

Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative (CTDC) K-anonymized Data Codebook

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1. DESCRIPTION OF DATA

These data consist of information on identified and reported victims of human trafficking. There are 63 variables that capture information on the socio-demographic profile of victims (such as gender or age), the trafficking process (such as means of control used on the victims), and the type of exploitation.

[The Global K-anonymized Dataset can be downloaded](#) from the Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative (CTDC) website by researchers and statisticians who would like to undertake their own analysis. The Global K-anonymized Dataset is regularly updated. It combines data from [all CTDC partners](#) (IOM, Polaris, Liberty Shared, A21, OTSH) and is put through two stages of de-identification. In the first stage, all names and identifying details are removed from the data. In the second stage, the dataset is processed through k-anonymization (k=10).

K-anonymization is a data anonymization technique that redacts cases falling into sets with fewer than k members, where each set is defined by a unique combination of values of the different variables in a dataset. This means that it is not possible to query a dataset and return fewer than a pre-determined (k) number of results, regardless of the query. The appropriate threshold number of results depends on the nature of the dataset and its size. Based on research and testing, k=10 for CTDC data, which means cases have been redacted from the Global Dataset such that queries to the global dataset cannot return fewer than 10 results. More information on k-anonymization is available [here](#).

The data included in the Global K-anonymized Dataset is the result of an extensive process of comparing contributors' existing data classification systems, to identify data definitions which were identical or compatible. As CTDC co-founders, Polaris and IOM initially agreed on a shared lexicon and format. Where possible, CTDC follows international standard classification. Some concepts follow operational definitions as there are no international agreed definitions, such as type of sexual exploitation.

Because of different data collection methods and different type of assistance offered by the contributing organizations to the Global Dataset, data are only available where the contributing organizations are operational and can share such data.

This dataset cannot be considered a random sample of all victims of human trafficking globally, due to the hidden nature of this crime. Human trafficking cannot be easily recorded nor quantified. Potential victims of human trafficking need to be either identified or (self-) reported. This sample may be biased if certain types of trafficking or socio-demographic groups are more likely to be identified or referred than others. Since the unidentified

population is unknown, the extent of bias is not known and cannot be corrected for.

IOM's data collection processes have evolved over time. Since 2011, identified and assisted victims of human trafficking are recorded in a web-based case management system. IOM records case data on victims of human trafficking in the context of its own programmes of direct assistance. The information of victims assisted by IOM has been entered into the Migrant Management Operational System Application (MiMOSA) - a web-based case management tool since 2011. MiMOSA has many data fields - from socio-demographic to route data - which serves the purpose of case management, reporting, and analysis. IOM contributes to the Global K-anonymized Dataset through data from MiMOSA and "legacy" data records from 2002 to 2011. More information on IOM's direct assistance activities and data is available [here](#).

The type of data collected reflects the organization's operations. IOM offers comprehensive direct assistance packages to victims of trafficking in collaboration with governments and civil society partners. The extent to which IOM has direct contact with victims and for which purposes vary. In some contexts, IOM identifies victims of trafficking and provides them with immediate assistance. In some countries, IOM effectively acts as the national referral mechanism for all identified victims of trafficking. In cases where victims have been trafficked out of their home countries, IOM could be involved in facilitating their safe, voluntary return to their countries of origin and ensuring long term assistance and re-integration, sometimes through referral to implementing partners in their countries of origin. In some cases, victims of trafficking would only be referred to IOM after they returned to their countries of origin. As the leading international organization providing direct assistance to victims of trafficking, IOM involves in bridging between different national contexts and facilitating the process of returning to home countries or resettlement to a third country.

Polaris' dataset is comprised of information obtained during Polaris' regular interactions with individuals contacting the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline and the BeFree Textline, both operated by Polaris. Polaris does not investigate claims made by individuals contacting the helplines and cannot verify the accuracy of the information reported. This data is not the result of a systematic survey. As these individuals told their own stories or relayed the experiences of their friends and family members, Polaris staff noted key elements of each account. This information was later classified in over 120 standardized fields using detailed standards and definitions and this information constitutes the dataset contributed by Polaris. Victims and third parties reporting these situations were not asked a set of standardized questions and only provided information that they felt comfortable sharing with Polaris's staff to get the help they needed. As such, data contributed by Polaris only represents information disclosed to the National Human Trafficking Hotline and the BeFree Textline. Upon request, Polaris removes information about individuals who do not wish to be included in the dataset. More information about Polaris and its data is available [here](#).

