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Children's Exploitation and Women's Condition: The Issue of Human Trafficking

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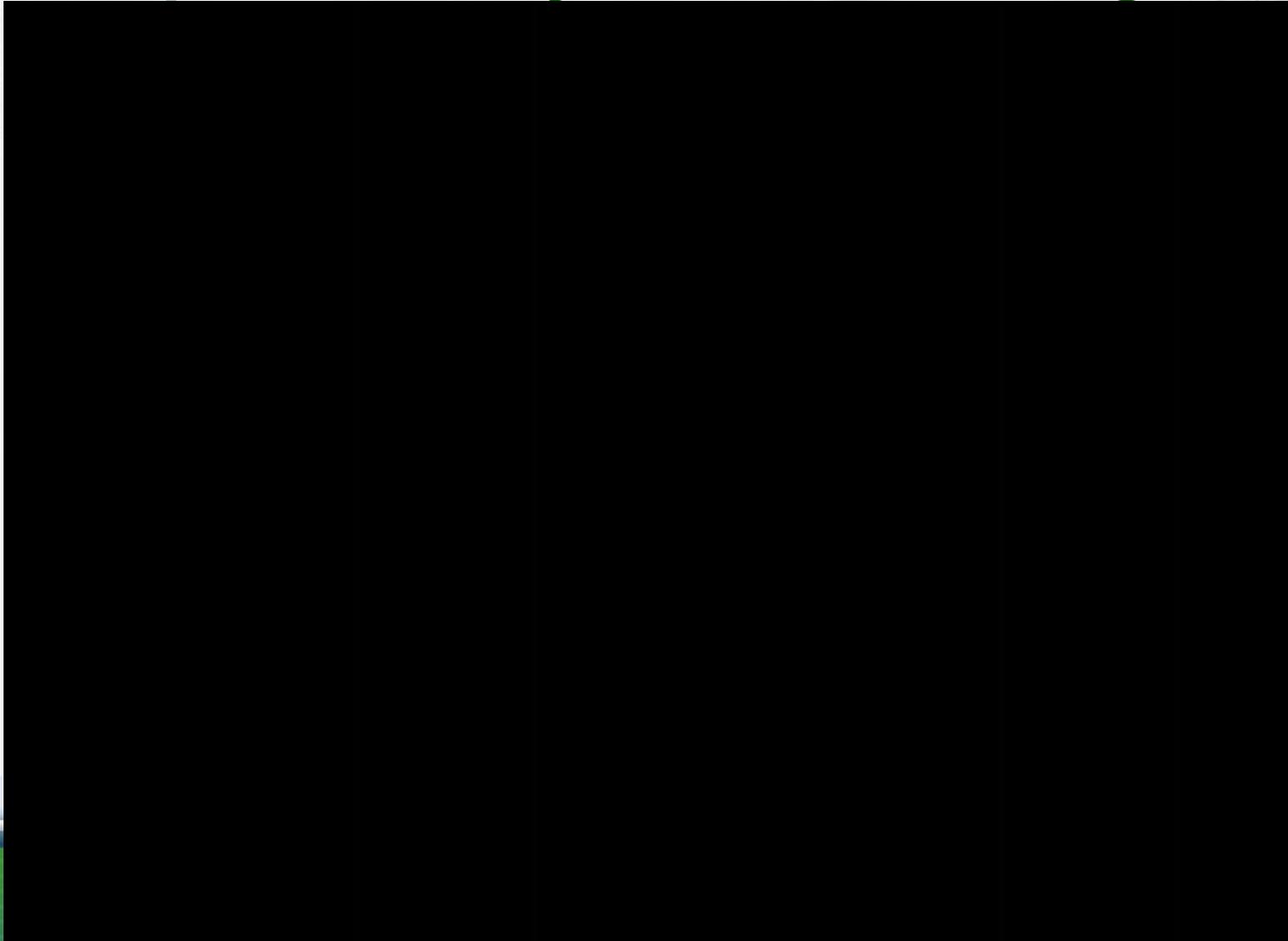
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Open Your Eyes to Trafficking





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Trafficking in Human Beings (THB)

- Of all the global resources, human life is the most significant
- Human Trafficking has remained under-reported and under-prosecuted

“We must add people to the list”
of all the resources currently trafficked

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
Thematic Debate on Human Trafficking
13 May 2009



Definition of Human Trafficking

“The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.”

