the careful examination of all countries, including those on Tier 1. Tier 1 is not a reprieve. All countries must demonstrate appreciable progress compared to the prior year. In 2023, the report upgraded multiple countries from Tier 2 Watch List to Tier 2 for increased efforts to meet the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking.

The DOS TIP Office engaged in extensive diplomatic outreach to foreign counterparts during FY 2023, traveling to every region of the world to engage with foreign governmental officials and representatives of international organizations and NGOs to urge progress on human trafficking issues in their countries. During these trips, DOS TIP Office staff conducted in-depth dialogue with relevant governmental ministry officials, prosecutors, and investigators, as well as civil society organizations and researchers, both to assess the scope and character of human trafficking in a country and to discuss best practices in the protection of trafficking victims, the prosecution of trafficking cases, and the prevention of the crime. DOS TIP Office staff encouraged increased action on the country-specific recommendations outlined in the TIP Report. At the beginning of FY 2023, DOS TIP Office leadership officials met with representatives of strategically important countries to raise the issue of human trafficking, including Brazil, Kuwait, Mauritania, Romania, and Thailand, to encourage increased efforts to address forced labor and sex trafficking. DOS TIP Office personnel maintained robust engagement throughout FY 2023 to identify and encourage strategies for those governments to combat human trafficking, accounting for their respective contexts and resources.

DOS promoted U.S. interests in preventing and combating human trafficking in the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the Organization of American States, and the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Crime (Bali Process), among others. In the multilateral context, the U.S. government promoted its anti-trafficking priorities, including advancing global efforts to effectively implement the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children (UN TIP Protocol); advocating for strong protections and assistance for trafficking victims, including by incorporating survivor voices in national anti-trafficking responses and adopting a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach; collaborating with the public sector to help prevent forced labor in supply chains and conducting parallel financial investigations; and encouraging governments and international organizations to develop and apply measures to prevent human trafficking in their respective procurement of goods and services. Significant FY 2023 activities included the following:

- ❖ In October 2022, the DOS TIP Office Senior Official and a Senior Multilateral Affairs Advisor joined the U.S. delegation to the 11th Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in Vienna, Austria, to deliver the

U.S. national statement on implementation of the UN TIP Protocol. The DOS TIP Office, with the support of the head of the U.S. delegation, invited a survivor leader representing the State of Virginia to co-deliver for the first time the U.S. national anti-trafficking statement. The DOS TIP Office also co-hosted with Canada a side event, “Survivor Engagement to Combat Trafficking in Persons: Integration of Survivor Expertise as a Vital Component to Help Governments Effectively Implement the UN TIP Protocol.”

- ❖ DOS’s Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) attended the Eighth Bali Process Ministerial Conference and the Third Government and Business Forum in Adelaide, Australia, February 9 to 10, 2023. U.S. engagement centered on highlighting the need for survivor-centered and trauma-informed approaches in combating human trafficking and the importance of survivor input, effective identification of and assistance for trafficking victims, vulnerability of migrants to human trafficking, the use and misuse of technology, the linkages between corruption and human trafficking, and promising practices for enhancing worker protections and preventing the risks of forced labor in global supply chains.
- ❖ The DOS TIP Office Ambassador-at-Large attended the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe’s (OSCE) 23rd Conference of the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons in Vienna, Austria, April 18 to 19, 2023. The meeting focused on the importance of high-level, national leadership and political will and investments to combat the crime more effectively. The Ambassador-at-Large delivered a short statement focusing attention on the importance of survivor engagement and forced criminality in Southeast Asian cyber scam operations. She also called on Russia to end forced deportations of Ukrainian children.
- ❖ From May 22 to 26, 2023, a DOS TIP Office staff member joined the U.S. delegation, headed by DOS’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), to the 32nd session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, Austria, to negotiate a resolution, “Taking action against trafficking in persons in business operations, public procurement and supply chains for goods and services.”
- ❖ The DOS TIP Office Principal Deputy Director attended the OSCE and Council of Europe’s Meeting of National Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinators and Rapporteurs or equivalent mechanisms in Strasbourg, France, June 6 to 7, 2023. The DOS TIP Office representative provided panel remarks on trafficking in human beings for the purpose of forced criminality along with like-minded colleagues from the United Kingdom, France, and the Netherlands. Attendees discussed enhancing anti-trafficking national leadership structures, identification of and assistance to foreign national trafficking victims, and enhancing proactive use of financial investigations and the role of the national anti-trafficking coordinators and rapporteurs.
- ❖ On June 21, 2023, the DOS TIP Office Ambassador-at-Large delivered remarks at the virtual launch of the second cohort of the International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council hosted by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

- ❖ On July 6, 2023, the DOS TIP Office Ambassador-at-Large, as U.S. chair of the Organization of American States (OAS) anti-trafficking agenda, delivered welcoming remarks at the third OAS symposium on combating human trafficking for sexual exploitation from the perspective of financial intelligence.
- ❖ On September 29, 2023, DOS's Under Secretary for Civil Security, Democracy, and Human Rights delivered national remarks at the Palermo Convention Ministerial Conference for the 20th Anniversary of the UN TIP Protocol to highlight tools and best practices in the fight against human trafficking.

Bureau of African Affairs

The Bureau of African Affairs conducted public outreach and training activities in FY 2023, including:

- ❖ In Cameroon, the U.S. Embassy partnered with the government of Cameroon on two workshops for Cameroonian law enforcement officials on detecting the use of fraudulent documents, a key component of its anti-trafficking efforts. Embassy staff led a module on best practices in conducting investigations involving sexual assault and other forms of gender-based violence often associated with human trafficking crimes. The embassy also supported the participation of Cameroonian frontline border officials at the ILEA in Botswana to enhance their capacity to detect and curb cross-border crime, including human trafficking.
- ❖ In Eswatini, the U.S. Embassy supported the government of Eswatini in its efforts to combat human trafficking along two major lines of effort: (1) capacitating and strengthening the main institutions investigating and prosecuting trafficking and supporting trafficking survivors and (2) encouraging officials to adopt a more whole-of-government approach to its anti-trafficking efforts. The embassy supported the government of Eswatini's Trafficking in Persons Secretariat through hosting planning sessions, information exchanges, and workshops at the embassy. The embassy's outward-facing activities, such as a coordinated press event with the Secretariat on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (which featured interviews of the Chargé d'Affaires in newspapers, radio, and television), promoted greater public awareness of human trafficking. The embassy's persistent engagement with the Ministry of Finance also led to the government's 2024 budget having, for the first time, a specified budget item for the prevention of trafficking in persons.
- ❖ In Madagascar, the U.S. Embassy worked closely with the government of Madagascar's executive, legislative, and law enforcement agencies to support its efforts to combat trafficking in persons. The embassy worked with domestic U.S. government officials and the Madagascar National Police to investigate a sexual exploitation case committed in Madagascar and the United States, which culminated in the arrest and prosecution of both perpetrators and set an important precedent for further international cooperation on transnational crime. In June 2023, the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar met with Malagasy migrant workers who were survivors of sex trafficking and forced labor to better understand the threats facing Malagasy migrant workers abroad, the

difficulties they experience as they recover and reintegrate into society, and how governments can play a more supportive role in survivor reintegration and more effectively investigate and prosecute traffickers. The U.S. Ambassador also delivered remarks on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons in July 2023, announcing a U.S. government-funded \$2,000,000 project to combat trafficking by building the capacity of law enforcement officials, judges, prosecutors, and social workers. The U.S. Embassy conducted a social media campaign in August 2023 to highlight anti-trafficking messaging, including through press engagement, public awareness, and reciprocal messaging with regional counterparts. Finally, in September 2023, the embassy hosted a reception of like-minded counterparts and governmental officials that reiterated the embassy's commitment to supporting the government's efforts to combat human trafficking. This reception was unprecedented in that it brought together the largest number of anti-trafficking stakeholders the embassy has hosted and facilitated a new partnership between the embassy and the government to combat trafficking in persons.

- ❖ In Mauritania, the U.S. Embassy consistently engaged key stakeholders such as the Ministry of Justice Trafficking in Persons Working Group, the National Authority to Combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling, the Commissariat for Human Rights, and the National Commission for Human Rights. Through close partnerships with these entities, the embassy often contributed input for significant initiatives such as awareness campaigns, legal reforms, case management, and capacity-building efforts. The embassy, including at the highest levels, also reiterated the United States' continuing support for the government's anti-trafficking efforts through speeches and social media postings. For example, the U.S. Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania provided remarks at the launching ceremony of the Instance Nationale to Combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in February 2023 and highlighted the U.S.-Mauritania partnership to combat hereditary slavery and other forms of human trafficking during her July 4th remarks.
- ❖ In furtherance of these efforts, the U.S. Embassy in Mauritania provided foreign assistance from the Bureau of African Affairs to support grants to several prominent NGOs in Mauritania, enabling them to identify instances of hereditary slavery, provide aid to victims, and collaborate with governmental bodies. The embassy also leveraged funding from DOS's INL to oversee a project executed by the International Organization for Migration. This initiative has led to development of a comprehensive guide of best practices for addressing human trafficking and migrant smuggling, along with providing training sessions for numerous judicial, law enforcement, and civil society stakeholders.

Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

In FY 2023, the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs continued to conduct public outreach and training activities, including:

- ❖ As part of the Mekong-U.S. Partnership, the U.S. government supported the Stimson Center hosting a Track 1.5 Policy Dialogue on Trafficking and Cyber-enabled Crimes in Bangkok, Thailand, from May 8 to 9, 2023. The dialogue convened 78 officials, academics, and activists from across the Mekong region (Burma, Cambodia, Laos,

Thailand, and Vietnam), the United States, and from other international stakeholders to discuss challenges they face in countering human trafficking. The dialogue included a focus on the online scam operations increasingly found in the Mekong region that have reportedly trafficked hundreds of thousands of individuals from more than 40 countries around the world. The summary report of the dialogue is available [online](#).

- ❖ In Malaysia, the U.S. Embassy partnered with the University of Malaya and the Malaysia Council for Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants to conduct a series of seminars for law enforcement officers to improve the country’s anti-trafficking framework and victim protection policies, facilitate cooperation and partnerships among law enforcement, and set the directions for follow-up measures to prevent and counter human trafficking. Representatives of the Royal Malaysia Police, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Malaysian Immigration Department, Malaysian Department of Labor, and Malaysian Ministry of Women, Family, and Community Development were among the attendees.
- ❖ In Malaysia, the U.S. Embassy worked with Project Liber8 on a year-long media awareness campaign on preventing human trafficking. The initiative produced narratives to communicate different aspects of human trafficking effectively and fostered collaboration and productive relationships between the content creators and civil society organizations that work on human trafficking issues in Malaysia to spread awareness to a wider audience. This program has also established a strategic public-private partnership that includes Meta, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Global Shepherds, Faqcheck Lab, and other governmental ministries, including the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Communications.
- ❖ In Malaysia, the U.S. Embassy partnered with U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and the Malaysian Armed Forces to co-host a workshop, “Gender-Responsive Approaches to Combating Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants,” in Kuala Lumpur. The four-day workshop, held in May 2023, included representatives from Malaysian defense, law enforcement, interagency, civil society, and international organizations, including several Malaysian governmental ministries, Malaysian Armed Forces, the Council for Anti-Trafficking and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants, the Malaysia Human Rights Commission, five law enforcement agencies, the International Organization for Migration, the International Labour Organization, and UN Women. The event featured presentations from U.S. and Malaysian trafficking experts, case studies, and breakout group discussions designed to elucidate the connection between gender, human trafficking, and smuggling of migrants.
- ❖ In Mongolia, the U.S. Embassy supports the bilateral Child Protection Compact, a \$5.5 million effort to address human trafficking. The compact has raised greater awareness of the issue, and has bolstered the Mongolian task force that facilitates interagency coordination during investigations, prosecutions, and the delivery of victim-centered services.

- ❖ In Palau, the U.S. Embassy worked with the U.S. Army 351st Civil Affairs Command International Legal Team and conducted a two-day anti-trafficking workshop in March 2023. The workshop, funded through U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's Women, Peace and Security program, included 35 personnel from Palau's Office of the Attorney General Office, Palau's Office of the Special Prosecutor, Palau's Ministry of Justice, Palau's Bureau of Public Safety, Palau's Associate Chief Justice, the FBI, and the embassy. The INL-funded Pacific Island Law Enforcement Capacity Building Program embedded FBI agents in the Bureau of Public Safety. These agents conducted training in the use of confidential human sources in two human trafficking cases, one involving commercial sex and Filipina and Chinese nationals at a bar and restaurant, and the other involving an illegal gambling operation involving Chinese and Vietnamese nationals. The FBI agents worked with Palau's Office of the Attorney General to prepare for some of these unfamiliar investigative efforts for presentation in a court of law.

Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

The Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs conducted public outreach and training activities in FY 2023, including:

- ❖ From June 2022 to May 2023, funding from PRM's Julia Taft Refugee Fund enabled the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See to partner with BeFree, an NGO that welcomes and supports women who wish to escape abuse and mistreatment, particularly those who have experienced human trafficking and human rights violations. BeFree works from a gender-centered perspective "recognizing the complexity of gender-based violence as a multidimensional social phenomenon caused by a patriarchal culture that generates and nurtures it," according to the NGO's founding documents. For this reason, BeFree's interventions not only help support and protect women who have suffered violence but also focus on overcoming gender stereotypes and growing a culture that respects differences. BeFree manages anti-violence centers and shelters and carries out activities of integration and immersion for women survivors of human trafficking, manages national and international training projects for the prevention of gender violence, and promotes cultural activities and awareness campaigns. These activities include specific outreach and tailored services for lesbian and transgender women who are particularly vulnerable due to cultural norms within Italy.

Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs

The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs continued to conduct public outreach and training activities, including:

- ❖ In Egypt, local and international NGOs and UN agencies met with the DOS TIP Office and the U.S. Embassy in Cairo in December 2022 and reported on Egypt's progress in preventing and addressing human trafficking.
- ❖ USAID sponsored a program through ARK, a Yemen Community Resilience Activity that focused on the prevention of child recruitment and trafficking by armed groups (in addition to the reintegration efforts).

- ❖ Early in 2023, USAID commissioned a study of human trafficking patterns in Yemen through NORC at the University of Chicago.

Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs

The Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs conducted public outreach and training activities, including:

- ❖ In Jamaica, U.S. Embassy Kingston’s Public Diplomacy Section commemorated Human Trafficking Awareness Month in January 2023 with a social media campaign on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The campaign used the embassy’s “Mission Minute” format in a series of informational videos highlighting content from the social media tool kit, including the 3Ps paradigm (prosecution, protection, and prevention), identifying human trafficking, and trafficking prevention tips. The campaign also featured Political/Economic colleagues sharing about #WearBlueDay and updates on the opening of Child Friendly Spaces (interview spaces designed to help trafficked children feel safe, calm, and comfortable while they are interacting with law enforcement practitioners) across Jamaica as part of the U.S.-Jamaica Child Protection Compact. Collectively, the video series had 35,537 views and positive engagement from the embassy’s social media followers. The Public Diplomacy Section also highlighted the opening of new Child Friendly Spaces throughout the year, and the local press highlighted each new location.
- ❖ In Bolivia, U.S. Embassy La Paz participated in an event in March 2023 with a local radio channel to build public awareness of human trafficking. The event, broadcast live from a cultural center, featured a recording of a DOS-funded radionovela, “La Caldera,” followed by an interactive discussion between the radio director, anti-trafficking activists, live audience members, and embassy staff. The event featured a replay of the first chapter of the radionovela and discussion. “La Caldera” tells the story of three trafficking victims. Since the premiere of the radionovela 10 years ago, teachers throughout Bolivia, including in rural areas, have received outreach materials associated with the radionovela. The radionovela has more than 20,000 followers on YouTube, a testament to its relevance and effectiveness as a messaging tool. The embassy has coordinated with various radio stations to broadcast the radionovela in different cities.
- ❖ In Bolivia, on August 11, 2023, U.S. Embassy La Paz’s Public Diplomacy Section and Political Section jointly organized a Target of Opportunity Speaker Program for a human trafficking expert to visit two of three Bolivia’s largest cities—La Paz and El Alto—both key targets of embassy outreach with large and often vulnerable Indigenous populations. In her one-day program with the embassy, the human trafficking expert gave a talk to 200 students, faculty members, and human trafficking experts at Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, one of La Paz’s most important universities; met with representatives of five of Bolivia’s most important NGOs dealing with human trafficking issues; and visited the Project Suma, which works to combat the sexual exploitation of women. The human trafficking expert also gave an interview to Post’s press section. The press section disseminated the interview using social media and radio.

- ❖ In Argentina, U.S. Embassy Buenos Aires supports the Alike Kinan Foundation to strengthen the collaboration between the United States and Argentina in the promotion of human rights and dignity for victims of human trafficking. Through this project, the foundation is designing and providing training for survivors to build skills that will make them effective advocates for themselves and other victims of trafficking. The project encourages human trafficking victims to engage actively with the public and private sectors, telling the stories of their experiences as trafficking victims and survivors to influence public policy and business practices to prevent future trafficking and assist and protect victims.
- ❖ In Uruguay, U.S. Embassy Montevideo posted a congratulatory tweet on July 7, 2023, to Uruguay’s Ministry of Interior after a successful anti-trafficking operation. While doing so, the embassy highlighted combating human trafficking as one of its priorities.
- ❖ In Venezuela, U.S. Embassy Bogota’s U.S. Venezuelan Affairs Unit (VAU) Public Diplomacy Section spearheaded a social media and outreach campaign reaching nearly 1.2 million users across social media platforms, raising awareness and educating the public on identifying and preventing trafficking. Given that traffickers often exploit migrants’ trust in smugglers, VAU’s outreach throughout the fiscal year alerted potential migrants about the dangers of human traffickers along the irregular migration routes. From Post’s programming, the VAU recognized and empowered the work of Venezuelans by sponsoring the participation of a 2023 TIP Report Hero in the 2023 TIP Heroes Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C., and her subsequent participation in an IVLP On Demand on human trafficking that same year. VAU also supported the participation of a Venezuelan NGO leader in a regional IVLP to examine best practices to combat human trafficking, focusing on both slave labor and sex trafficking. Both IVLP programs empowered these Venezuelan leaders with new knowledge and skills, strengthened their networks, and enhanced the U.S. partnerships with their institutions to further U.S. priorities.
- ❖ In Cuba, U.S. Embassy Havana has a video campaign that identifies the dangers of human smuggling and promotes legal and safe migration in its place. The campaign has five short, animated videos that present the dangers of illegal migration and trafficking, and the positive advantages of using the numerous legal migration processes available to Cubans. Each animated video features a Cuban protagonist who is trying or has tried to migrate to the United States illegally. Every story describes a different negative turn of events for the protagonist while pursuing the illegal path and a positive turn while pursuing the legal path. Through this method, the videos express various migration themes such as trafficking, deportation, and disappearances—all common pitfalls of irregular migration among Cubans.
- ❖ In Honduras, U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa’s Public Diplomacy Section messaged on anti-trafficking efforts throughout FY 2023, primarily in January 2023 for National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, in June 2023 for the release of the DOS TIP Report, and on July 30 for World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. In addition, the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras and the Deputy Chief of Mission had meetings

with Honduran counterparts at the Inter-institutional Commission Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking in Persons highlighted on social media. In FY 2023, the embassy issued one press release on trafficking in persons to more than 600 media outlets for National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. For social media posts in FY 2023, the embassy published 35 total posts that raised awareness on human trafficking, leading to 4,569 engagements and 88,901 impressions across all Embassy Honduras platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and AMB Twitter).

- ❖ In Peru, through the Information Office, Public Diplomacy Lima continues to amplify HSI support to Peru's National Police in the daily Press Summary and Embassy social media accounts. Operations rescuing minors and foreign victims of human trafficking have been amplified by traditional media such as broadcaster [Panamericana](#) and daily [La República](#), recognizing the support of the U.S. government.
- ❖ In Guyana, in June 2023, U.S. Embassy Georgetown amplified the annual DOS TIP Report on social media and congratulated Guyana on demonstrating serious and sustained efforts to eliminate human trafficking. The post reached an audience of over 2,500 individuals with more than 30 link clicks to the report. On July 30, 2023, for World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, the embassy published a photo post, captioned "Leave No One Behind," on the embassy's social media platforms that highlighted DOS's guidance to combat human trafficking. The post reached an audience of 3,200 people.

Bureau of Consular Affairs

The Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) continued to offer the *Know Your Rights* video and its companion *Know Your Rights* pamphlet on its public-facing website, travel.state.gov. The video is now available with subtitles in 27 languages, and the corresponding pamphlet is available in 56 languages. Applicants under the interview waiver expansion received the pamphlet along with their passport containing an issued H-2 visa. Applicants who received the pamphlet continued to contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline because of what they learned from the pamphlet.

CA implemented a QR code method for distributing the *Know Your Rights* pamphlet. The QR code allows visa applicants to access the pamphlet by scanning the QR code with a smartphone camera. When scanned, the QR code directs the user's web browser to a landing page with the information. The QR code is currently available in 19 languages, with several additional languages in development.

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) continued to support anti-trafficking projects during FY 2023 through academic, professional, and cultural exchanges. ECA programs draw on the skills and diversity of the American people and foreign exchange visitors to promote U.S. interests and policy priorities.

More than 280 international exchange program participants (governmental officials, human rights activists, law enforcement officials, and NGO representatives) from all six regions

of the world participated in 26 ECA-sponsored IVLP projects examining U.S. efforts to combat human trafficking at the local, State, and national levels. ECA allocated \$7,416,000 for these IVLP projects. ECA's Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program supported 35 Fellows in the field of law and human rights through the 2022–2023 academic year program and the short-term Distinguished Humphrey Fellowship Program. Nine of the Fellows focused on fields addressing human trafficking.

ECA's Office of Private Sector Exchange continued its oversight of the Exchange Visitor Program, including the private sector component, BridgeUSA. In FY 2023, the Office of Private Sector Exchange, charged with safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of approximately 300,000 exchange visitors a year, conducted 4,315 case reviews involving exchange visitor incidents, complaints, wellness checks, and sponsor reviews. This was an increase of nearly 600 cases compared to cases reviewed in FY 2022. The Office of Private Sector Exchange increased its monitoring efforts in FY 2023. Guided by ECA's first Exchange Visitor Program-wide virtual monitoring assessment and an expanded use of the Office of Private Sector Exchange's virtual monitoring tools that reached over 170,000 exchange visitors, the Office of Private Sector Exchange completed 23 focused in-person monitoring visits. Such targeted monitoring efforts helped to pinpoint areas of concern and maximized in-person monitoring effectiveness. Expanded monitoring also yielded an increase in exchange visitor awareness of the 24/7 J-1 Hotline, a foundational component of ECA's work. The 2023 development of Duty Officer training helped better support the J-1 Hotline. In 2023, the Office of Private Sector Exchange conducted 128 individual sponsor meetings and continued engagement and outreach with sponsors to discuss the administration of their exchange visitor programs, best practices, and improving regulatory compliance. The Office of Private Sector Exchange continued to raise awareness of sponsors' reporting obligations with respect to serious problems concerning their programs.

The Office of Private Sector Exchange worked directly with 25 Community Support Groups across the United States that provided resources, cultural activities, and support to enhance the experience of exchange visitors on the BridgeUSA Summer Work Travel program in some of the largest tourist destinations in the United States. These support groups are 100 percent volunteer-led efforts and consist of program sponsor staff, community representatives, city officials, police officers, chamber of commerce members, host employers, faith-based organizations, and local volunteers.

The Office of Private Sector Exchange continued its coordination with law enforcement officials on criminal investigations relating to the Exchange Visitor Program. In addition, ECA's Law Enforcement Liaison Officer continued cooperation and communication with Federal governmental agencies such as DOS, DOS's Diplomatic Security Service, DOL, FBI, DHS, and local law enforcement agencies. In 2023, ECA continued disseminating the Exchange Visitors' Rights and Protections brochure to all newly arriving exchange visitors. This brochure educates exchange visitors on reporting issues to and seeking assistance from their sponsors and, if necessary, seeking assistance from ECA using the 24/7 J-1 hotline or from the National Human Trafficking Hotline. The brochure also reminds exchange visitors of their rights while in the United States.

Bureau of Global Public Affairs

To advance DOS messaging on combating human trafficking in FY 2023, the Bureau of Global Public Affairs (GPA) facilitated the following activities:

- ❖ GPA continued to feature human trafficking issues on DOS’s website, state.gov. Human trafficking-related content on state.gov received 1,834,894 views, a 14 percent increase from FY 2022. Of note, the 2023 TIP Report received 248,000 views during this time frame. In comparison, the 2022 TIP Report received 92,000 views during FY 2022.
- ❖ GPA produced 92 social media postings on issues related to human trafficking for release on DOS’s flagship Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube accounts, reaching 3.1 million users with human trafficking-specific content that generated 35,700 engagements. GPA’s human trafficking-specific social media content focused on the President’s Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, welcoming the new DOS TIP Office Ambassador-at-Large Cindy Dyer, the release of the annual TIP Report, and the announcement of the TIP Report Heroes Awards.
- ❖ GPA published more than 50 total articles about the TIP Report Heroes, trafficking cases, and the annual TIP Report to its ShareAmerica platform. The complete library is available online.
- ❖ GPA worked with the DOS TIP Office to approve and launch a new DOS TIP Office Instagram account to share information about preventing human trafficking with new youth audiences in countries with high Instagram use, particularly in locations that are foreign policy priorities for DOS anti-trafficking efforts.
- ❖ GPA hosted an event on June 23, 2023, during which more than 500 members of the anti-trafficking community from more than 20 countries tuned in to a GPA-produced virtual readout of the 2023 TIP Report. The event, specifically requested by the DOS TIP Office for the wider 2023 TIP Report rollout, offered a detailed overview of DOS’s human trafficking activities and methodologies. This session, headlined by Ambassador-at-Large Dyer and joined by a panel of DOS TIP Office subject matter experts, featured a comprehensive discussion covering the DOS TIP Office’s mission, the scope of DOS TIP Office activities, applied methodologies, and specific takeaways from the report. A diverse and highly engaged audience composed of NGO representatives, individual human trafficking advocates, and survivors viewed the program. Attendees asked questions and exchanged ideas and contact information using the interactive chat feature.

Bureau of Intelligence and Research

The Bureau of Intelligence and Research provided intelligence support on human trafficking issues through oral and written briefings to key policymakers, including members of the National Security Council, U.S. ambassadors, the President’s Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, and TIP Office staff in support of their drafting the TIP Report. As a member of the U.S. Intelligence Community, the Bureau also highlighted new

knowledge of human trafficking activities, increasing awareness of traffickers and routes in both written products and interagency meetings.

Diplomatic Security Service

The Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) Overseas Criminal Investigations Division plays an instrumental role in detecting, disrupting, and dismantling transnational criminal networks, including those involved in human trafficking, via its global network of Special Agent Overseas Criminal Investigators. These Overseas Criminal Investigators and their teams, embedded in consular sections at 123 U.S. diplomatic posts in 83 countries (more than 270 locations), protect the integrity of the U.S. passport and visa system through effective and efficient criminal investigations, and conduct vital global liaison and training with foreign governmental and private sector partners to build worldwide capacity. Overseas Criminal Investigators in every region delivered training in FY 2023 to foreign law enforcement officials, immigration officials, commercial sector staff, and other relevant security personnel on human trafficking awareness and investigations to directly enhance the capacity of the United States' international security partners to identify and disrupt transnational human trafficking.

