

# FACT SHEET



## ***ERA For Change Stella Fellas and Stella Bellas Campaign***

- 1.2 million children are bought, sold and trafficked every year<sup>1</sup>
- 600,000-800,000 men, women and children are trafficked across international borders each year<sup>8</sup>
- Approximately 80 per cent of trafficking victims are women and girls. Up to 50% are minors<sup>3</sup>
- Human trafficking affects every continent, country, and every type of economy<sup>3</sup>
- 22% of human trafficking victims are trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation, of whom 55% are women or girls<sup>4</sup>
- Cambodia, and most victims of rape in Cambodia are children. The median age of rape victims in 2010 was 12 years old, two years younger than it was in 2007<sup>5</sup>
- In material reality, pornography is one way women and children are trafficked for sex<sup>6</sup>
- thousands of trafficked children and young adults are forced to make pornographic films<sup>7</sup>
- 66-90 % of women involved in the production of pornography were sexually abused as children<sup>7</sup>
- ONE woman is killed every week by a current or former partner in Australia<sup>9</sup>
- Australian Police handle one domestic violence matter every two minutes<sup>10</sup>
- Up to 70 percent of women experience physical or sexual violence from men in their lifetime — the majority by husbands, intimate partners or someone they know<sup>9</sup>
- Worldwide, up to 50 percent of sexual assaults are committed against girls under 16<sup>9</sup>
- Every year 5,000 women are murdered by their relatives to protect the “honour” of the family<sup>9</sup>
- Women and girls are still being forced into marriages against their will, particularly in Asia, the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa. Over 60 million girls worldwide married before the age of 18 primarily in South Asia (31.3 million) and sub-Saharan Africa (14.1 million)<sup>9</sup>
- women are most likely to experience violence than other groups in the society: 93 % of victims were women, 3 % youth and 4 % elderly<sup>11</sup>
- ERA For Change supports organisations working to end Human Trafficking and Violence Against Women: [ACRATH](#), [Project Futures](#), [White Ribbon](#), [SHE Rescue Home](#)
- A Stella Fella or Stella Bella is a young man or woman who will stand up for women everywhere and ensure all are treated with dignity and respect.

## Possible Actions - On or around August 21

- Wear a bow tie to school for the day for '[Bowtie Friday](#)'
- Wear a white ribbon to school or taking part in a [White Ribbon Night](#),
- Wear an [ERA For Change wristbands](#) made by girls rescued from the human trafficking industry,
- Share on social media what being a Stella Fella or Stella Bella means to you #eraforchange #stellafella
- We invite all students to take the [White Ribbon Pledge](#),
- BE A STELLA FELLA / STELLA BELLA! RESPECT WOMEN ALWAYS!

## Other Resources

<http://nomore.org/>

<http://www.stopthetraffik.org/real-life-stories>

<http://www.humantrafficking.org/countries/australia>

<http://www.stopenslavement.org/studymodules/USCSAHT-03.pdf>

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