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Reporting Mechanisms

You can report in various ways. The Gambian law will support you in your effort. See for example the Tourism Offences Act 2003 & GTA's Code of Conduct. If you have knowledge about a CST case. Allegations have to be made legal in order to process it. This is done by informing governmental institutions and authorities like **police officer, tourist police, children's unit and criminal units of the police, local governors, military forces, intelligence agencies or the Gambia Tourist Authority (GTA)**. If you work in a tourism establishment you can inform your superiors and ask them to report.

As soon as you have knowledge about a particular case, suspicions, allegations or whatever it is to make sure that the tourism industry and Gambian children are save from CST, please inform the nearest police officer or responsible authority. Do not become an investigator yourself. Useful telephone numbers are:

Emergency Phone Number: 911

Department of Social Welfare DoSW:
(+220) 4228843 / 4227338

Or contact CPA

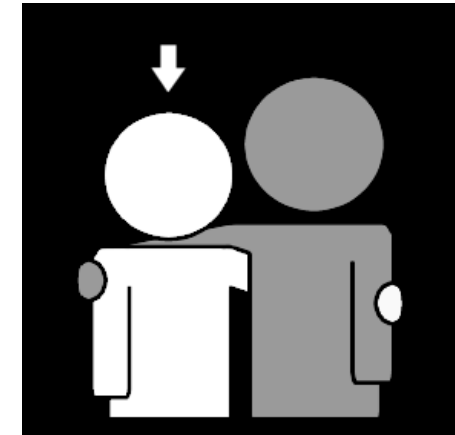
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**CHILD
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**ENCOURAGEMENT FOR
COMBATTING CHILD SEX
TOURISM IN THE GAMBIA**

It is part of your duty!

—Educational Material 2008—

**FOR ANYONE WORKING AND/OR
LIVING WITH TOURISTS & NON-
GAMBIANS**

Background

Although reliable statistics are missing, there are still clear and serious indications that Child Sex Tourism (CST) is happening in The Gambia.

It is through this leaflet that we would like to claim your attention, your commitment and your cooperation. With the information in this leaflet, you are more able to combat CST.

Besides your profession, you are also a citizen of The Gambia under the Gambian Law. It is in this vain we would like to enforce and encourage you to join the combat against CST.

What is Child Sex Tourism

Child Sex Tourism (CST) is the sexual exploitation of a child (below the age of 18) by a person or persons who engages in sexual activities with the child while travelling away from their own country or regions. This usually involves some form of payment — either cash or items such as food, clothing or trinkets —. As a result, it also includes prostitution, pornography, and trafficking and selling children for sexual purposes.

(Definition is retrieved from the Declaration of the World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, June 1996)

How is CST happening?

It mostly starts when tourists and Non-Gambians are interacting with children in public areas and beaches (entertainment places are becoming meeting places as well). Children do interact with tourists to get something from them. Children are selling goods or asking for a sweetie or a pen. A tourist or Non-Gambian also can go to the child in those places, to ask



something. Out of those interactions sexual interactions can evolve. Tourists can use such occasions to establish a sexual interaction later

Victims and Perpetrators of CST

on.

The majority of the victims are girls, but boys are victims too. Their ages are mostly between 8 and 18. They suffer from permanent physical and psychological damage, HIV/AIDS and STD's are known health impacts as well.

The perpetrator can be of all ages and are here in the Gambia on a foreign passport carrying a tourist visa. Three types are distinguished. **Situational Abusers:** Individuals who take advantage of the availability of child sex partners at a destination. **Preferential Child Sex Abusers:** Individuals who prefer children who have reached or passed

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puberty as sex objects. **Paedophiles:** Individuals who have a true personality disorder, and their sexual interests focus on pre-pubescent children.

Interactions between children and tourists is happening all over The Gambia. The sexual interaction itself is happening in tourist accommodations,

What do we want from you?

private houses and other private areas. This is invisible for any other person not involved. Because of the invisibility prevention is highly necessary.

Because you are working in the Gambian tourism industry or living in the Tourism Development Area you witness tourist behaviour and their interaction with children in your daily life. We do want to prevent all children from sexual exploitation and abuse, all over the Gambia, in and out the tourism industry. We do want to appeal on your citizenship, profession and position to support our work in your daily life.

Please, inform anybody concerned. Report any suspicious interaction between children and tourists. **In general, do make sure that children in your environment are safe from any harmful interaction within tourism.**

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Retrieve GTA's Code of Conduct 2004, Gambia Tourism Offences Act 2003 and more Education Material to learn about Gambia's legal efforts

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