Office of the Chief of Protocol

The Office of the Chief of Protocol and the U.S. Mission to the UN each administer their respective domestic worker In-person Registration Programs for A-3 and G-5 visa holders employed by foreign mission and international organization personnel. The programs combat exploitation and domestic servitude by working to ensure that these employment relationships are consistent with U.S. law and DOS policy and to ensure the accountability of foreign mission employers.

Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues

The Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) seeks to advance gender equity and equality and the empowerment of women and girls globally, including through efforts to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. Highlights of S/GWI's trafficking-related efforts in FY 2023 include the following:

- ❖ S/GWI led efforts to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, including sex trafficking and forced labor, as well as community-based approaches to engaging men and boys in prevention efforts.
- ❖ S/GWI coordinated with DOS and interagency colleagues to develop and release the [2022 U.S. Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence Globally](#) (December 2022), in collaboration with USAID and the White House Gender Policy Council. The third iteration of this strategy directs U.S. foreign policy and assistance to apply an intersectional framework and take an inclusive approach in all work related to gender-based violence prevention and response. The strategy highlights that types of gender-based violence include some forms of human trafficking, emphasizes the increased risk of gender-based violence faced by survivors of human trafficking, and notes DOS's commitment to robust reporting in the annual TIP Report. To further this

strategy, DOS S/GWI coordinated and co-developed a DOS implementation plan with relevant bureaus and offices submitted to the White House in September 2023.

- ❖ S/GWI continued to lead DOS in its mandated implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017 to promote the meaningful participation and protection of women and girls throughout the cycle of conflict and crisis. S/GWI coordinated interagency development of the [*2023 U.S. Strategy and National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security*](#), which was launched by the Secretary of State on October 31, 2023, on the 23rd Anniversary of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security.
- ❖ S/GWI coordinated with DOS and interagency colleagues to develop and release the [*United States Strategy on Global Women's Economic Security*](#) and subsequent implementation plan submitted to the White House in September 2023.

U.S. Department of Transportation

DOT used its ongoing engagements in multilateral forums during FY 2023 to encourage ministries of transportation to increase country-level efforts to combat human trafficking, including through G7 and Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation ministerial statements.

Appendix D: U.S. Government Human Trafficking Projects with Funds Obligated in FY 2023

U.S. Government Human Trafficking Projects with Funds Obligated in FY 2023										
Agency/ Bureau/ Office	Region(s) Area(s), or Country(ies)	Area(s), Country(ies), State(s), or Territory	Primary Recipient(s)	Subgrantee(s)	Amount Awarded	Appropriation Year(s)	Award Purpose	Senior Policy Operating Group Review (Y/N)	Project Start and End Dates (Months)	Type of Trafficking (Sex Trafficking or Forced Labor)
U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)	Global	Africa, East Asia, Pacific, Europe, Near East, South and Central America, and Western Hemisphere	Northrop Grumman via Joint Knowledge Online	None	\$700,000	FY 2023	Support the DOD Combating Trafficking in Persons Program by developing and maintaining training and related outreach materials, and by providing subject matter expert support, to ensure awareness, monitoring, and enforcement of laws and policies prohibiting human trafficking.	N	7/16/2022 – 7/15/2023 (12)	Both
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/ Administration for Children and Families (ACF)/Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP)	United States	United States	Polaris	None	\$5,000,000	FY 2023	The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a 24/7, confidential, multilingual hotline for victims, survivors, and witnesses of human trafficking.	Y	9/30/2020 – 9/29/2025 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	United States	U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)	National network of subrecipients	\$4,000,000	FY 2023	Funds time-limited comprehensive case management services to foreign national adults confirmed as victims or potential victims of a severe form of human trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended, and are seeking or have received HHS certification.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	United States	USCRI	National network of subrecipients	\$2,000,000	FY 2023	Funds time-limited comprehensive case management to foreign national children who have experienced severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, and are not currently receiving, or eligible to receive, similar	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both

U.S. Government Human Trafficking Projects with Funds Obligated in FY 2023

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							trafficking-specific services from another federally funded program.			
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Alaska	Alaska Native Justice Center	Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association	\$333,333	FY 2023	Funds organizations to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to Native American (American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders) victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, through the provision of direct services, assistance, and referrals.	Y	9/30/2023 – 9/29/2028 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Alaska	Covenant House Alaska	Bethel Winter House	\$360,000	FY 2023	Funds organizations to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to domestic victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, through the provision of direct services, assistance, outreach, and referrals.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	California	Interface Children and Family Services	None	\$332,963	FY 2023	Funds projects to build, expand, and sustain organizational and local capacity to provide direct services, assistance, and referrals for foreign national adults who have experienced labor trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2025 (36)	Forced Labor

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HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	California	Oakland Unified School District	International Rescue Committee and Bay Area Women Against Rape	\$500,000	FY 2023	Funds local educational agencies (LEAs) and their nonprofit or NGO partner to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization through the provision of skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students. LEAs will also establish and implement a human trafficking school safety protocol for handling suspected and confirmed cases of human trafficking in a person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.	Y	9/30/2023 – 9/29/2028 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	California	Tahirih Justice Center	Asian Women's Shelter	\$333,000	FY 2023	Funds projects to build, expand, and sustain organizational and local capacity to provide direct services, assistance, and referrals for foreign national adults who have experienced labor trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2025 (36)	Forced Labor
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Colorado	School District 1 in the City and County of Denver	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Funds LEAs and their nonprofit or NGO partner to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization through the provision of skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students. LEAs will also establish and implement a human trafficking school safety protocol for handling suspected and confirmed cases of human trafficking in a person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.	Y	9/30/2023 – 9/29/2028 (60)	Both

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HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Connecticut	Youth Continuum	None	\$277,696	FY 2023	Funds organizations to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to domestic victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, through the provision of direct services, assistance, outreach, and referrals.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Hawaii	Child & Family Service	None	\$300,000	FY 2023	Funds organizations to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to Native American (American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders) victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, through the provision of direct services, assistance, and referrals.	Y	9/30/2023 – 9/29/2028 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Michigan	Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services	None	\$312,963	FY 2023	Funds organizations to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to domestic victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, through the provision of direct services, assistance, outreach, and referrals.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Minnesota	Young Men’s Christian Association of the North	None	\$360,000	FY 2023	Funds organizations to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to domestic victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, through the provision of direct services, assistance, outreach, and referrals.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both

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HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Minnesota	Young Men's Christian Association of the North	None	\$331,475	FY 2023	Funds organizations to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to Native American (American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders) victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, through the provision of direct services, assistance, and referrals.	Y	9/30/2023 – 9/29/2028 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Mississippi	University of Southern Mississippi	Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence	\$497,442	FY 2023	Funds the implementation of Stop, Observe, Ask, Respond (SOAR) training and capacity building to identify, treat, and respond to individuals who have experienced human trafficking. SOAR is a nationally recognized, accredited training program delivered by OTIP's National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center. The training program helps target audiences identify and respond to those who are at risk of, are currently experiencing, or have experienced trafficking and connect them with needed resources.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Missouri	International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis	None	\$303,345	FY 2023	Funds projects to build, expand, and sustain organizational and local capacity to provide direct services, assistance, and referrals for foreign national adults who have experienced labor trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2025 (36)	Forced Labor

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HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	North Carolina	Hope for Justice, Inc.	None	\$314,373	FY 2023	Funds organizations to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to domestic victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, through the provision of direct services, assistance, outreach, and referrals.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Nebraska	Educational Service Unit #2	Set Me Free Project	\$500,000	FY 2023	Funds LEAs and their nonprofit or NGO partner to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization through the provision of skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students. LEAs will also establish and implement a human trafficking school safety protocol for handling suspected and confirmed cases of human trafficking in a person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	New Jersey	RWJBarnabas Health	Covenant House New Jersey	\$500,000	FY 2023	Funds the implementation of SOAR training and capacity building to identify, treat, and respond to individuals who have experienced human trafficking. SOAR is a nationally recognized, accredited training program delivered by OTIP's National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center. The training program helps target audiences identify and respond to those who are at risk of, are currently experiencing, or have experienced trafficking and connect them with needed resources.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2025 (36)	Both

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HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	New York	City of New York Board of Education	UNITAS	\$500,000	FY 2023	Funds LEAs and their nonprofit or NGO partner to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization through the provision of skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students. LEAs will also establish and implement a human trafficking school safety protocol for handling suspected and confirmed cases of human trafficking in a person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Texas	Education Service Center Region 19	3Strands Global Foundation	\$474,296	FY 2023	Funds LEAs and their nonprofit or NGO partner to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization through the provision of skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students. LEAs will also establish and implement a human trafficking school safety protocol for handling suspected and confirmed cases of human trafficking in a person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.	Y	9/30/2023 – 9/29/2028 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Texas	Region One Education Service Center	3Strands Global Foundation	\$499,999	FY 2023	Funds LEAs and their nonprofit or NGO partner to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization through the provision of skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students. LEAs will also establish and implement a human trafficking	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both

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							school safety protocol for handling suspected and confirmed cases of human trafficking in a person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.			
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Texas	St. Luke's Foundation	The Landing and Prairie View A&M University	\$351,299	FY 2023	Funds organizations to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to domestic victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined by the TVPA, through the provision of direct services, assistance, outreach, and referrals.	Y	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2027 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	Wisconsin	Milwaukee Public Schools	None	\$450,000	FY 2023	Funds LEAs and their nonprofit or NGO partner to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization through the provision of skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students. LEAs will also establish and implement a human trafficking school safety protocol for handling suspected and confirmed cases of human trafficking in a person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.	Y	9/30/2023 – 9/29/2028 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	United States	TISTA	None	\$888,623	FY 2023	Supports the development of the Anti-Trafficking Information Management System, which enables electronic submission, storage, and analyses of information and performance data from OTIP grant recipients.	N	9/30/2021 – 9/29/2024 (36)	Both

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HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	United States	General Dynamics Information Technology	None	\$1,444,687	FY 2023	Support anti-trafficking program, including review of information and eligibility requests; processing of certification and letters of eligibility for victims of trafficking; recordkeeping; responding to communications from service providers, law enforcement agencies, and State and local officials; and other support as needed.	N	9/22/2021 – 9/21/2026 (60)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	United States	Schatz Publishing Group	None	\$526,377	FY 2022	Conduct market research and develop a large-scale, fully integrated, inclusive, and culturally and linguistically appropriate public health campaign strategy and accompanying materials for the HHS Look Beneath the Surface anti-trafficking campaign.	N	9/30/2022 – 3/29/2023 (12)	Both
HHS/ACF/OTIP	United States	United States	ICF International	None	\$282,073.84	FY 2022	Coordinate and facilitate up to nine in-person town hall meetings at locations across the United States and two virtual town hall meetings in or around the District of Columbia on the topic of racial equity and human trafficking.		9/30/2022 – 9/29/2023 (12)	Both
HHS/ACF/Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation	United States	United States	RTI International	None	\$2,000,000	FY 2023	The Building Evidence for Trafficking Interventions and Response (BETIR) project funds research and evaluation to inform the development of anti-trafficking strategies, policies, and programs. The BETIR project includes an evaluation of OTIP's Aspire: Child Trafficking Victim Assistance Demonstration Program and Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, along with a follow-up	N	9/30/2023 – 9/29/2028 (60)	Both

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							evaluation of the National Human Trafficking Hotline.			
HHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/National Center for Injury Prevention and Control/Division of Violence Prevention	United States	Iowa	University of Nebraska–Lincoln	Set Me Free Project	\$365,000	FY 2022	This project will implement the subgrantee-developed Ready to Stand (RTS) program in Des Moines Public Schools to students and school staff as part of their process and rigorous outcome evaluation. During the first phase of this project, the team will focus on additional content development and a pilot trial of the RTS program. This project aims to decrease commercial sexual exploitation of children, addressing both perpetration and victimization.	N	9/30/2022– 9/29/2024 (24)	Sex Trafficking
HHS/CDC/National Center for Injury Prevention and Control/Division of Violence Prevention	United States	Kentucky	University of Kentucky	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	\$500,000	FY 2021	This project will implement a bystander-informed child sexual exploitation and trafficking (CSE/T) prevention program among middle school staff in Kentucky counties. In addition, the team will implement a community-level mass media campaign focused on raising awareness of CSE/T. Through these efforts, this project aims to increase awareness and reporting of CSE/T while reducing stigma.	N	12/1/2021 – 9/29/2025 (46)	Sex Trafficking

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HHS/CDC/ National Center for Injury Prevention and Control/Division of Violence Prevention	United States	Minnesota	University of New Hampshire	University of Minnesota and Minnesota Department of Health	\$365,000	FY 2022	This project will implement the Not a Number (NAN) program across youth-serving organizations across Minnesota as part of their rigorous outcome evaluation of a prevention program for child sex trafficking. During the first phase of the project, the team will focus on formative research, including a process evaluation and qualitative data collection.	N	9/30/2022 – 9/29/2024 (24)	Sex Trafficking
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)/Office of Justice Programs (OJP)/National Institute of Justice (NIJ)	United States	California	RTI International	California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and survivor consultants	\$799,859	FY 2023	The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services' Human Trafficking Victim Assistance program funds 31 organizations to provide comprehensive services to sex and labor trafficking victims. This study leverages previous NIJ-funded work to conduct a multi-method, multi-site program evaluation of three human trafficking service models (comprehensive services, coordinated care, and housing first) using data collected through the validated Outcomes for Human Trafficking Survivors instrument.	Y	1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/NIJ	United States	Delaware, Tennessee, Texas, and Massachusetts	Harvard School of Public Health	United Against Slavery, Zoe Ministries, Unbound Now, Rescue 1 Global, Salvation Army, and Health Imperatives	\$654,195	FY 2023	The Harvard School of Public Health will collaborate with a network of community-based victim service organizations focused on providing safe and stable housing for trafficking survivors as they exit exploitation and start toward healing. This project will describe and map the types of housing models and services for trafficking victims nationally and conduct a process and outcome evaluation of five housing	Y	1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 (24)	Both

