MECHANISM AND CONTEXT
OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FROM NIGERIA

THE VICTIMS AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

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1 - Mechanism and context

2 – Victims and justice
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• [IYONISA] / MADAMS
21 members of a Nigerian gang arrested by Barcelona Police for forcing Nigerian women into prostitution

Posted on November 23, 2015 by Bode Dolu

The Central Unit against Human Trafficking disclosed that the suspects are part of a criminal organisation, known as “Supreme Eiye Confraternity”, that has forced more than one hundred women into prostitution since the beginning of 2014.

Investigators believe the group may have exploited dozens of women, many of whom were charged large sum of money to be brought to Spain from Africa with the promise of a job and a better life. The women, instead were forced into prostitution to repay their debts to the human trafficking ring.
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION CRISIS IMPACTS

• DANGEROUS JOURNEY
• INCREASE OF THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS

• INCREASE OF UNDERAGE
  = More than 100 in the street per year since 2014
  = 35 girls under the care of the State in Paris
  = From 12 to 17 years old
2. Victims and Judicial procedures

- Control and monitoring
- Misinformation
- Bad conditions
- Fear of state
- Can’t talk
- individual counselling
- collective group
- Opportunity
- Good information
Perceptions from the group

- Polarization
- Radicalization
- Asymmetry
HUSTLERS
HEALTH AND FREEDOM
Debt bondage

I read good information and make my own choice.

The girls told me not to go in this association because they say they are police. Are they?

I never go to the doctor. I’m afraid to go to hospital because my boss prevents me to. She says they will call police for me if I go there without documents.

Informatio is power. Be careful of the people who prevent you from getting information as you can stay ignorant under their control and their exploitation.

My madam doesn’t want me to talk to any white person. She says: all white they are police, and they want to deport us.

You have rights in France, to be attended and advised, even if you don’t have documents.

Social workers and NGOs do and must inform and assist you for free without reporting you to the police.
My madam asks me 1,000 euros per week. But I never make it. I am sick and the doctor asks me not to work so much. And now she threatens my family.

I don’t know when I will finish to pay this big money of 65,000 euros. I want to send money to my mother, but I don’t know when. I feel sad and I cry all the time.

I have so many problems. I don’t know where to start from... It’s like I work for nothing and sometimes I just want to kill myself.

Your health is the most important. If you are sick all the time, go to seek the help of a doctor. If you feel bad all the time, have headaches, stomach pain, heart beating, chest pain, nightmares, food disorders... maybe you suffer from depression because of your difficult situation. It is a serious sickness: don’t stay alone. Ask help to your social. Don’t be afraid, they are not polices.

If you are very tired, you can ask for help to social workers, to get an emergency accommodation and to have some rest and sleep. If you want to stop prostitution, you can ask for help to learn French, to register for training, or to look for a job.
I did Aduro with a fake name and a fake story somebody gave to me. Can I change it?

Can I have problem?

My madam did everything for me and I understand nothing. She gave me a birth cert with a fake age and a fake nationality.

I was afraid to ask why. Now I’m so confused and I’m afraid to tell anyone.

Aduro is free. Be careful of madams who abuse new women. If you want to change your name or your story because they are fake, you can tell it to the people in OFPRR, to your social or to your lawyer.

This is not a crime and you have no risk if it. OFPRR and social are not police.
I am 18 years old. I’m afraid to tell it to anyone.

Can I have problems because of my age?

My boss changed my date of birth on my papers. I’m 15 years old but my madam put 20 on my identity papers.

Should I say the truth?

In France, if you are less than 18 years old, you are a minor/underage.

Minor’s prostitution is forbidden. If you are less than 18 years old and do not have any family support in France, you can ask for help from the children protection service. This service will take care of you, find a place for you to stay, direct you to school and do everything to protect you. They will help you to build your future in this country and to apply for papers when you will be 18. They must help you even if your boss has changed your age on your papers.

Call somebody you know in Nigeria and ask the person to post your real birth certificate or a “declaration of age” given by your State Court.