



“Know Your Rights Video”

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2013 required that the US Government begin showing a video to educate all temporary workers entering the US on potential risks of human trafficking and provide information about how to obtain help. The consular affairs video has been produced by the Department of State (DOS) and is being played in consular offices since 2014. To the best of our knowledge no survivor experts were consulted on the development of this video. A link to the video is here: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/rights-protections-temporary-workers.html>

Proposal of Partnership

The National Survivor Network (NSN) requests that the DOS collaborate and partner with NSN to ensure that survivor voices are included in reproduction of the “Know Your Rights” video. As the experts in the field of human trafficking our knowledge and understanding of the issue would greatly benefit the DOS in producing a comprehensive video that can be easily understood and used as a preventative tool in the fight against human trafficking.

Background Information

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) between August of 2014 and July of 2015 823 labor trafficking victims were identified with A3, G5,B1, J1, H2A, H2B Visas. Of the 823 identified victims of labor trafficking 601 or 73% had a brochure on them from the consular affairs office. To develop a video and brochure that allows comprehensive understanding in a minimal format for individuals that don’t speak English as a first language is imperative to preventing trafficking and raising awareness of their individual rights as workers in the US. In a survey by NSN members:

1. 70% were foreign nationals
2. 60% were labor trafficking victims/survivors
3. 69% came with lawful visas
 - a. The majority of these individuals agree the video is an important tool
 - b. Thought the 10 minute video may be too long for practical implementation
 - c. There was confusion with an overabundance of phone numbers as to which one to call

Recommendations from NSN:

1. Provide a brochure to all visa recipients and not just temporary workers
2. Create video with more than just subtitles in languages familiar to potential victims
3. Provide clear messaging that the US is here to help victims of trafficking
 - a. Victims will be helped and not arrested, detained, and/or deported
4. Clarification on Fraud, Force, and Coercion as these terms are US English Centric and unfamiliar to foreign victims/survivors
5. Provide a clear message of calling the NHTH and 911 for help as well as a practical walk through of what to expect from those calls
6. In individual consulates highlight their specific consulate to call
7. Create a safe space away from a potential trafficker to watch these videos
8. Create an anonymous reporting method in consulate offices for potential victims to report abuses that may already be happening before they enter the US