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							models for victims of human trafficking.			
DOJ/OJP/NIJ	United States	New York City, Boston, and San Diego	New York University	Northeastern University, RTI International, and Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking	\$997,729	FY 2023	There is insufficient research on victims of labor trafficking in illicit activities who go through the criminal justice system without officials identifying them as trafficking victims. Public defenders have been underused as advocates and screeners who can help. This will be the first national study to understand forced criminality, consisting of a legal scan of forced criminality legislation across the United States and interviews and case file reviews with eight to 10 public defender offices.	Y	1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026 (36)	Forced Labor
DOJ/OJP/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)	United States	United States	Fox Valley Technical College	Arizona State University	\$4,400,000	FY 2023	The National AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program provides training and technical assistance support to enhance the national AMBER Alert network and improve law enforcement response to missing, endangered, and abducted children.	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024 (12)	Sex Trafficking
DOJ/OJP/OJJDP	United States	United States	Fox Valley Technical College	National Children's Advocacy Center	\$1,900,000	FY 2023	The Missing and Exploited Children Training and Technical Assistance program seeks to build the capacity of State, Tribal, and local agencies, and to encourage the development and implementation of best practices related to the investigation and prosecution of cases of missing and	N	10/1/2023 – 12/31/2024 (15)	Sex Trafficking

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							exploited children. The program assists prosecutors, State and local law enforcement officers, child protection personnel, medical providers, and other child-serving professionals to strengthen multidisciplinary responses to cases of missing and exploited children and improve the prosecution of perpetrators.			
DOJ/OJP/OJJDP	United States	United States	National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges	American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law and National American Indian Court Judges Association	\$7,685,742	FY 2023	Through this program, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and its partners facilitate system improvements in juvenile and family court processes to provide better outcomes for children, youth, and families in child abuse, neglect, and related cases, including cases of children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.	N	10/1/2021 – 3/31/2025 (42)	Sex Trafficking
DOJ/OJP/Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)	United States	Arizona	International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Various (OVC encourages grantees to form partnerships with aligned community service agencies, including through subgrant arrangements)	\$1,200,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking	Various	\$1,199,871	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Various	\$1,199,723	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	North County Lifeline	Various	\$1,200,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Victory Outreach South Sacramento	Various	\$600,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing,	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Connecticut	Empower Her Network, Inc.	Various	\$562,502	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	District of Columbia	Freedom Network USA	Various	\$1,999,999	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Florida	Camillus House, Inc.	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Florida	Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, Inc.	Various	\$1,158,974	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Georgia	Wellspring Living, Inc.	Various	\$600,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Illinois	Oasis Productions	Various	\$599,600	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Michigan	Alternatives for Girls	Various	\$723,821	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing,	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Michigan	Turning Point, Inc.	Various	\$1,200,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Minnesota	International Institute of Minnesota	Various	\$392,002	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Minnesota	Young Men’s Christian Association of the North	Various	\$1,200,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New York	Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk, Inc.	Various	\$1,200,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	North Carolina	Family Services, Inc.	Various	\$375,667	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	South Dakota	Call to Freedom, Inc.	Various	\$1,200,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing, transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Virginia	Safe Harbor	Various	\$1,195,097	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program (Services and Training and Technical Assistance), OVC supports housing opportunities to victims of human trafficking, including emergency housing,	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							transitional housing, and short-term housing assistance.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	District of Columbia	AEquitas	Various	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program, OVC supports the needs of all active OVC ECM Task Force partners to develop and sustain a multidisciplinary approach that increases their capacity to identify and support victims and hold offenders accountable.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Virginia	ICF, Inc., LLC	Various	\$2,999,942	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking TTA Program, OVC supports the needs of all active OVC ECM Task Force partners to develop and sustain a multidisciplinary approach that increases their capacity to identify and support victims and hold offenders accountable.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Human Services	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Public Safety	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Anaheim, City of	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center at Eisenhower	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Riverside County	Various	\$749,940	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Waymakers	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Florida	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc.	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Florida	Palm Beach County	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							investigative and prosecutorial practices.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Idaho	Idaho State Police	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Idaho	Nampa, City of	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Illinois	International Organization for Adolescents, Inc.	Various	\$749,632	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Kansas	Shawnee County	Various	\$658,468	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Kansas	Young Women’s Christian Association of Topeka	Various	\$513,386	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Massachusetts	Family and Community Resources, Inc.	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Massachusetts	Plymouth County	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							investigative and prosecutorial practices.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New York	Westchester County	Various	\$494,138	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Texas	Tarrant County	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Texas	Unbound Now	Various	\$750,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Wisconsin	ARC Community Services, Inc.	Various	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Justice	Various	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, OVC supports collaborative, multidisciplinary ECM Task Forces to identify victims and combat human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA. This program funds all	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							levels of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other key partners to build organizational infrastructure, increase operational capacity, provide comprehensive services, and enhance victim-centered investigative and prosecutorial practices.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Maryland	Wendy Tobie Povitsky Stickle	Various	\$290,614	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Human Trafficking Fellowship Program, OVC is supporting a fellow to assist the anti-trafficking field in identifying and understanding human trafficking issues and promising practices. This OVC Fellowship will fund a one- to three-year fellowship with an area of focus on juvenile diversion court analyses.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking	Various	\$2,000,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Program, OVC supports the provision of TTA and the development of tools and resources to assist anti-trafficking service providers and the human trafficking field in ensuring successful outcomes for survivors of human trafficking. This award will support TTA to legal service providers assisting victims of human trafficking.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New York	International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Various	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Program, OVC supports the provision of TTA and the development of tools and resources to assist anti-human trafficking service providers and the human trafficking field in ensuring successful outcomes for survivors of human trafficking. This award will support OVC anti-trafficking grantees in enhancing responses to labor trafficking.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Delaware	Executive Office of the Governor of Delaware	Various	\$1,500,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports States or Tribes to develop, enhance, and coordinate programs and activities geared toward improving outcomes for child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking. This program aims to improve statewide coordination and multidisciplinary collaboration across systems to address human trafficking involving children and youth.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Michigan	Michigan Health and Human Services	Various	\$1,500,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports States or Tribes to develop, enhance, and coordinate programs and activities geared toward improving outcomes for child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking. This program aims to improve statewide coordination and multidisciplinary	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							collaboration across systems to address human trafficking involving children and youth.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Ohio	Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services	Various	\$1,119,713	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports States or Tribes to develop, enhance, and coordinate programs and activities geared toward improving outcomes for child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking. This program aims to improve statewide coordination and multidisciplinary collaboration across systems to address human trafficking involving children and youth.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Arkansas	Centers for Youth and Families, Inc.	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission	Various	\$618,230	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Motivating Inspiring Supporting and Serving Sexually Exploited Youth, Inc.	Various	\$949,660	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	San Diego Youth Services	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Georgia	Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, Inc.	Various	\$852,400	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Hawaii	Ho'ōla Nā Pua	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New Jersey	Center for Family Services, Inc.	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New Mexico	New Mexico Dream Center of Albuquerque	Various	\$947,300	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Ohio	AO: Advocating Opportunity, Inc.	Various	\$948,980	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Oregon	J Bar J Youth Services, Inc.	Various	\$941,760	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Tennessee	Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Utah	Asian Association of Utah	Various	\$949,991	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports programs to provide high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims. Organizations funded under this program will provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, and gender-responsive services to address their needs for safety, security, and healing and to prevent the funneling of victims into the justice system.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Arizona	Applejacks Ranch	Various	\$496,513	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls program, OVC supports programs and training and technical assistance to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex or labor trafficking.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Maryland	University of Maryland, Baltimore	Various	\$500,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance program, OVC supports programs and training and technical assistance to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking. Organizations will develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New York	Justice Innovation, Inc.	Various	\$500,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance program, OVC supports programs and training and technical assistance to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking. Organizations will develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New York	Salvation Army	Various	\$474,960	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance program, OVC supports programs and training and technical assistance to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking. Organizations will develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	North Dakota	Mountain Plains Youth Services Coalition	Various	\$499,527	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance program, OVC supports programs and training and technical assistance to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking. Organizations will develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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							girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking.			
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Pennsylvania	Youth Collaboratory, Inc.	Various	\$1,500,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance program, OVC supports programs and training and technical assistance to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking. This award will support a training and technical assistance provider to work with program sites.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Washington	Youthcare	Various	\$499,519	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Preventing Trafficking of Girls Program Sites and Training and Technical Assistance program, OVC supports programs and training and technical assistance to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking. Organizations will develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Alaska	Alaska Native Justice Center, Inc.	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking	Various	\$799,967	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Community Against Sexual Harm	Various	\$440,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Various	\$439,998	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Various	\$949,872	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Santa Barbara County	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	California	Special Service for Groups, Inc.	Various	\$949,997	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Colorado	Colorado Legal Services	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Connecticut	Global PEHT Corp.	Various	\$929,604	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Connecticut	The Underground NE, Inc.	Various	\$440,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	District of Columbia	Freedom Network USA	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Georgia	Tapestri, Inc.	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Illinois	Metropolitan Family Services	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Kentucky	Catholic Charities of Louisville, Inc.	Various	\$943,533	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Maryland	Asylee Women Enterprise, Inc.	Various	\$946,152	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Massachusetts	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc.	Various	\$949,958	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Minnesota	Young Men’s Christian Association of the North	Various	\$913,074	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Missouri	Healing Action Network, Inc.	Various	\$904,442	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New Jersey	Legal Services of New Jersey, Inc.	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New Mexico	New Mexico Dream Center of Albuquerque	Various	\$930,511	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New Mexico	New Mexico Immigrant Law Center	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New York	Capital District Women’s Bar Association	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New York	Church World Service, Inc.	Various	\$439,995	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New York	Institute for Family Health	Various	\$700,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	New York	Sanctuary for Families	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	North Dakota	Mountain Plains Youth Services Coalition	Various	\$949,850	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Northern Mariana Islands	Karidat Social Services	Various	\$700,909	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Ohio	AO: Advocating Opportunity, Inc.	Various	\$948,977	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Oregon	Community Works, Inc.	Various	\$740,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Pennsylvania	Friends of Farmworkers, Inc.	Various	\$884,777	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Pennsylvania	YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, Inc.	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	South Carolina	Engaging Minds Services, Inc.	Various	\$440,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Tennessee	Hope for Justice, Inc.	Various	\$439,991	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Texas	Mosaic Family Services, Inc.	Various	\$700,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Texas	Texas Advocacy Project, Inc.	Various	\$439,618	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Texas	United Against Human Trafficking	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Virginia	Survivor Ventures, Inc.	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Virginia	U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Inc.	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Washington	Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Washington	International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Washington	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Wisconsin	ARC Community Services, Inc.	Various	\$950,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/OJP/OVC	United States	Wisconsin	Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.	Various	\$800,000	FY 2023	Under the OVC FY 2023 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking program, OVC supports the development, expansion, or strengthening of services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the TVPA.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOJ/Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)	United States	Illinois	International Organization for Adolescents	Courtney's House	\$250,000	FY 2023	Provide training and technical assistance to Children and Youth and Engaging Men Program grantees and subgrantees to address children and youth sex trafficking; develop webinars, create short training videos and social media reels, create resources and newsletters, and provide in-person and online specialized technical assistance; and	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025 (24)	Sex Trafficking

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							focus on outreach to children and youth from traditionally underserved populations.			
DOJ/OVW	United States	Wisconsin	Pathfinders Milwaukee, Inc.	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Under the Children and Youth and Engaging Men Program, grantee will serve at-risk homeless youth and youth survivors of sex trafficking in Milwaukee through immediate advocacy, education, and employment support; provide training for professionals to enhance responses to youth survivors; and coordinate services across the community.	N	10/1/2022 – 9/30/2025 (36)	Sex Trafficking
DOJ/OVW	United States	New York	Sanctuary for Families	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Under the Children and Youth and Engaging Men Program, grantee will provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services for victims of sex trafficking and at-risk youth to ensure they remain stable and safe from future abuse and exploitation; and build community capacity to safely and confidentially identify, serve, and refer youth who are victims of sex trafficking, witnesses, or at risk of trafficking and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation, domestic violence, and sexual assault.	N	10/1/2022 – 9/30/2025 (36)	Sex Trafficking

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DOJ/OVW	United States	California	Volunteers of America of Los Angeles	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Under the Children and Youth and Engaging Men Program, grantee will provide training to law enforcement officers, jails, schools, youth-serving organizations and programs, foster care programs, hospitals, and other allied professionals in the community on issues related to youth sex trafficking; provide sex trafficking awareness and prevention education to youth engaged with the Los Angeles County Department of Child and Family Services, foster family agencies, after-school programs, and drop-in centers; and provide direct services to youth victims.	N	10/1/2019 – 7/31/2023 (46)	Sex Trafficking
DOJ/OVW	United States	Minnesota	Men As Peacemakers	Casa de Esperanza	\$348,944	FY 2022	Under the Children and Youth and Engaging Men Program, grantee will develop a culturally and linguistically specific version of the Don't Buy it Project for men in the Latin@ communities in the Twin Cities/Metro area of Minnesota and provide prevention education for sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, including an English-language and Spanish-language facilitator's guide and public service announcements.	N	10/1/2019 – 9/30/2023 (48)	Sex Trafficking
DOJ/OVW	United States	United States	Futures Without Violence	None	\$425,000	FY 2023	Project will improve community collaborative responses to address human trafficking experienced at the intersection with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; increase the capacity of OVW grantees and their partners to identify and assist survivors of trafficking; and provide training and	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025 (48)	Both