Article 3 (a) of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, Supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime (2000)



Trafficking in Human Beings: Components

Act: Recruitment, transportation, harbouring, receipt of a person being trafficked.

Means: Threat or use of coercion.

Purpose: Exploitation.



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Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery



Trafficking is Under-Reported

For several reasons:

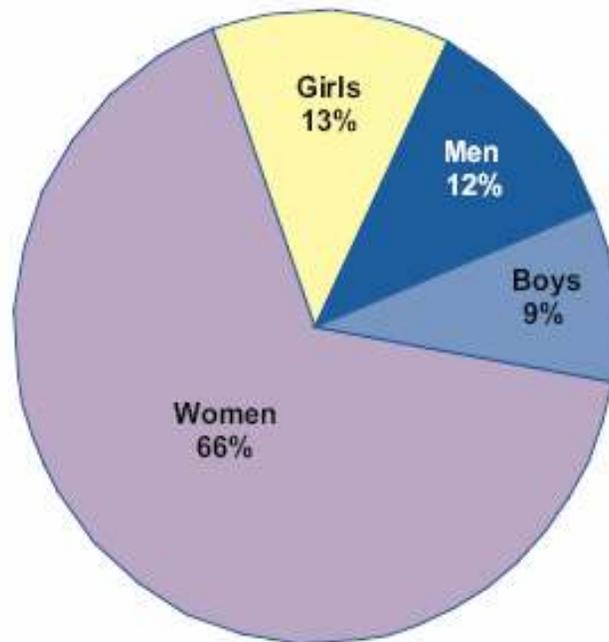
- Difficulty faced by victims in reporting trafficking.
- Lack of criminal justice response.
- Lack of systematic data collection.



Victims of Human Trafficking

700,000 to 2 million women and children are trafficked across international borders each year. Of these 1.2 million are children.

Profile of victims identified by State authorities in 61 countries where information was collected, aggregated for 2006



Source: UNODC/UN.GIFT

In total:

- **2/3 of the victims identified are women**
- **22% are children**
- **13% are girls.**
- **Less than 1/4 are men (12%) or boys (9%).**

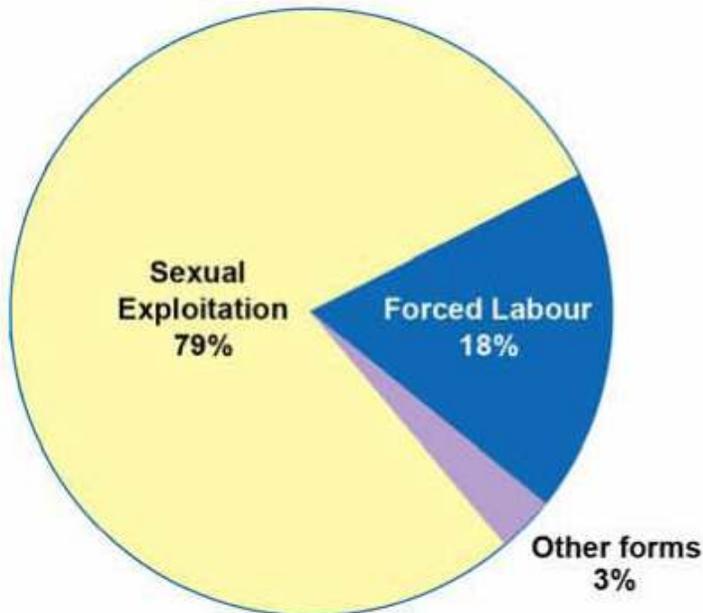


Victims of Human Trafficking 2

Exploitative purposes:

- Sexual exploitation
- Forced labour
- Other:
 - employment in criminal
 - activities/armed conflict,
 - begging,
 - forced marriage,
 - illicit adoption,
 - removal of organs

Distribution of victims identified by State authorities according to the form of exploitation for 52 countries where this information was collected (2006)



Source: UNODC/UN.GIFT



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The Global Initiative to Fight Trafficking





Some Examples of Human Trafficking



Trafficking affects every country.

