

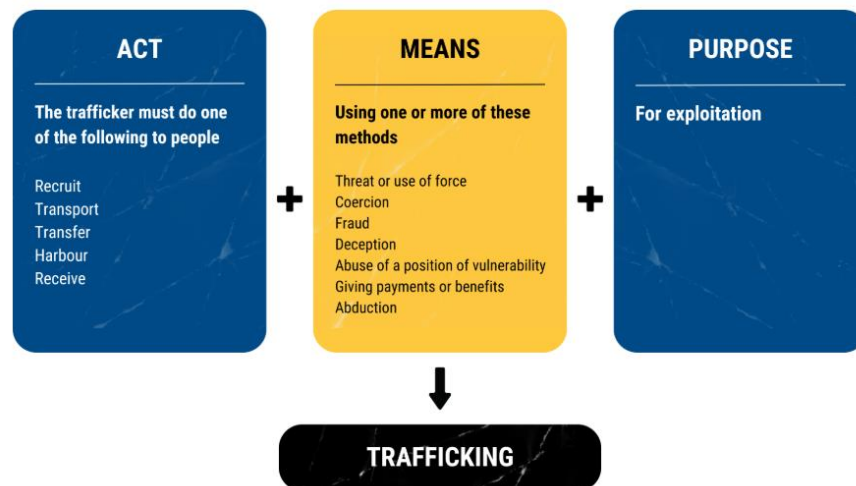
# STOP Human Trafficking

## What is Human Trafficking?

- Human Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people through force, fraud or deception for exploitation.
- In every region of the world, traffickers exploit vulnerable women, girls, men, and boys of all backgrounds for profit.
- Traffickers often use violence, blackmail, emotional manipulation, removal of official documents, fraudulent employment agencies, and fake promises of education and job opportunities to trick and coerce their victims.
- Even without knowing, we might have come across victims.

**Myth:** It's always or usually a violent crime

**Reality:** By far the most pervasive myth about human trafficking is that it always - or often - involves kidnapping or otherwise physically forcing someone into a situation. In reality, most human traffickers use psychological means such as tricking, defrauding, manipulating or threatening victims into providing commercial sex or exploitative labor.



**Myth:** Human trafficking involves moving, traveling or transporting a person across state or national borders

**Reality:** Human trafficking is often confused with human smuggling, which involves illegal border crossings. In fact, the crime of human trafficking does not require any movement whatsoever. Survivors can be recruited and trafficked in their own home towns, even their own homes.