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							technical assistance specific to disciplines represented in multidisciplinary teams on identifying and responding to human trafficking more effectively.			
DOJ/OVW	United States	United States	Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition	Men As Peacemakers, Mending the Sacred Hoop, and Tribal Law and Policy Institute	\$300,000	FY 2021	National Training and Technical Assistance Project on Sex Trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska provides comprehensive training and technical assistance to strengthen sovereign responses, awareness, intervention, and prevention to address sex trafficking across Tribal communities and support an annual conference on sex trafficking. The Sovereign Responses to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska National Conference, held in New Orleans on January 25 to 27, 2023, presented an opportunity to strengthen alliances by bringing together Tribal leadership, Federal partners, experts in the field, and Tribal communities to better address the safety of Native children, women, and men.	N	10/1/2021 – 9/30/2024 (36)	Sex Trafficking
U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)/Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB)/Office of Child Labor, Forced	Global/Indonesia	Indonesia	International Labour Organization (ILO)	None	\$2,000,000	FY 2023	The Strengthening Social Compliance Project aims to prevent labor exploitation by improving the implementation of worker-driven social compliance systems that promote labor rights and acceptable conditions of work, including the	N	12/31/2023 – 12/31/2026 (36)	Forced Labor

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Labor, and Human Trafficking (OCFT)							elimination of forced labor in supply chains. The grantee will pilot the project in the Indonesian palm oil sector and aims to create a model for robust social compliance systems.			
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Mexico	Mexico	Verité, Inc.	None	\$4,455,000	FY 2023	The Project to Increase Municipal Collective Action to Address Child Labor and Forced Labor in Mexico will increase locally led actions to collectively address child labor and forced labor in targeted municipalities in Mexico.	Y	12/15/2023 – 12/14/2027 (48)	Forced Labor
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Nepal	Nepal	JSI Research & Training, Inc.	Child Protection Organization, Dalit Human Rights Watch Committee, Grameen Mahila Swabalamban Sanstha, Mahila Atma Nirbharata Kendra, Rural Development Centre Nepal, Sindhuli Integrated Development Services Nepal, Suryodaya Samaj Sewa, Utpidit Dalit Samaj Saptari, Rural Reconstruction Nepal, and Women	\$4,000,000	FY 2023	The <i>Tatpartaa</i> (the Nepali word for commitment and ability to respond) Project in Nepal will build the capacity of local communities to address child labor and forced labor, with a specific focus on confronting new challenges resulting from the impact of climate change.	N	12/31/2023 – 6/30/2028 (54)	Forced Labor

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				Awareness Centre Nepal						
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Global	Global	ILO	None	\$5,000,000	FY 2023	The Research to Action II Project will work with academics, national statistical offices, and other key stakeholders around the world to collect the most recent child labor and forced labor data. The project will promote more effective, evidence-based action on child labor and forced labor by bridging the gap between researchers and policymakers.	N	12/4/2023 – 12/3/2027 (48)	Forced Labor
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Ecuador	Ecuador	Partners of the Americas	None	\$4,740,000	FY 2023	The Project to Improve Adherence to International Labor Standards in the Agricultural Sector in Ecuador will address child labor in the banana and cut flower sectors, and it will build awareness and capacity to mitigate the risk of other labor rights abuses, including forced labor.	N	12/31/2023 – 12/31/2027 (48)	Forced Labor
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Africa/Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana	Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana	Verité, Inc.	None	\$5,862,897	FY 2017	The Forced Labor Indicators Project helps law enforcement, private sector due-diligence monitors, social service and civil society organizations, and workers to prevent, detect, and eliminate forced labor and labor trafficking in supply chains. It received a cost increase of \$1,500,000 in FY 2023 to expand the model into additional countries, while also extending the timeline for	N	12/1/2017 – 12/31/2024 (85)	Forced Labor

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							activities in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire.			
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Global	Thailand, Paraguay, Argentina, and Liberia	Winrock International	Lawyers Without Borders, Inc., and Partners of the Americas	\$9,900,000	FY 2019	The Attaining Lasting Change (ATLAS) Project builds the capacity of governments to combat child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking by helping them strengthen their laws, regulations, and enforcement efforts and enhance coordination between law enforcement and social protection entities. The project received a cost increase of \$1,100,000 for additional capacity-building efforts in support of Liberia's updated Human Trafficking Law, Hazardous and Light Work Lists, and the (pending) Child Labor law.	N	1/1/2019 – 6/30/2024 (66)	Forced Labor
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Sub-Saharan Africa	Kenya and Uganda	ILO	None	\$5,580,000	FY 2019	The Capacity Strengthening of Governments to Address Child Labor and/or Forced Labor, and Violations of Acceptable Conditions of Work in Sub-Saharan Africa (CAPSA) Project helps governments strengthen enforcement of their laws and regulations, improve assistance services for victims, and enhance coordination between law enforcement and social protection entities. In FY 2023, the project received a \$330,000 cost increase to support the Kenyan government and its social partners in promoting the ratification of the 2014 Protocol to	N	12/15/2019 – 12/31/2024 (60.5)	Forced Labor

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							the ILO Convention 29 on Forced Labor and improving assistance services for victims of child and forced labor.			
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Latin America	Mexico, Brazil, and Colombia	Verité, Inc.	Catholic Relief Services and Institute for the National Pact to Eradicate Slave Labor	\$2,500,000	FY 2017	The Cooperation On Fair, Free, Equitable Employment (COFFEE) Project helps businesses in the coffee sector establish systems to prevent, detect, and eliminate child labor, forced labor, and other forms of labor exploitation from their supply chains. In FY 2023, the project received a cost increase of \$300,000 to adapt the social compliance tool kit to the needs of smallholder farmers and to disseminate the piloted tools to smallholder coffee farmers and cooperatives in Brazil and Colombia.	N	12/1/2017 – 3/31/2024 (76)	Forced Labor
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Latin America	Colombia and Ecuador	Partners of the Americas	JE Austin Associates and Social Accountability International	\$7,360,289	FY 2018	The Palma Futuro Project works to improve the implementation of social compliance systems that promote acceptable conditions of work and the prevention and reduction of child and forced labor in palm oil supply chains in Colombia and Ecuador. In FY 2023, the project received a cost increase of \$1,360,289 to integrate worker voices into all aspects of the social compliance system.	N	1/1/2019 – 7/31/2024 (67)	Forced Labor

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DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Latin America	Colombia	Pact, Inc.	Alliance for Responsible Mining	\$4,250,000	FY 2017	The Pilares Project is supporting civil society organizations in Colombia to detect and combat child labor, forced labor, and unacceptable working conditions in artisanal and small-scale mines more effectively. The project received a cost increase of \$1,000,000 to increase efforts and ability and sustainability of the Solidarity Networks model to address child labor and promote acceptable conditions of work in the mining sector.	N	12/15/2017 – 5/30/2025 (89.5)	Forced Labor
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Latin America	Guatemala and Honduras	Innovations for Poverty Action	None	\$1,238,923	FY 2022	The Child and Forced Labor Research for Policy Impact: Catalyzing Actionable Research to Reduce Child and Forced Labor in Central America Project identifies solutions to address child labor, forced labor, and related determinants through the co-creation of impact evaluation research, with a focus on Central America. In FY 2023, the project received a cost increase of \$238,923 that will support an impact evaluation of school-based mentoring services and information provision to children and families about the benefits of staying in school.	N	12/15/2022 – 12/14/2025 (36)	Forced Labor
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Asia	Thailand	Plan International USA, Inc.	None	\$4,400,000	FY 2018	The Fostering Accountability in Recruitment for Fishery Workers (FAIR Fish) Project helps seafood processing companies improve their approaches to addressing forced labor and human trafficking in recruitment processes, strengthen compliance with recruitment policies	N	1/1/2019 – 12/31/2024 (72)	Forced Labor

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							and procedures by third-party recruiters, and promote responsible recruitment among other small-sized and medium-sized enterprises. In FY 2023, the project received a cost increase of \$400,000 to increase its impact and influence on recruitment standards in the Thai seafood processing sector by training four more partner companies about the Responsible Recruitment Model.			
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Global	Argentina and Madagascar	ILO	NORC at the University of Chicago and Verité	\$3,725,000	FY 2019	Evidence to Action Project: Increasing the Impact of Research to Mobilize Efforts against Forced Labor in Argentina and Madagascar (E2A) increases knowledge through robust research on forced labor in the textile and garment sector and engages decisionmakers and stakeholders to use this knowledge to take actions against forced labor. In FY 2023, the E2A project received a cost increase of \$725,000 to leverage the project's position as a knowledge broker to advance efforts to address forced labor in the garment sector and other supply chains.	N	12/15/2019 – 6/14/2024 (54)	Forced Labor
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Global	Peru, Nepal, Mongolia, and Pakistan	ILO	None	\$7,150,000	FY 2022	The Bridge II Project (From Protocol to Practice: A Bridge to Global Action on Forced Labor, Phase II) improves capacity at the global, regional, and country levels to eliminate forced labor. Bridge II is enabling the ILO to build on accomplishments and lessons learned from the first phase (Bridge I, 2015–2022), while also targeting new sectors, countries, and vulnerable groups. In FY 2023, the project	N	12/15/2022 – 6/30/2025 (30.5)	Forced Labor

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							received a cost increase of \$2,900,000 to add two to three new countries and extend the period of performance in two of the current target countries for two years.			
DOL/ILAB/ OCFT	Global	Ghana, Nigeria, Somalia, and Malaysia	ILO	None	\$12,000,000	FY 2021	The Global Accelerator Lab 8.7 Project: Intensifying Action Against Forced Labor and Child Labor Through Innovation facilitates dialogue among regional institutions on forced labor and child labor and encourages regional and country ownership of initiatives to reduce child and forced labor. In FY 2023, the project received a cost increase of \$2,000,000 to support capacity building for trade unions in Sub-Saharan Africa to work more on child and forced labor issues in agriculture.	N	12/15/2021 – 10/14/2025 (46)	Forced Labor
DOS/Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)/Multilateral Affairs (MLA)	East Asia and the Pacific	Singapore, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states, and Timor-Leste	Trainees from ASEAN member states and Timor-Leste through joint program with Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs	None	\$210,000	Mixture between FYs 2015–2020	Hosting the joint U.S.-Singapore Third Country Training Program on trafficking in persons, providing training to ASEAN member states and Timor-Leste officials, with a focus on online scam operation centers found in the region.	N	3/31/2023 – 10/30/2023 (7)	Both
DOS/EAP/MLA	East Asia and the Pacific	Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand	Stimson Center	International Union for Conservation of Nature	\$890,123	FY 2019	Hosting a Mekong-U.S. Partnership Track 1.5 Policy Dialogue on human trafficking in the Mekong subregion, with a focus on the online scam operation centers found there.	N	9/30/2020 – 5/31/2024 (44)	Both

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DOS/EAP/Embassy Kuala Lumpur	East Asia and the Pacific	Malaysia	Onyx Charity Association of Selangor	None	\$99,500	FY 2022	Address the issue of human trafficking through effective communication by designing and executing a public campaign to improve public attitudes toward the issue of human trafficking among general Malaysians and media practitioners.	N	9/20/2022 – 4/30/2024 (19)	Both
DOS/EAP/Embassy Kuala Lumpur	East Asia and the Pacific	Malaysia	University of Malaya	None	\$50,000	FY 2022	Educate law enforcement and protection officers on human trafficking and victim protection, inculcate U.S. practices on responding to human trafficking and assisting trafficked victims into the Malaysian anti-trafficking practices, raise public awareness about human trafficking and its consequences, and develop a trafficking playbook that contains step-by-step guidance on identifying and protecting trafficked victims according to human rights standards.	N	8/20/2022 – 12/31/2023 (16)	Both
DOS/Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)/Office of Europe and Asia Programs (EA)	Central Asia	Uzbekistan	Istiqbolli Avlod	None	\$327,000	FY 2022	Project will provide funds for a human trafficking hotline, training on human trafficking investigations to law enforcement officials and the Prosecutor General's Office, and identification of trafficking victims.	N	10/1/2022 – 9/30/2023 (12)	Both
DOS/INL/EA	Central Asia	Central Asia	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	None	\$420,000	FY 2022	Project will fund UNODC regional human trafficking advisor to support modernization of trafficking legislation in Central Asia and train law enforcement officials on trafficking practices.	N	10/1/2022 – 9/30/2023 (12)	Both

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DOS/INL/EA	Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan	Six participants from various entities such as the Kyrgyz Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Migration; Labor Inspection; NGOs; and Crisis Center. Recipient of equipment is the Kyrgyz Ministry of Interior.	None	\$30,000	FY 2018	Provided support to a regional human trafficking simulation exercise and provided computer equipment to the Investigative Department of the Ministry of Interior.	N	Dates of Regional Trafficking in Persons exercise: June–July 2023 Equipment purchased during July–September 2023.	Both
DOS/INL/Office of Africa and Middle East Programs (AME)	Africa	Liberia	International Development Law Organization (IDLO)	None	\$1,990,992	FYs 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2020	Project will train and mentor law enforcement and justice actors on the requirements of the Revised Act to Ban Trafficking in Persons (2021).	N	11/7/2022 – 11/6/2024 (24)	Both
DOS/INL/AME	Africa	Liberia	Universal Strategy Group, Inc.	None	\$336,877	FY 2022	Senior judicial advisor provides advice, technical assistance, and mentoring to law enforcement and justice actors.	N	8/25/2023 – 8/24/2024 (12)	Both
DOS/INL/AME	Africa	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Côte d'Ivoire	IDLO	None	\$2,100,000	FYs 2018, 2020, and 2021	Help develop human trafficking cooperation framework, assisting with information sharing, interdiction, and case management.	N	8/25/2023 – 8/24/2024 (12)	Both