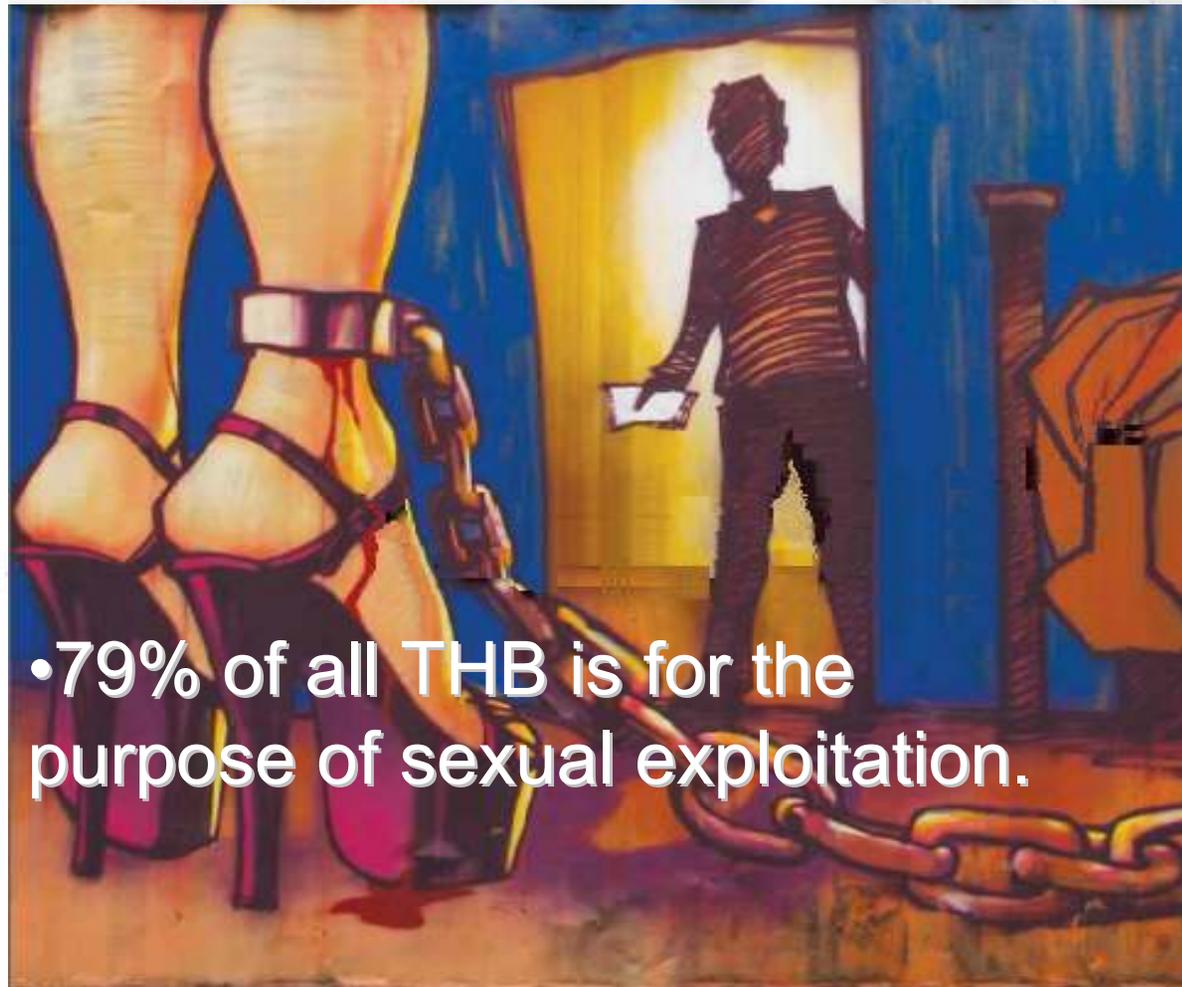
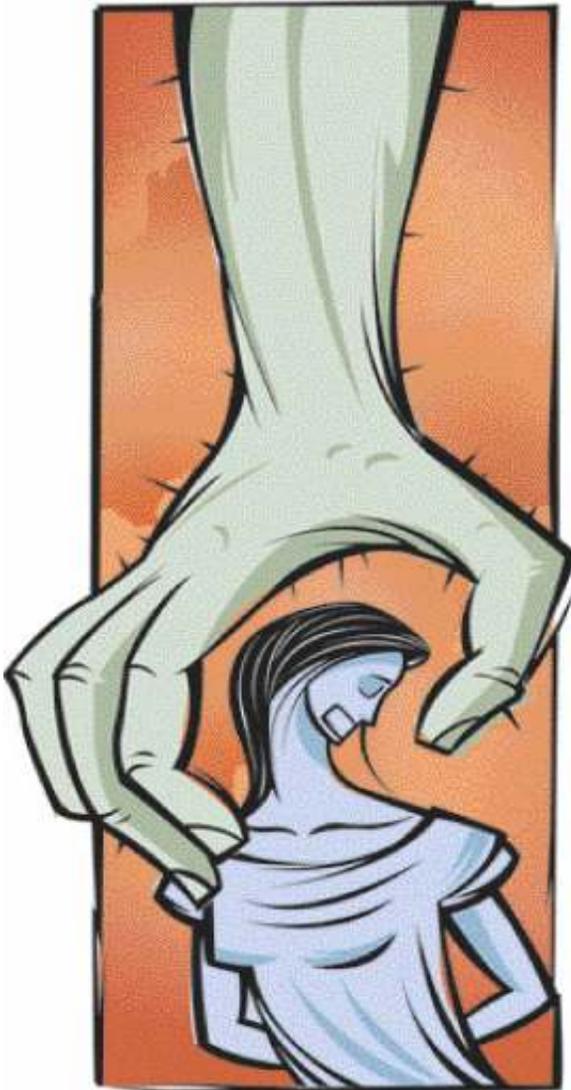
There are **127** countries of origin, **98** transit countries, **137** destination countries



