**Research-Action on trafficking in human beings**

**in conflict and post conflict situations.**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY EXCERPT

The study is about people of all ages, many of them are minors of age

Some of the forms of exploitation covered by this research are specific to countries directly involved in conflict - child soldiering and organ trafficking to treat wounded fighters -the remaining types of trafficking in human beings have many points in common in conflict and post-conflict periods.

Recruitment methods, psychological control techniques and the forms of exploitation do not depend on particular geographic zones.

EARLY AND FORCED MARRIAGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPLOITATION

Our research Showed that, in the countries in conflict, girls were abducted by various armed groups from their families, or near border areas, for the purposes of sexual slavery.

However, in all of the countries studied, the methods of recruitment revolve around various types of arranged marriages.

Whatever the religion involved, the dowry system is regularly corrupted and turned into the purchase price of a human being.

These marriages are used for one or other type of exploitation, or even for several types of exploitation at once.

They turn in to domestic exploitation, sexual exploitation, forced prostitution, temporary marriage or debt bondage, all of which can include being forced to commit offences.

ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION

This type of exploitation, and the many forms it takes, is found in all of the countries studied.

The quasi--‐impossibility for refugees to enter the legal job market, because of limited rights or the absence of status, fosters large-scale economic exploitation.

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Our research into exploited children identified various background profiles:

- children or teenagers who are helping their refugee family settle in the country;

- children tasked by their family to go abroad and regularly send back money;

- children or teenagers who have lost their parents and are consequently living in the street.

Whatever forms of exploitation the children are subjected to, this variety of backgrounds seemed to be present: begging, selling small objects, construction work, waiting at table, sewing.