

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## BRIDGING THE DATA GAPS

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING INCIDENTS FAR EXCEED TRAFFICKING REPORTS

OFFICIAL TRAFFICKING NUMBERS IN STUDY SITES REPRESENTED  
AS LITTLE AS *AND AT MOST*



OF THE POTENTIAL TOTAL TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

### 3 MAIN CHALLENGES TO IDENTIFYING TRAFFICKING

1

LACK OF LAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
TRAINING



2

RECOGNIZING  
TRAFFICKING  
VICTIMIZATION



3

DIFFICULTY  
IDENTIFYING  
OFFENSES



### RESEARCHERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

#### TRAIN

TRAIN LAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
ON IDENTIFYING  
TRAFFICKING CASES

#### COOPERATE

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AND PROSECUTORS WORK  
TOGETHER TO INVESTIGATE  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

#### BUILD

BUILD PARTNERSHIPS  
BETWEEN LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AND  
NON-TRADITIONAL GROUPS

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