Polaris has operated the National Human Trafficking Hotline since December 7, 2007 and the BeFree Textline since March 28, 2013. At present, Polaris is only able to contribute victim data from cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline and the BeFree Textline since

January 1, 2015 as the structure of data collected prior to this date is not compatible with CTDC's data standards. Polaris has reclassified its historical data and has been contributing data reported after March 31, 2017 on a biannual basis.

Liberty Shared's data collection process is centered around their Victim Case Management System (VCMS). The VCMS is a cloud-based data collection and information management tool, designed by Liberty Shared to assist frontline NGOs to combat issues of human trafficking and modern slavery through robust record keeping. The VCMS brings together over 40 NGO partners working on this common challenge onto a shared platform. It facilitates standardized data collection. More information on Liberty Shared and its VCMS is available [here](#).

The VCMS has many data-fields available to assist frontline NGO users to record information related to victims and cases. Data points cover the critical components of a victim's experience, from pre-exploitation demographics, through the recruitment, transit and exploitation phases. NGO VCMS users receive training and ongoing support from Liberty Shared to record information.

The data contributed to the Global K-anonymized Dataset by Liberty Shared comes directly from NGO partners utilizing the VCMS who have consented to be a part of CTDC. Some of this data has been directly entered by NGO users into the VCMS, which has been operational since 2014, whilst some data contributed by these partners is "legacy" data, migrated into the VCMS from their existing data storage setups when they transitioned onto the VCMS platform. Liberty Shared contributes data from our growing number of consenting partners on a bi-annual basis.

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3. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF VARIABLES

Before undertaking exploratory analysis, please consider that a significant number of missing values for a variable may be a result of the fact that only certain CTDC contributors have data collected.

Variable 1

Variable label: yearOfRegistration

Type: numeric

Values and categories:

- Range: [2002, 2021]

Definition: The year in which the individual was registered and assisted by IOM or the year in which Polaris first received a report of the individual's trafficking situation, or the date of entry into Liberty Shared's VCMS.

Variable 2

Variable label: Datasource

Type: string

Values and categories:

- Case management [*Individual received social services from an agency in person*]
- Hotline [*Individual received services, was referred to services, or was reported to a helpline through a remote means of communication such as a phone call, text message, online form report, or email*]

Definition: Data collection method, which generally reflects the services provided to victims.

Variable 3

Variable label: gender

Type: string

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- Male [*Individual's sex assigned at birth is male and the individual identifies as male*]
- Female [*Individual's sex assigned at birth is female and the individual identifies as female*]
- Transgender/NonConforming [*The individuals's expression of gender falls outside binary societal expectations of what a man and a woman are. Including, but not limited to: Individuals whose sex assigned at birth is female, but the individual identifies as male; Individuals whose assigned at birth is male, but the individual identifies as female; Individuals who identify as both male and female or neither male nor female. For data privacy reasons, these data are not further disaggregated in this dataset.*]

IOM started collecting data about gender (and not sex) which includes transgender categories only in 2017.

Definition: Designates the individual's expression or condition of being male, female, both or neither. This category considers the psychological, behavioral, social, and cultural aspects of being male, female, or non-binary (masculinity, femininity, neither, or a combination of both).

Variable 4

Variable label: ageBroad

Type: string

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0–8
- 9–17
- 18–20
- 21–23
- 24–26
- 27–29
- 30–38
- 39–47
- 48+

Definition: The individual's age at the time the individual was registered and assisted by IOM or Polaris first received a report of the individual's trafficking situation or at first point of contact with Liberty Shared's NGO partner.

Variable 5

Variable label: majorityStatus

Type: string

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- Minor [*Any person under the age of 18*]
- Adult [*Any person who is 18 or older*]
- Unknown

Definition: Indicates whether the individual was under the age of 18 or 18 and older at the time the individual was registered and assisted by IOM or Polaris first received a report of the individual's trafficking situation or at first point of contact with Liberty Shared's NGO partner.

Variable 6

Variable label: majorityStatusAtExploit

Type: string

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- Minor [*Any person under the age of 18*]
- Adult [*Any person who is 18 or older*]
- Unknown

Definition: The individual's majority status when exploitation first began. Exploitation includes the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.