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DOS/INL/AME	Africa	Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Senegal	INTERPOL	None	\$950,000	FY 2022	INTERPOL provides training and operational support to law enforcement and justice officials on human trafficking cases.	N	9/22/2023 – 9/21/2026 (36)	Both
DOS/INL/Office of Western Hemisphere Programs (WHP)	Central America	El Salvador	Local police forces	None	\$2,000,000	FY 2022	INL supports the Regional Border Intelligence and Collaboration Center (Grupo Conjunto de Inteligencia Fronteriza, GCIF), which enables the real-time collection, analysis, and dissemination of criminal intelligence among law enforcement and intelligence agencies from participating countries.	N	Ongoing	Both
DOS/INL/WHP	Central America	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama	University of North Texas	None	\$9,000,000	FYs 2020, 2021, and 2022	This grant develops country-specific strategies to improve host-nation capacity, technology, equipment, training, processes, and legislation and regulations related to DNA forensics. This support helps improve host-nation investigative efforts to solve violent crimes and, as it relates to human trafficking, missing persons investigations.	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOS/Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP Office)	East Africa	Uganda	Human Trafficking Institute, Inc.	None	\$545,000	FY 2023	Enhance trafficking criminal justice in Uganda.	Y	4/1/2019 – 6/30/2025 (74)	Both

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DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Regional	UNODC	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Enhance effective and victim-centered criminal justice responses to human trafficking in East Africa.	Y	4/1/2019 – 7/31/2025 (75)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Western Hemisphere	Regional	UNODC	None	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Transform alerts into criminal justice responses to combat human trafficking related to migration in Venezuela.	Y	10/1/2019 – 3/31/2024 (54)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Ethiopia	The Freedom Fund	Bethany Christian Services Global; Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Commission; Hope for Justice; Mission for Community Development; Organization for Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Integration of Female Street Children; Professional Alliance for Development; Beza Posterity Development Organization;	\$4,000,000	FY 2023	Implement evidence-led actions to challenge systems of human trafficking in Ethiopia.	Y	10/1/2019 – 5/31/2025 (67)	Both

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				Comunità Volontari per il Mondo; Emmanuel Development Association; Hiwot Ethiopia; and Population Council						
DOS/TIP Office	East Asia and the Pacific	Laos	The Asia Foundation	Sengsavang and Village Focus International	\$400,000	FY 2023	Improve identification of victims, link victims to legal aid services, and support victims in the prosecution process.	Y	3/1/2020 – 11/30/2024 (81)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Ethiopia	International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Agar Charitable Society Ethiopia, Hope for Justice, and Good Samaritan Association	\$500,000	FY 2023	Improve the protection of victims of internal and transnational human trafficking in Ethiopia.	Y	3/1/2020 – 8/31/2025 (78)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Comoros and Mauritius	UNODC	None	\$550,000	FY 2023	Strengthen and formalize victim identification and referral mechanisms.	Y	4/1/2020 – 12/31/2023 (44)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Ethiopia	UNODC	None	\$1,500,000	FY 2023	Strengthen capacity of the Ethiopian Witness Protection Directorate.	Y	7/1/2020 – 6/30/2024 (48)	Both

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DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Africa	Southern Africa (regional)	Love Justice International	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Implement a new approach to observe and direct action to halt human trafficking, identify perpetrators, and gain intelligence.	Y	10/1/2020 – 12/30/2024 (50)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Western Hemisphere	Honduras	UNODC	Organization of American States	\$500,000	FY 2023	Strengthen the skills and build the capacities of prosecutors, law enforcement officials, and other public officials at the local and national levels to investigate and prosecute trafficking cases effectively.	Y	6/1/2021 – 12/31/2024 (43)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Libya	Stitching Commission International	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Enable criminal investigations into ongoing conflict crimes and human trafficking offenses perpetrated in Libya.	Y	8/1/2021 – 7/31/2024 (36)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Kenya	Lawyers Without Borders, Inc.	None	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Assist the establishment of a specialized prosecution unit.	Y	8/1/2021 – 7/31/2024 (36)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Madagascar	UNODC	None	\$2,000,000	FY 2023	Work with the government to establish and operationalize human trafficking investigation and prosecution units.	Y	8/30/2021 – 7/31/2024 (36)	Both

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DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Asia	Pakistan	Johns Hopkins University	Aga Khan University and Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child	\$300,000	FY 2023	Reduce forced labor in brick kilns in the Sindh province in Pakistan.	Y	10/1/2021 – 9/30/2025 (48)	Forced Labor
DOS/TIP Office	Western Hemisphere	Brazil	UNODC	None	\$5,000,000	FY 2023	Reduce the prevalence of forced labor in Para’s gold mining sector through the implementation of evidence-based interventions to prevent forced labor, protect victims, and prosecute traffickers.	Y	10/1/2021 – 9/30/2026 (60)	Forced Labor
DOS/TIP Office	East Asia and the Pacific	Laos	Village Focus International	None	\$400,000	FY 2023	Build capacity among local officials operating shelters for victims of human trafficking.	Y	10/1/2021 – 9/30/2025 (48)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Tanzania	New York University	COMHESWA	\$230,533	FY 2023	Reduce trafficking for domestic work in Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam through predeparture awareness raising, know your rights campaigns, and the organization and education of community-based organizations to assist victims.	Y	5/1/2022 – 9/30/2026 (52)	Forced Labor
DOS/TIP Office	Global	Global	UNODC	None	\$750,000	FY 2023	Assist partner countries to strengthen their criminal justice response to human trafficking, develop or strengthen national strategies or policies, and strengthen the delivery of training and the implementation of technical cooperation.	Y	5/1/2022 – 4/30/2025 (36)	Both

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DOS/TIP Office	Global	Global	UNODC	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Promote coherent and evidence-based anti-trafficking standards and policies across UN organs and treaty bodies.	Y	5/1/2022 – 10/31/2024 (42)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Middle East	Algeria	UNODC	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Increase the number of trafficking cases identified, referred, investigated, and prosecuted through capacity building and an operational national referral mechanism at the national and regional levels.	Y	5/1/2022 – 5/15/2025 (36)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Asia	India	International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC)	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Combat online child sexual exploitation in India.	Y	5/1/2022 – 4/30/2026 (48)	Sex Trafficking
DOS/TIP Office	East Asia and the Pacific	Cambodia	IOM	Caritas and International Justice Mission	\$595,000	FY 2023	Strengthen Cambodia's efforts to protect human trafficking survivors.	Y	6/1/2022 – 5/31/2026 (48)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Global	Global	ICMEC	None	\$100,000	FY 2023	Use a multilingual learning management system to provide virtual training courses in combating online child sexual exploitation (OCSE) to 10,000 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, social workers, immigration officers, and customs officials in 100 countries so that a core group of trained professionals from each	Y	6/1/2022 – 5/31/2027 (60)	Sex Trafficking

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							discipline in each country can prevent OCSE where possible and investigate, prosecute, and convict offenders when necessary.			
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Africa	Malawi	Plan International USA, Inc.	Catholic Development Commission in Malawi	\$500,000	FY 2023	Working in Lilongwe, Mwanza, and Mulanje, Plan International strengthens capacity of frontline actors, refines and aligns national-level policies and programming, bolsters support to trafficking victims, and links initiatives at the community, district, and national levels.	Y	7/1/2022 – 6/30/2025 (36)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Asia	Bangladesh	Winrock International	Penn Development Research Initiative	\$181,000	FY 2023	Reduce trafficking in Bangladesh by assisting farmers and fishers vulnerable to trafficking in areas impacted by climate change, integrating trafficking into national and local climate plans, and conducting research to contribute evidence on trafficking and climate change.	Y	10/1/2022 – 7/31/2026 (46)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Tanzania	Lawyers Without Borders, Inc.	None	\$1,095,000	FY 2023	Increase the investigation and prosecution of trafficking in Tanzania while also expanding victim support.	Y	3/19/2023 – 9/30/2026 (42)	Both

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DOS/TIP Office	West Africa	Niger	Anti-Slavery International	Rights Lab; Association Nigérienne pour le Traitement de la Délinquance et la Prévention du Crime; and Ecole, Parrainage et Actions de Developpement	\$1,800,000	FY 2023	Measurably reduce forced child begging in Niger and West Africa.	Y	3/19/2023 – 3/31/2026 (36)	Forced Labor
DOS/TIP Office	Middle East	Kuwait, Bahrain, and United Arab Emirates	International Labor Rights Forum	Equidem, Solidarity Center, and International Domestic Workers Federation	\$1,650,000	FY 2023	Highlight trafficking in the Gulf region and press corporations and governments to address trafficking.	Y	3/20/2023 – 3/31/2026 (36)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Middle East	Iraq	Heartland Alliance International	None	\$1,560,000	FY 2023	Assist Iraq to assist victims of human trafficking and increase prosecutions.	Y	3/20/2023 – 3/31/2026 (36)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Asia	India	ECPAT Luxembourg	Anyay Rahit Zindagi, FXB India Suraksha, Jabala Action Research Organization, Society for Participatory Integrated Development, Rights Jessore, and Shakti Samuha	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Strengthen child protection mechanisms and anti-trafficking efforts.	Y	4/1/2023 – 3/31/2027 (48)	Sex Trafficking

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DOS/TIP Office	Western Hemisphere	Mexico	IOM	Scalabrini Mission for Migrants and Refugees, Shelter for the Training and Empowerment of Women and Migrant Families, and the Center for the Attention of Intrafamily Violence	\$1,500,000	FY 2023	Enhance Mexico's national, State, and local responses to human trafficking, particularly for migrants, displaced populations, and other vulnerable groups, including children.	Y	4/1/2023 – 3/31/2027 (48)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Asia	Kazakhstan	Winrock International	Rodnik, Legal Center for Women's Initiatives "Sana Sezim," Taldykorgan Regional Women's Support Center, ISKER Support Center, Rights and Opportunities for People with Disabilities, and Society of Women – Small Entrepreneurs	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Protect child victims of trafficking in southern Kazakhstan.	Y	4/1/2023 – 3/31/2026 (36)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Africa	South Africa	Human Trafficking Institute, Inc.	None	\$1,300,000	FY 2023	Bolster the response to combating human trafficking in South Africa by working alongside the government from within the criminal justice system in a long-term partnership, providing day-to-day technical assistance.	Y	4/1/2023 – 3/31/2026 (36)	Both

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DOS/TIP Office	Europe	Moldova	IOM	The Voice of Roma Coalition	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Support local case management and investigation actors to improve their operations through incorporation of promising practices.	Y	4/1/2023 – 3/31/2026 (36)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Middle East	Iraq	SEED Foundation	None	\$1,500,000	FY 2023	Assist trafficking survivors in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) while helping the KRI government identify victims and prosecute traffickers.	Y	4/7/2023 – 4/30/2024 (12)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Asia	Bangladesh	Freedom Fund	Justice and Care	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Strengthen protection and prevention of child protection mechanisms in Bangladesh.	Y	5/1/2023 – 4/30/2027 (48)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	West Africa	Côte d'Ivoire	University of Massachusetts Lowell	NORC at the University of Chicago, University of Chicago, and The Khana Group	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Conduct formative research on child trafficking in Côte d'Ivoire.	Y	6/1/2023 – 5/31/2024 (12)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	East Asia and the Pacific	Thailand	Foundation of Child Understanding – TRAFCORD	None	\$590,000	FY 2023	Enable frontline multidisciplinary Thai, Myanmar, and Laotian agencies on the Thai, Myanmar, and Laotian border to identify and provide protection to migrant workers who are victims of or at risk of human trafficking.	Y	7/1/2023 – 6/30/2026 (36)	Both

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DOS/TIP Office	Middle East	Morocco	IOM	UNODC, ILO, Association Al Karam, and Association Voix de Femmes Marocaines	\$1,250,000	FY 2023	Offer protective services to victims of trafficking in Morocco and help Morocco prosecute traffickers.	Y	7/31/2023 – 7/31/2025 (24)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Europe	Romania and Bulgaria	International Justice Mission	People to People, Dignita, Animus Association, and Center for the Study of Democracy	\$1,500,000	FY 2023	Work collaboratively with governmental, nongovernmental, and grassroots stakeholders to ensure the protection of Ukrainian refugees and other vulnerable populations from human trafficking.	Y	8/1/2023 – 7/30/2026 (36)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Africa	Lesotho	IOM	Beautiful Dream Society and Love Justice International	\$1,095,000	FY 2023	Build the capacity of the government and civil society stakeholders at the national and district levels to prosecute trafficking cases and protect victims.	Y	8/3/2023 – 1/31/2026 (30)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	West Africa	Côte d'Ivoire	Save the Children	ICMEC, Dignity and Rights for Children in Côte d'Ivoire, and National Association of Jurist Women	\$6,216,500	FY 2023	Support Côte d'Ivoire to have increased capacity to combat child trafficking across the 3Ps – prevention, protection, and prosecution.	Y	9/11/2023 – 8/31/2028 (60)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	West Africa	Nigeria	BBC Media Action	None	\$750,000	FY 2023	Use media to combat sex trafficking of women and girls in Edo State, Nigeria.	Y	9/15/2023 – 9/14/2025 (24)	Sex Trafficking

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DOS/TIP Office	East Asia and the Pacific	Thailand	New York University	University of Massachusetts Lowell, Service Workers in Group (SWING), Evident, and Equal Asia Foundation	\$3,998,275	FY 2023	Develop an intervention model to address trafficking among marginalized groups in Thailand.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2027 (48)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Asia	Nepal	La Isla Network	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Bournemouth University, and Nepal Development Society	\$3,999,305	FY 2023	Develop scalable interventions that reduce physical and economic harm to Nepali migrants and their communities by identifying health and socioeconomic factors that put migrant workers at risk of trafficking and ameliorating those factors through evidence-based interventions.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2027 (48)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Global	Global	NORC at the University of Chicago	None	\$997,187	FY 2023	Help intervention development research implementers design, test, and adapt anti-trafficking intervention prototypes to produce and articulate effective, replicable models.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2027 (48)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Africa	Burundi	FENADEB	None	\$500,000	FY 2023	Enhance trafficking victim protection in Burundi.	Y	10/1/2023 – 3/31/2025 (18)	Both

