

1. Overview

Human trafficking, slavery, and slavery-like practices such as forced labor and forced marriage are serious crimes and a fundamental violation of human rights. HydroChem fully supports the Australian Government and its commitment to combating these crimes and providing trafficked people with appropriate support.

2. Background

While there is little reliable data about the nature and extent of human trafficking, a general consensus that human trafficking and slavery affects almost every country in the world; whether as a source, transit, or destination country – or as a combination of these. The nature of human trafficking varies from region to region. The most visible form of trafficking involves the sexual exploitation of women and children. However, around the world men, women, and children are trafficked for a wide range of purposes. This may include forced labour (in industries such as hospitality, construction, forestry, mining or agriculture), domestic and sweatshop labour, forced marriage, illicit adoption, street begging, forced recruitment into militia or the armed forces, and the harvesting of body organs.

3. External Sources

A comprehensive whole-of-government strategy to combat these crimes commenced in 2004. Australia's strategy is guided by the [National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking and Slavery 2015-19 \[624 KB PDF\]](#) (National Action Plan), which was launched in 2014. Since the establishment of Australia's strategy to combat human trafficking and slavery, the Government has provided more than \$150 million to support a range of domestic, regional, and international initiatives. More information on Australia's anti-human trafficking strategy, including the National Action Plan, is available at the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website.

HydroChem supports the anti-human trafficking strategy through the Support for Trafficked People Program.

4. Other Resources

For more information visit:

- [Support for Trafficked People Program](#)
- [Human trafficking visa framework](#)
- [Guidelines for NGOs Working with Trafficked People](#)
- A 'Family Safety Pack', developed by the Australian Government, with information on Australia's laws regarding domestic and family violence, sexual assault and forced marriage and women's right to be safe.
- [Modern Slavery Act 2018](#)