WHY PRIORITIZE PREVENTION?

WHAT IS EXPLOITATION?
Exploitation occurs when someone takes advantage of another person’s vulnerability to achieve personal gain. This includes human trafficking.

WHAT ARE THE FACTORS?

THE ROOTS THAT CAN LEAD TO EXPLOITATION

MILLIONS Unified by the LEAST ATTENTION TO PREVENTION

A child-centered approach prioritizes children by:

- Recognizing vulnerability and protecting children before exploitation occurs.
- Addressing the roots of the problems that generate supply and demand.
- Providing services for exploited youth that ensure recovery and do not expose the child to re-traumatization.

A child-centered approach prioritizes children by:

- Strengthening trusting bonds with children
- Providing them with legitimate opportunities
- Teaching them coping techniques to manage negative emotions

PUSH FACTORS: THE ROOTS THAT CAN LEAD TO EXPLOITATION

There is no single reason why children are trafficked, but rather a wide range of factors and layers of vulnerabilities related to children as individuals, their families, and the socioeconomic context in which they live. Child victims of trafficking are rarely affected by only one factor; rather it is the compounding of several factors that makes them susceptible to being exploited.

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WHERE SHOULD WE PROVIDE PREVENTION?
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WHY DO WE NEED PREVENTION THAT ALLOWS YOUTH TO LEAD?
Children are experts on their own lives and what makes them vulnerable. School-based prevention curriculum allows youth to engage in conversation about these topics.

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OUR TOOLS UTILIZE THE MOST PROMISING PRACTICES FOR EXPLOITATION PREVENTION:

- Developing age-appropriate, easily understood learning materials and offering the curriculum in all schools, not just those in at-risk areas.
- Including subjects of self-awareness and self-esteem that speak to both boys and girls, with specific resources for youth who find themselves vulnerable.
- Supplying educators with the right materials and resources to spur dialogue.

WORK
- After-school services
- Mentoring programs
- Homeless services
- Juvenile corrections
- Foster care

SCHOOL
- Family

HOME

SOCIAL SERVICES

- Work-based prevention
- Employment-based prevention
- Education-based prevention

HEALTH
- Healthcare services
- Substance abuse programs
- Medical care

OUTDOORS
- Drug rehabilitation
- Exercise

OUR WORK:

- Providing innovative prevention methods that target the root causes of child trafficking.
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CONCLUSION:

We can help. Learn more at iempathize.org/eyp

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