• Yearly global data collection to capture core indicators – 141 countries covered
• Largest dataset on TiP from 2003 to 2021,
  − Info on 450,000 detected victims
  − On 300,000 (suspected) offenders
  − Detailed narrative from 800 cases (4,365 victims, 2,525 offenders)
Fewer trafficking victims detected during the Covid-19 pandemic after years of increase

Evidence substantiates this is the results of three main factors:

- Reduced capacity in detecting trafficking victims
- Reduced opportunities for traffickers to operate
- Victims of sexual exploitation were moved to more concealed locations
Fewer trafficking victims detected during the Covid-19 pandemic, especially TiP for Sexual Exploitation

24% reduction compared to 2019 in the detection of victims trafficked for sexual exploitation.

Source: UNODC elaboration of national data.
More boys and men are being detected as new forms of exploitation emerge.

Trends in the profile of victims detected, 2004–2020

Detected victims of trafficking, by form of exploitation, 2020 (or most recent)

- 0.2% Trafficking for removal of organs
- 0.3% Trafficking for illegal adoption
- 0.7% Trafficking for exploitative begging
- 0.9% Trafficking for forced marriages
- 10.2% Trafficking for forced criminal activity
- 10.3% Mixed forms of exploitation
- 38.7% Trafficking for sexual exploitation
- 38.8% Trafficking for forced labour

Source: UNODC elaboration of national data.
Victims rely on ‘self-rescue’ to exit exploitation

Discovery patterns, as reported in case narratives, 2012-2020*

- 41% Initial action by victim
- 28% Initial action by law enforcement institutions (police, border guards etc.)
- 11% Initial action by community/strangers
- 10% Initial action by victim’s family
- 9% Initial action by other institutions or civil society
- 1% Other actions

Source: GLOTIP collection of court case summaries and Sherloc Case Law Database.
Global slowdown in convictions accelerated during the Covid-19 pandemic

In 2020, convictions
27% down from 2019
44% down from 2017

Conviction trends, by region, comparison from 2019 to 2020

Source: UNODC elaboration of national data.
Less convictions, more trafficking

Subregions by average number of trafficking convictions and number of victims detected per 100,000 population, 2020 (or most recent)*

Number of destination countries where victims originating within and outside of the region were detected, 2017-2020

- The Americas: 37 victims detected within the region, 22 victims detected outside the region
- Europe: 31 victims detected within the region, 9 victims detected outside the region
- Asia: 32 victims detected within the region, 3 victims detected outside the region
- Africa and the Middle East: 11 victims detected within the region, 11 victims detected outside the region
- Global: 25 victims detected within the region, 9 victims detected outside the region

*The figures represent the average number of convictions and victims detected per 100,000 population.
Female victims and children suffer more violent forms of trafficking

Victims of trafficking are exposed to different levels of violence

Female victims are 3 times more likely to suffer violent forms of trafficking

Child victims 1.7 times more than adults

Girl victims 1.5 times more than women

Source: GLOTIP collection of court case summaries and Sherloc Case Law Database.
Women: More likely than men to be convicted

**Persons investigated, prosecuted and convicted (1st instance), by criminal justice stage and sex, 2020 (or most recent)**

- **Investigated**
  - Males: 72%
  - Females: 28%

- **Prosecuted**
  - Males: 64%
  - Females: 36%

- **Convicted**
  - Males: 59%
  - Females: 41%

Source: UNODC elaboration of national data.
Organized crime groups are the engine behind long distance trafficking.
Special – TiP and Conflict

Detected victims of trafficking originating from a country in conflict, by region of citizenship, 2020 (or most recent)

- From Sub-Saharan Africa: 73%
- From Asia: 7%
- From the Americas: 6%
- From Eastern Europe and Central Asia: 3%
- From North Africa and the Middle East: 11%

Relationship between Ukrainian asylum applications and detection of Ukrainian trafficking victims, in Western and Central Europe, 2009-2021

Source: UNODC elaboration of national data and UNHCR data.
Global Report on Trafficking in Persons to be launched 24th January, 1pm CET

http://www.unodc.org/glotip.html