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DOS/TIP Office	East Africa	Ethiopia	The Population Council	Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development and Ethiopian Lawyers with Disabilities Association	\$3,100,000	FY 2023	Combat forced begging of people with disabilities.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2027 (48)	Forced Labor
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Asia	Nepal	The Asia Foundation	New ERA and Shakti Samuha	\$1,270,000	FY 2023	Conduct a formative research study on child trafficking in Nepal.	Y	10/1/2023 – 3/31/2026 (30)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Southern and Central Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, and TBD	Athena Infonomics	None	\$210,000	FY 2023	Conduct a human trafficking landscape and gap analysis to identify the human trafficking situations in the countries and highlight relevant gaps and responses to inform future programming.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024 (12)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	Western Hemisphere	Mexico	Urban Institute	Yale University and Fundación Bioma	\$2,423,086	FY 2023	Prevent labor trafficking in Mexico.	Y	10/1/2023 – 12/31/2026 (39)	Forced Labor
DOS/TIP Office	West Africa	Nigeria	Pathfinders Justice Initiative	None	\$725,000	FY 2023	Assist female victims of sex trafficking in Nigeria.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2026 (36)	Sex Trafficking

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DOS/TIP Office	Global	Global	China Labor Watch	None	\$600,000	FY 2023	Increase the visibility of China's human trafficking and forced labor operations in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), improve the protection of trafficked overseas Chinese migrant workers, and promote policy changes in BRI countries targeted.	Y	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025 (36)	Forced Labor
DOS/TIP Office	United States	United States	Verité	None	\$214,292	FY 2023	Verité manages the Responsible Sourcing Tool, a supply-chain risk management and tool site.	N	9/30/2023 – 9/29/2024 (12)	Forced Labor
DOS/TIP Office	United States	United States	ICF International, Inc.	None	\$823,173	FY 2023	ICF provides trauma-informed facilitation of U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking meetings, coordinates and manages Council travel and reimbursements, supports the publication of the Council's annual report, and provides compensation to Council members.	N	9/30/2021 – 9/30/2026 (12 plus 4 option years)	Both
DOS/TIP Office	United States	United States	ICF International, Inc.	None	\$343,087.78	FY 2023	ICF manages the Human Trafficking Expert Consultant Network to enhance the DOS TIP Office's anti-trafficking efforts and incorporates survivor input into DOS's anti-trafficking work.	N	9/30/2018 – 3/30/2024 (12 plus 4 option years, with 6-month extension)	Both
DOS/Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration/Office of International Migration	United States	United States	IOM	None	\$800,000	FY 2023	The Return, Reintegration, and Family Reunification Program for Victims of Trafficking in the United States reunites trafficking survivors with their eligible family members when those survivors cooperate with law	Y	9/1/2023 – 8/31/24 (12)	Both

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							enforcement officials against their traffickers. The program also supports those survivors who wish to return to their home countries.			
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)	United States	New York	Suffolk County Police Department	None	\$28,563	FY 2023	Reduce victims of human trafficking by 10 percent during the performance period of the grant. Suffolk County Police (SCPD) will conduct outreach enforcement details consisting of officers distributing anti-trafficking materials and delivering educational presentations at locations where law enforcement suspects trafficking. Presentations and materials will be based upon those offered by Truckers Against Trafficking.	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025 (24)	Both
DOT/FMCSA	United States	Ohio	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	None	\$158,984	FY 2023	The goal of this human trafficking project is to reduce the number of reports at truck-stop-based locations as venues for sex trafficking in Ohio during the grant period by one (20 percent) compared to the three-year average. This will be determined by National Human Trafficking Hotline data. This project allocates 1,560 overtime hours for conducting covert details for human trafficking enforcement.	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025 (24)	Both

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DOT/FMCSA	United States	Virginia	Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI)	None	\$300,000	FY 2023	The goal of the proposed project is to increase public awareness in the trucking community about human trafficking and to empower individuals to recognize and report suspected human trafficking situations through education, dissemination of information, and accessibility to existing resources. To accomplish this goal, VTTI will develop and implement a wide-reaching public awareness campaign for the trucking community and the public to increase knowledge and empower action against human trafficking.	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025 (24)	Both
DOT/FMCSA	United States	Louisiana	Louisiana State Police (LSP)	None	\$1,000,000	FY 2023	Following advanced human trafficking officer training, LSP will provide overtime details to interdict human trafficking involving the operation of commercial vehicles and the drivers of those vehicles. LSP will also engage in outreach efforts involving the distribution of educational materials at truck stops and other such private businesses, and tourist information centers. Commercial motor vehicle drivers stopped for inspection will also be engaged and provided human trafficking hotline information.	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025 (24)	Both
DOT/FMCSA	United States	Louisiana	Louisiana Department of Public Safety, Office of Motor Vehicles	None	\$191,375	FY 2023	The purpose of this award is to support the grantee's anti-trafficking outreach program.	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2027 (48)	Both

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DOT/FMCSA	United States	Georgia	Georgia Department of Driver Services	None	\$391,551	FY 2023	The purpose of this award is to support the grantee's outreach program to provide information on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking with a focus on commercial motor vehicle drivers.	N	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2027 (48)	Both
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)/Burundi	Africa	Burundi	IOM	FENADEB	\$750,000	FY 2022	Strengthen the country's capacity to prevent human trafficking, protect victims, investigate and prosecute cases, improve the quality of statistics, and develop standard operating procedures for detecting and responding to cases.	Y	9/2019 – 9/2024 (60)	Both
USAID/Burundi	Africa	Burundi	UNICEF	FENADEB, Stamm Foundation, PPSM (Platform of interveners in Psychosocial and Mental Health), and S.A.D. (Social Action for Development)	\$750,000	FY 21	Strengthen the national system for monitoring and reporting child rights violations and human trafficking, improve the accuracy of information on violations, and deliver appropriate services to victims.	Y	9/2019 – 2/2024 (53)	Both
USAID/Guinea	Africa	Guinea	Organisation Catholique pour la Protection Humaine (OCPH)	OCPH N'Zérékoré and OCPH Kankan	\$956,013	FYs 2014, 2015, and 2018	Support local communities in combating human trafficking through increased public awareness and enhanced collaboration across a broad range of stakeholders to coordinate efforts for response, data collection, and reporting on human trafficking.	N	5/2023 – 5/2025 (24)	Both

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USAID/Malawi	Africa	Malawi	Global Hope Mobilization	River of Life, Evangelical Association of Malawi, Salvation Army, and Foundation for Children's Rights	\$250,000	FY 21	Reduce human trafficking by improving prosecution of cases, strengthening data collection and reporting, and increasing protection of survivors and management of shelters.	Y	7/2021 – 12/2023 (29)	Both
USAID/Nigeria	Africa	Nigeria	Palladium International	NACTAL; Justice, Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) Abuja; Uromi Justice, Development and Peace and Caritas Initiatives; International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA); Federation of Muslim Women's Association in Nigeria (FOMWAN); LEAP Africa; and Devaton Centre for Africa Development	\$1,125,000	FYs 2019, 2020, and 2021	Build the capacity of Nigerian civil society organizations to prevent human trafficking and protect victims.	Y	10/2020 – 10/2025 (60)	Both

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USAID/Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA)	Asia	Bangladesh, Central Asia, Nepal, Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand	Winrock International	Migrasia Global Solutions Asia Limited; ReAct Asia Limited; Mekong Club, Inc.; Freedom Collaborative; Humanity Research Consultancy; and Praxis Institute	\$890,000	FY 2022	USAID Asia Counter Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) focuses on transnational and regional challenges to combat human trafficking with activities intended to strengthen learning regarding human trafficking; improve coordination and cooperation between source, transit, and destination countries; and reduce incentives for human trafficking through private sector engagement.	N	12/2016 – 9/2026 (117)	Forced Labor
USAID/Mission Philippines, Mongolia, and Pacific Islands	Asia	Pacific: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tonga, and Palau	The Asia Foundation	Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI), Empower Pacific, Canoes of the Marshall Islands (WAM), Alliance for Future Generations (AFG), Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS), and Homes of Hope	\$6,237,000	FYs 2020 and 2022	The project will address human trafficking through a multi-sectoral approach from government, civil society, and the private sector. This project will work toward improved prevention through enhanced local and community-based mechanisms and strategies, strengthened protection and services for survivors, improved capacities to prosecute traffickers, and increased access to legal services for survivors.	Y	10/2021 – 9/2026 (60)	Both
USAID/Philippines	Asia	Philippines	Partnership for Development Assistance in the Philippines (PDAP)	APPROACH Consortium; Bidlisiw Foundation, Inc.; Children’s Legal Bureau; A Child’s Trust is Ours to Nurture, Inc.; Atikha Overseas Workers and	\$4,436,456	FYs 2020, 2021, 2022	CTIP Philippines aims to effectively counter human trafficking by strengthening local systems and partnerships. Interventions focus on prevention by enhancing local and community-based mechanisms and strategies to prevent human trafficking; protection by strengthening protection and reintegration services for victims; prosecution by increasing access to	N	10/2019 – 9/2024 (60)	Both

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				Communities Initiatives, Inc.; Hospicio de San Jose, Inc.; Katilingban Sa Kalambuan Org., Inc.; Blas F. Ople Policy Center and Training Institute, Inc.; People's Recovery, Empowerment and Development Assistance Foundation, Inc. (PREDA); and Tambayan Center for Children's Rights, Inc.			legal services by victims; and partnership by developing and strengthening partnerships to counter human trafficking.			
USAID/Cambodia	Asia	Cambodia	Winrock International	Life with Dignity, Sovann Phoum Organization, and International Justice Mission	\$2,122,183	FY 21	USAID Cambodia CTIP builds on previous CTIP programming by promoting the empowerment of migrants and at-risk persons through innovative livelihood and skill-building opportunities. In partnership with the Cambodian government, the private sector, and civil society organizations, Cambodia CTIP will work in eight provinces.	N	3/2021 – 3/2026 (61)	Both

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USAID/Cambodia	Asia	Cambodia	DanChurchAid	Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association and Center for Alliance of Labor and Human Rights	\$200,000	FY 21	The activity will strengthen human rights in Cambodia by supporting Cambodian organizations leading the charge in defending the rights of Cambodians affected by human trafficking, including labor and sexual exploitation. Partners will educate communities on safe and unsafe migration, closely monitor human trafficking cases, and advocate for governmental action to hold perpetrators accountable.	N	6/2020 – 6/2024 (49)	Both
USAID/Sri Lanka	Asia	Sri Lanka	SAFE Foundation	Samadhana, Rahama, Organization of Environment and Children's Rights Preservation (OECRP), and Prathiba Media Network	\$437,000	FY 21	Empowering Civil Society Organizations to Combat Human Trafficking in Sri Lanka (ECCT) activity aims to combat human trafficking and to promote safe migration in Sri Lanka through strengthened collaboration with civil society. ECCT will strengthen the ongoing civil society CTIP efforts at national and district levels, promote and introduce policies and regulations that ensure safe migration, and put in place mechanisms that protect the rights of migrants.	N	10/2021 – 9/2026 (60)	Forced Labor
USAID/RDMA	Asia	Thailand	Winrock International	World Vision, Freedom Collaborative, Andaman Friendship Association, The Freedom Story, Foundation for Education and Development, Fairagora Asia, and Sidekick	\$3,334,000	FY 2022	USAID Thailand CTIP works to reduce human trafficking and better protect the rights of trafficked persons in Thailand by reducing demand and incentives for using trafficked labor, empowering at-risk populations to safeguard their rights, and strengthening protection systems for survivors.	N	9/2017 – 9/2027 (120)	Forced Labor

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USAID/Central Asia	Asia	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan	Winrock International	Numerous	\$2,575,000	FY 2022	The Safe Migration in Central Asia Project uses evidence-based practices and cross-border connections to strengthen the mutual accountability and effectiveness of governments, NGOs, and the private sector to prevent human trafficking, protect survivors, and promote safe migration, as part of USAID's Asia-wide suite of counter-trafficking interventions.	N	9/2019 – 8/2024 (60)	Both
USAID/Tajikistan	Asia	Tajikistan	IOM	TBD	\$450,000	FY 21	The project aims to reduce vulnerability to human trafficking and to protect the human rights of Tajik migrant laborers and other vulnerable groups; protect, reintegrate, and empower survivors; and curb criminal human trafficking activity. The project also seeks to identify new and innovative partners and practices to support governmental, nongovernmental, and business stakeholders to participate meaningfully in addressing human trafficking.	N	10/2022 – 9/2027 (60)	Forced Labor
USAID/Bangladesh	Asia	Bangladesh	Winrock International	Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Agorgoti Sangstha YPSA, BSEHR, Shacheton, OKUP, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK), RDRS, PROYASH,	\$8,419,336	FYs 2017, 2019, 2020, and 2021	This activity aims to reduce vulnerability to human trafficking and child marriage. It specifically aims to increase the criminal justice sector's ability to prosecute trafficking offenders, enhance public awareness of human trafficking and its dangers to reduce the risk of trafficking, increase employment opportunities for vulnerable youth and adults, enhance protection of trafficking survivors, and coordinate effective partnerships.	Y	7/2021 – 6/2026 (60)	Both

