



## MODULE 2 – SECTION H

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Human trafficking is the fastest-growing organised crime in the world and currently the second biggest money generator illegally. Second only to drug trafficking globally. Human trafficking is not just an event. An event is for example a housebreaking or an armed robbery. Human Trafficking requires a number of events to happen before the crime of human trafficking can be considered.



### THIS PROCESS INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING



1. RECRUITMENT



2. TRANSPORTATION



3. EXPLOITATION

Sport is considered one of the primary hunting grounds for human traffickers as the promises of endorsements and fame are very often used as a recruitment tool and with almost all athletes dreaming of appearing on the big stage; athletes become an easier target.



### 1. RECRUITMENT

Recruitment occurs by force, fraud or coercion. Often individuals are offered opportunities of being recruited into top clubs, universities or training camps.

#### COMMON RECRUITMENT METHODS:



False promises of scholarships, contracts or sponsorships



Approached through agents or social media



Pressure from family or financial hardship



Lack of awareness of risks



### 2. TRANSPORTATION

Once the individual has been recruited, they are transported across international or provincial borders. The reason for the transportation is to isolate the individual in a country/province where they are alone and dependent on their captor.

#### KEY RISKS:



Taken away from family and support



Identity documents may be taken



Language and cultural barriers



Debt bondage or financial control



### 3. EXPLOITATION

The final event in the process is that of exploitation for profit. The most common form of exploitation is for sexual purposes.

#### COMMON FORMS OF EXPLOITATION:



Sexual exploitation



Forced labour



Child soldiers



Sweatshops and forced work



Organ trafficking



Illegal adoptions



There have been cases of trafficking linked to sport in South Africa where children have been transported to illegitimate sports training camps and been subjected to child abuse and neglect.



The Golden Rule when it comes to Human trafficking prevention is: **"IF IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE IT PROBABLY IS."**