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Sexual Exploitation of Victims of Trafficking.



•79% of all THB is for the purpose of sexual exploitation.



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Anna's Story





Criminal Prosecution

The several inherent difficulties are:

- Lack of education on asylum rights.
- Illegal immigration without citizenship.
- Humiliation and a lack of opportunities.
- No other means to survive.



Trafficking for Labour Exploitation





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Implications of Labour Exploitation

- Trafficking for forced labour, servitude and bondage:
 - Debt that can never be paid off
 - Many do not understand that they are held in slavery
 - The “owner” has cheated them out of a life
 - Countries are finding it difficult to identify cases of abuse.



Labour Exploitation in Geographic Areas

- Asia
 - Trafficking for labour exploitation exists in a range of sectors
- Africa
 - Continued “relations of dependency”
- Americas
 - Awareness is growing
 - Coordinated policies and practical actions



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Child Soldiers



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Ishmael Beah: former Child Soldier





Child Soldiers

- Over 300,000 children are child soldiers in 50 different countries.
- They are forced to perform acts of extreme violence towards members of their own families to ensure that they cannot be accepted back.
- Girls are often abducted to become “wives” or sex slaves
- Rehabilitation programs include psychological evaluation and counselling



Post Conflict Situations

Over the last decade:

- More than 2 million children have died.
- 6 million have been permanently disabled
- 1 million have been orphaned