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				Rights Jessore, and BITA						
USAID/Central Asia	Asia	Kazakhstan	Winrock International	Legal Center for Women Initiatives Sana Sezim, Taldykorgan Regional Women's Support Center, Meerim, Rodnik, Damytu, and Daris	\$400,000	FY 2022	The Safe Migration in Central Asia Project uses evidence-based practices and cross-border connections to strengthen the mutual accountability and effectiveness of governments, NGOs, and the private sector to prevent human trafficking, protect survivors, and promote safe migration, as part of USAID's Asia-wide suite of counter-trafficking interventions.	N	9/2019 – 8/2024 (60)	Both
USAID/Kyrgyz Republic	Asia	Kyrgyz Republic	Winrock International	KSSDA (Kyrgyz Software and Service Development Association), MTU (Migrants Trade Union), RCE (Resource Center for the Elderly), and ATC (Advocate Training Center)	\$640,000	FY 2022	The Safe Migration in Central Asia project uses evidence-based practices and cross-border connections to strengthen the mutual accountability and effectiveness of governments, NGOs, and the private sector to prevent human trafficking, protect survivors, promote safe migration, and prosecute human traffickers.	N	9/2019 – 8/2024 (60)	Both
USAID/Central Asia	Asia	Turkmenistan	Winrock International	Yenme, Ynam, Mashgala, DapDessur, Beyik Eyyam, and Union of	\$250,000	FY 2022	The Safe Migration in Central Asia project uses evidence-based practices and cross-border connections to strengthen the mutual accountability and effectiveness of governments, NGOs, and the private sector to prevent human trafficking, protect	N	9/2019 – 8/2024 (60)	Both

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				Economists of Turkmenistan			survivors, promote safe migration, and prosecute human traffickers.			
USAID/Uzbekistan	Asia	Uzbekistan	Winrock International	International Social and Educational Center Barqaror Hayot Social and Educational Center, Istiqbol Women's Center, Istiqbol Avlodi Center for Social-Economic and Legal Support, Business Women's Association of Uzbekistan Tadbirkor Ayol, Yusak Salohiyat Public Union, and Oydin Nur Center for Social and Legal Protection of Family	\$300,000	FY 2022	The Safe Migration in Central Asia project uses evidence-based practices and cross-border connections to strengthen the mutual accountability and effectiveness of governments, NGOs, and the private sector to prevent human trafficking, protect survivors, promote safe migration, and prosecute human traffickers.	N	9/2019 – 8/2024 (60)	Both

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USAID/RDMA	ASEAN	10 ASEAN member states (Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos)	DAI	None	\$31,017	FY 21	Provide support to increase ASEAN's capacity to resolve regional and global challenges and advance an effective, rules-based architecture for cooperation among governments in the region to uphold human dignity and the rule of law.	Y	8/20/2018 – 8/19/2023 (60)	Both
USAID/Laos	Asia	Laos	Winrock International	Village Focus International, Sengsavang Center, and Association for Development of Women and Legal Education	Total contract value: \$8,330,000 (Obligated amount in FY 2023: \$1,000,000)	FY 21	The Laos CTIP Activity works to reduce vulnerability to human trafficking by enhancing coordination on policy and human trafficking responses, providing skill training and employment opportunities to victims and at-risk populations, and improving access and quality of victim protection services.	N	9/2017 – 9/2024 (84)	Both
USAID/Burma	Asia	Burma	Chemonics International, Inc.	Numerous grants under contract under the Promoting the Rule of Law in Myanmar (PRLM) project	\$500,000	FY 2023	Strengthen transparency and accountability in the legal system of Myanmar to protect the fundamental rights of its citizens.	N	6/28/2018 – 12/25/2024 (78)	Both
USAID/Vietnam	Asia	Vietnam	FHI 360	TBC	\$1,773,000 (including two-year extension of \$873,000 for 2023–2025)	FYs 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023	EPIC: Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control Strengthen inter-sectoral coordination on reception, protection, and support for survivors of human trafficking; improve the quality of, and access to, victim support services; and expand the application of a screening tool kit for	Unknown	6/2021 – 9/2025 (51)	Both

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							detection, referral, and support for victims of trafficking.			
USAID/Vietnam	Asia	Vietnam	Winrock International	TBD	\$1,500,000	FY 2022	Contribute to national goals to reduce human trafficking and increase the effectiveness of provincial and national-level counter-trafficking protection responses through comprehensive protection and prevention approaches.	Unknown	10/2023 – 9/2028 (60)	Both
USAID/El Salvador	Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)	El Salvador	Whole Child International	Cristosal, World Vision, Save The Children, Lutheran World Federation, Child Development Foundation, Humana People to People Belize, Belize Red Cross Society, and Young Women's Christian Association	\$244,144	FY 21	This activity focuses on research and building alliances. The activity mapped out the legal requirements for child protection and compared them with actual practices to identify gaps and make action plans to improve the system. One aspect of this assistance focuses specifically on child trafficking victims and children of trafficking victims. The counter-trafficking funding portion of the award is \$244,144.	Unknown	6/2018 – 10/2026 (76)	Both
USAID/El Salvador	LAC	El Salvador	Arizona State University	Urban Strategies, Asesoría a Programas y Proyectos de Desarrollo (ASPRODE), Asociación Salvadoreña de	\$325,000 \$1,000,000	FY 20 FY 21	This activity will aim to promote improvements in prevention of gender-based violence, victim's assistance, and judicial accountability for perpetrators.	N	10/3/2022 – 10/2/2027 (60)	Both

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				Mujeres (ASMujeres), Movimiento Salvadoreño de Mujeres (MSM), Fundación Empresarial para la Acción Social (FUNDEMAS), Fundación para el Desarrollo (FUNDE), and Universidad Francisco Gavidia						
USAID/El Salvador	LAC	El Salvador	Chemomics International, Inc.	ConTextos, Glasswing, and Fundación Laboratorio de Soluciones Colaborativas de Políticas Públicas LAB-CO	\$98,500	FY 2023	This activity will enable a collective response to crime and violence affecting Salvadorans through coordinated delivery of evidence-informed interventions in target communities of selected urban hubs and creation of cyclical opportunities to strengthen El Salvador's national citizen-security policy framework informed by such interventions. The activity will reduce root causes that drive irregular migration and gang engagement, particularly for vulnerable populations.	N	11/3/2022 – 11/2/2027 (60)	Both
USAID/El Salvador	LAC	El Salvador	Counterpart International	None	\$85,535	FY 2023	Strengthen governmental and nongovernmental human rights protection systems, resulting in a more tolerant, just, and equitable El Salvador.	N	1/9/2017 – 2/10/2025 (96)	Both

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USAID/El Salvador	LAC	El Salvador	Dexis Consulting Group	None	\$64,465	FY 2023	The aim of this activity is to improve the independence, integrity, capacity, and accountability of the criminal justice system, as a necessary basis to resolve violent crimes that seriously affect Salvadoran citizens.	N	11/15/2023 – 11/14/2028 (60)	Both
USAID/El Salvador	LAC	El Salvador	IOM	None	\$1,253,250	FY 2019: \$510,000; FY 20: \$52,750; FY 21: \$303,000; FY 2022: \$112,500; FY 2023: \$275,000	The Integrated Responses on Migration from Central America activity's main goal is to provide support to deported migrants, or those likely to migrate, with specialized care for families, children, and adolescent migrant returnees to achieve sustainable reintegration to prevent repeated irregular migration. Support includes referral systems and psychosocial and protection assistance to those at risk of human trafficking and human trafficking victims.	Unknown	2/21/2020 – 2/20/2025 (60)	Both
USAID/Eastern and Southern Caribbean	LAC	ESC	IOM	None	\$950,000	FY 20	The HER CTIP project supports Trinidad and Tobago's national responses to human trafficking survivors through the enhancement of protection and assistance services to potential, presumed, and confirmed trafficking victims. Through the provision of both technical and defined infrastructural support to a select number of identified residential facilities, the HER CTIP Project expects to facilitate survivor access to timely and quality support and services that would lead to healing and empowerment.	N	4/2022 – 4/2024 (24)	Both

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USAID/ESC	LAC	ESC	UN Development Programme	None	\$1,200,000	FY 20	CariSECURE 2.0 will improve human trafficking data collection and reporting in the Trinidad and Tobago Counter-Trafficking Units, provide support to identify and investigate human trafficking cases, develop or strengthen National Referral Systems to enhance victim support, expand the capacity of crime observatories to analyze and report on human trafficking, support a regional training platform to deliver specialized human trafficking training, and assess the legislative frameworks to secure prosecutions.	N	4/2022 – 4/2026 (48)	Both
USAID/Guatemala	LAC	Guatemala	El Refugio de la Niñez	None	\$411,844	FY 2022	The primary objectives are to provide services to human trafficking victims through a comprehensive protection model, prevent human trafficking, strengthen Guatemala's actions to prevent repeat irregular migration attempts among unaccompanied children and ensure their sustainable reintegration in Guatemalan society, and continue the recipient's institutional strengthening while promoting the transfer of capacities to the government.	N	2/11/2022 – 2/10/25 (36)	Both
USAID/Honduras	LAC	Honduras	DAI	Movimiento de Mujeres de la Colonia López Arellano y Aledañas, Casa Alianza Honduras, Asociación Pro-Obras Sociales Salesianas, Asociación Pan,	\$100,000	FYs 2020/2021	The objective of the Justice, Human Rights, and Security Strengthening Activity (Unidos por la Justicia) is to support Honduras' efforts to improve the service delivery of justice institutions, increase the capacity of police to work with targeted communities, and incorporate respect for human rights. USAID works with the criminal justice system through this activity.	N	9/2016 – 2/2026 (113)	Both

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				Techo y Trabajo, Asociación Orphan Helpers Honduras, Pastoral Penitenciaria, Iglesia Evangélica Menonita/ Proyecto Paz y Justicia, and Unidad de Desarrollo Integral de la Mujer y la Familia						
USAID/Colombia	LAC	Colombia	ACDI/VOCA	TBD	\$200,000	FY 21	The Youth Resilience Activity's objective is to support youth in high-risk environments through positive enabling environments. Youth in high-risk environments for this activity include disengaged child soldiers, former youth offenders, youth in vulnerable socioeconomic conditions, youth in migrant receptor communities, youth vulnerable to recruitment, and youth survivors at risk of gender-based violence and intrafamily violence.	N	12/2020 – 11/2025 (59)	Both
USAID/Colombia	LAC	Colombia	Freedom House	TBD	\$1,000,000	FY 21	USAID/Colombia's Venezuelan Migrant Human Rights Activity (Conectando Caminos por los Derechos, CCD) supports medium-term and long-term development for Venezuelan migrants, Colombian returnees, and receptor communities in Colombia. CCD's goal is to increase community cohesion and citizen security by ensuring that all	N	5/2020 – 5/2024 (48)	Both

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							members of society live free from crime and violence, regardless of their legal status in the country.			
USAID/Peru	LAC	Peru	Capital Humano y Social Alternativo (CHS Alternativo)	None	\$1,151,922.69	FY 2017: \$1,922.69; FY 2019: \$200,000; FY 20: \$300,000; FY 21: \$150,000; FY 21/HA.3 DRG-INT: \$500,000	The purpose of this activity is to improve the quality of prevention, protection, and prosecution services in response to human trafficking and related gender-based crimes. Through USAID support, CHS Alternativo seeks to deepen its support to Peru's efforts, capacity, and financing to date, furthering its partnership with the relevant ministries, agencies, and services to address human trafficking and gender-based violence.	N	1/2021 – 12/2025 (59)	Both
USAID/Ukraine	Europe and Eurasia	Ukraine	IOM	None	\$1,343,104	FY 2023	The CTIP/Vulnerable Populations Activity funded by USAID/Ukraine supports Ukraine in reducing human trafficking and sustaining the national human trafficking response through prevention initiatives aimed at the most vulnerable groups, protection initiatives designed to provide individualized trauma-aware care and reintegration services, and support for Ukrainian NGOs and local communities to partner with the government on implementation of the National Referral Mechanism.	N	7/2004 – 7/2024 (240)	Both

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USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)	Europe and Eurasia	BiH	Youth Development KULT	Numerous	\$400,000	FY 20	Through its Inspire Human Rights Activity, USAID will award and manage grants to civil society organizations to assist victims of trafficking, advocate for legislative and policy improvements in line with international standards, and monitor implementation of human trafficking laws. Grant recipients will actively coordinate efforts with the BiH government's counter-trafficking institutions, including Regional Monitoring Teams and the Office of the State Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.	N	8/2020 – 8/2025 (60)	Both
USAID/Belarus	Europe and Eurasia	Belarus	IOM	None	\$350,000	FY 2023	The project aims to contain human trafficking through assistance to victims of trafficking and provision of reintegration services, targeted information and awareness-raising campaigns, and promotion of safe job searching among vulnerable populations. The current iteration of the project includes activities to enhance Belarus' capacity to counter the challenge of human trafficking by strengthening civil society organizations and further improving coordination between domestic stakeholders.	N	9/2013 – 12/2026 (159)	Both
USAID/Azerbaijan	Europe and Eurasia	Azerbaijan	IOM	Clean World Public Union, Tamas Public Union, and Azerbaijan Children Union	\$1,050,000 (amount obligated in FY 2023; grantee will use some funds for activities in FY 2024)	FY 2023	The activity assists Azerbaijan and civil society organizations to improve Azerbaijan's response to human trafficking and forced labor through a variety of prevention and protection activities. The activity strengthens the ability of shelters to provide psychological, legal, and social assistance.	N	9/2015 – 9/2025 (120)	Forced Labor

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USAID/Armenia	Europe and Eurasia	Armenia	Palladium International	None	\$493,008	FY 20	The activity supported Armenia's Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, as the entity responsible for implementation of Armenia's National Action Plan for countering human trafficking, to gather high-quality and multi-sectoral data, build data systems, and use data to monitor, coordinate, and evaluate the national CTIP response.	N	10/2021 – 9/2023 (23)	Both
USAID/Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation/Center for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance	Global	Global	Solidarity Center	Sightsavers (Kenya) and Solidar Suisse Asia (South and East Asia)	\$1,250,000	FY 21	The project uses capacity-building support, legal aid, policy advocacy, research, and networking, among other programmatic approaches, to advance the rights of workers globally. The activity concentrates on two of the most critical areas in global labor systems: labor rights in the informal economy and labor rights in supply chains.	N	1/2020 – 9/2022 (33)	Forced Labor