



# WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

30 July 2020

On World Day against Trafficking in Persons (TIP), Graduate Women International (GWI) raises its members' collective voices to call for the elimination of TIP.

On **World Day Against TIP**, GWI calls on states and civil society for a united and urgent response to eliminate this repressive crime against women and girls' and their right to education. The observance day, adopted by the United Nations member states in 2013, aims to raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking, **a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex** (UN definition).

This year, GWI raises concerns about the increased risk of TIP during the COVID-19 crisis, providing traffickers with new operating models, particularly founded on modern communication technologies.

Being displaced out of school and having to study remotely, children are more vulnerable than ever to TIP. GWI

stresses the vital and urgent need for a global strategy against this blatant violation of human rights and urges governments to recognise education as vital

tool in the fight against TIP and the exploitation of women and girls.

Globally,  
more than

72%

of the detected victims of trafficking in persons are women and girls

(UNODC 2018)

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**GWI World Day  
Against TIP  
Press Release**

*"Amid COVID-19 measures, governments must not lose sight of concerted efforts to disrupt operations of traffickers. The coordination between non-governmental organisations such as GWI, governments, the media, and private sector is critical to exposing traffickers and aiding victims of TIP"*

Terry Oudraad, GWI President

[Trafficking in  
Persons Report  
2020 \(U.S. State  
Department\)  
\(WUNRN\)](#)

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GWI's strength in numbers comes with the power to bring TIP out of the shadows and take a stand against traffickers.

#GWIAgainstTrafficking  
#EndHumanTrafficking

# GWI RESOLUTIONS

Today, GWI raises the voice of its international network of graduate women to reaffirm Resolution 7 adopted by the GWI General Assembly in 2016, which empowers its National Federations and Associations to demand that governments review and implement national legislation aimed to eradicate trafficking.

1998/6: Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children



2010/5: Human Trafficking Violates Human Rights



2013/10: Working Against Trafficking



2016/7: Trafficking



Women and girls represent

94%

of the detected victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation

(UNODC 2018)

## TIME FOR ACTION

Host an online awareness-raising event to watch and discuss with other members a film about human trafficking. For example, learn how modern slavery exists today or watch an investigative documentary about sex trafficking.

Follow GWI's campaign on social media for more advocacy ideas



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