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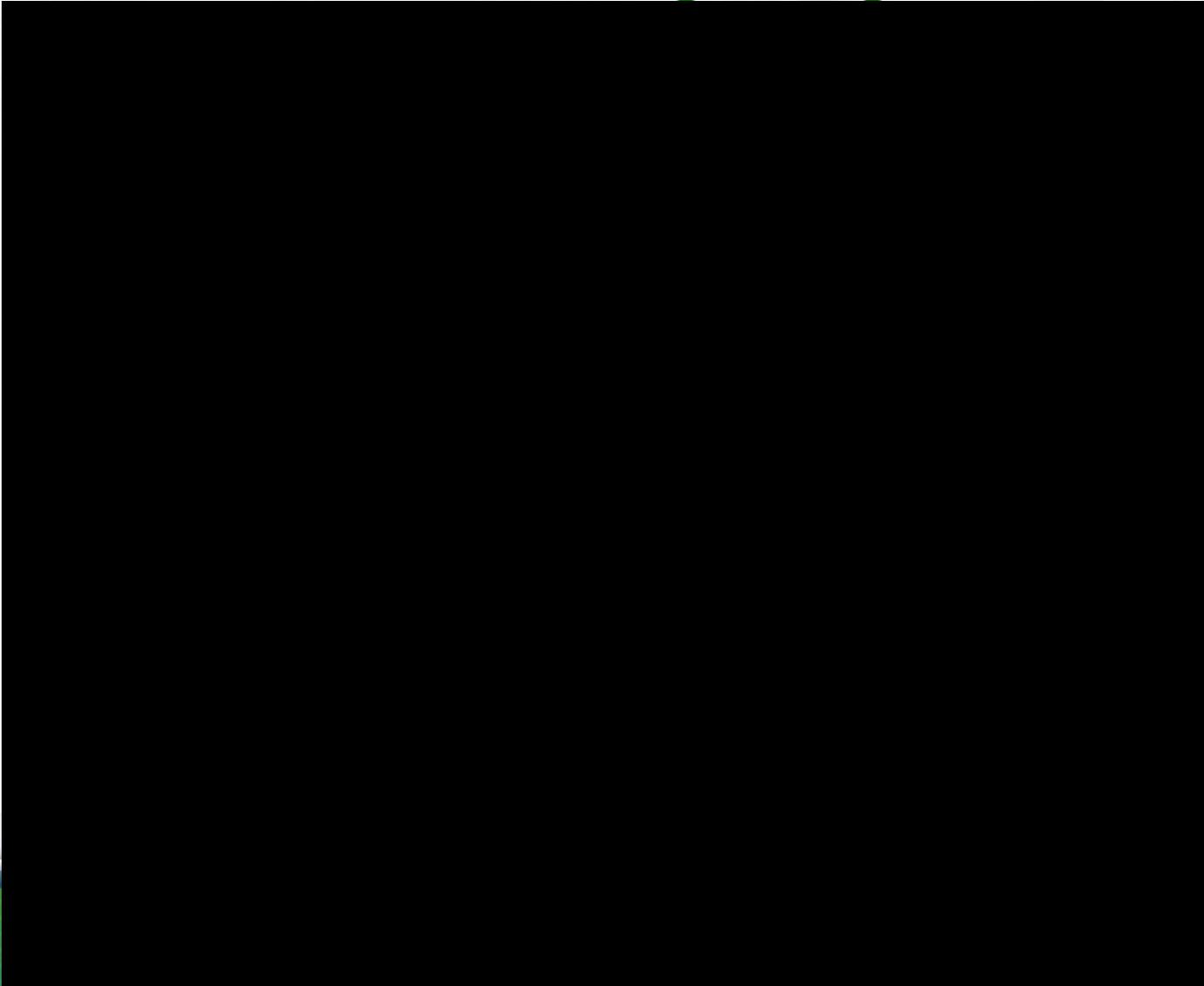
- Lack of economic opportunities
- Social disintegration
 - 20 million children have been forced to flee their homes
- Culture of violence
 - Following the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, of the survivors nearly every female over 12 had been raped.
- Lack of skills or alternative ways to make money



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Women of Liberia: Fighting for Peace





Peacekeepers and PSO's

- Rapid increases in THB to post conflict states
- Vulnerable children are particularly at risk of sexual abuse and exploitation by peacekeepers and aid workers
- Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called for a greater influx of women peacekeepers



Organisational Approaches to THB

Three-pronged approach

Prevention

Prosecution

Protection



Solutions to Human Trafficking

- **Strong Laws**
- **Broad Alliances**
- **Concerted Action**
- **Zero Tolerance**

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon - 13 May 2009, General Assembly thematic dialogue



“We will achieve nothing without uniting and speaking out.
We will achieve nothing by offering
fine rhetoric not matched by deeds.

Moral outrage is all too easy.

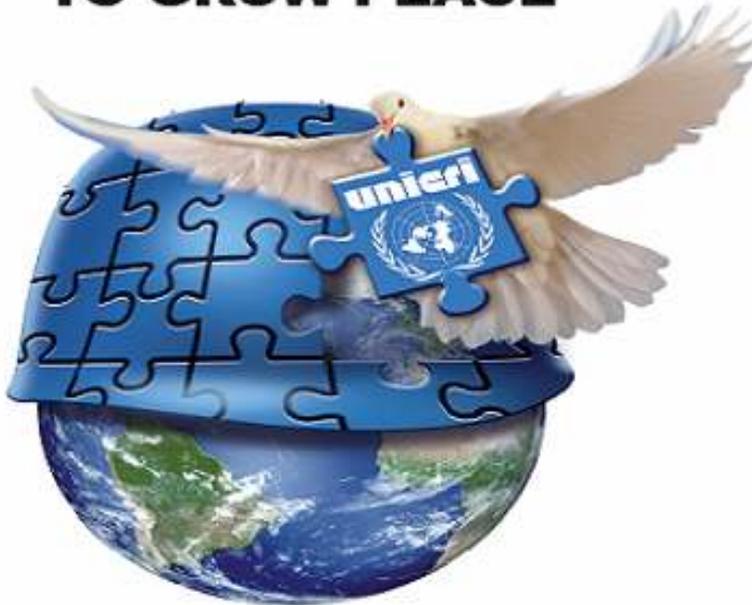
Real action takes real commitment...
we must all take responsibility
we must take collective action
to combat and end it.”



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