Variable 7

Variable label: majorityEntry

Type: string

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- Minor [*Any person under the age of 18*]
- Adult [*Any person who is 18 or older*]
- Unknown

Definition: Indicates the majority status of an individual when he or she entered the trafficking process. Exploitation did not necessarily occur at the time of entry.

Variable 8

Variable label: citizenship

Type: string

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- Values based on [ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 Codes](#)

Definition: The set of rights and duties that a person has with a country because of his/her legal bond with the country. This term is often used interchangeably with nationality. Liberty Shared records this as 'Country of Origin' as a proxy for citizenship. For cases with more than one citizenship, this dataset publishes the unique citizenship value based on the first reported field. Please refer to **Appendix** for more information.

Variable 9

Variable label: meansOfControlDebtBondage

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual is forced to work to pay off a created or perceived debt. The individual is deceived to work for little or no pay, with no control over his/her debt. Debt bondage is defined as the status or condition arising from a pledge by a debtor of his personal services or of those of a person under his control as security for a debt, if the value of those services as reasonably assessed is not applied towards the liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of those services are not respectively limited and defined (United Nations' 1956 Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery).

Variable 10

Variable label: meansOfControlTakesEarnings

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual has experienced a situation where the exploiters have taken his/her remuneration in order to control him/her.

Variable 11

Variable label: meansOfControlRestrictsFinancialAccess

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced a situation in which his/her exploiter(s) prohibited or restricted the individual's access to necessary daily living funds or their own personal finances. This includes but not limited to, controlling an individual's personal bank account, bank/credit cards, or overtly stealing the individual's personal funds.

Variable 12

Variable label: meansOfControlThreats

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced a situation in which his/her exploiter(s) explicitly or implicitly communicated an intent to inflict harm or loss on the individual or another. It does not include threats to report or contact law enforcement.

Variable 13

Variable label: meansOfControlPsychologicalAbuse

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced a situation in which their exploiter(s) used emotionally abusive, deceptive, or devious tactics to influence the individual. This may include, but is not limited to, name calling, verbal abuse, humiliating in front of others, manipulating real or perceived power imbalances, or shaming, blaming the individual. It may also include acts intended to exploit or prey upon any familial or romantic bonds/attachments the individual has with their exploiter(s).

Variable 14

bel: meansOfControlPhysicalAbuse

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced a situation in which their exploiter(s) acted to cause physical injury, pain, disability, death or trauma to the individual. This includes but not limited to shoving, strangulation, shaking, slapping, punching, kicking, pulling hair, burning, branding or tattooing, the use of a weapon, or using one's size and strength against the individual. Physical acts of a sexual abuse are considered distinct and are categorized in the *meansOfControlSexualAbuse* variable.

Variable 15

Variable label: meansOfControlSexualAbuse

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced any kind of unwanted or non-consenting sexual contact from their exploiter(s) as a means by which to control the individual, rather than a purpose for which the individual was trafficked, in order to influence their behavior. This includes, but is not limited to, using sexual acts, assault, or contact as punishment or manipulation or normalizing sexual violence. It also includes coercive behavior that interferes with the individual's ability to control his/her reproductive life, including but not limited to, forcing/coercing the individual to terminate or continue a pregnancy against their will, manipulating birth control, intentionally exposing someone to an STI, preventing condom negotiation, and/or attempting to or impregnating the individual without their consent.

Variable 16

Variable label: meansOfControlFalsePromises

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual was defrauded or tricked into entering the exploitative situation by their exploiter(s) using deception and false pretenses.

Variable 17

Variable label: meansOfControlPsychoactiveSubstances

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the exploiter(s) induced the individual into substance abuse, provided substances to make the individual compliant or in order to influence their behavior, or exploited an existing substance abuse issue.

Variable 18

Variable label: meansOfControlRestrictsMovement

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the exploiter(s) isolated, confined or limited the movement of the individual in any way physically or socially. This may include situations in which the individual is physically detained, prevented from moving without being accompanied or monitored, or the exploiter(s) threatens or enacts repercussions related to the individual's movement. This may also include forms of emotional isolation including restricting the individual's access to support systems or social networks or moving the individual frequently to prevent the individual from establishing support systems or social networks.

Variable 19

Variable label: meansOfControlRestrictsMedicalCare

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the exploiter(s) limited the individual's access to medical or health services. Including but not limited to necessary medical care or treatment being withheld, or when access to such treatment was controlled by the exploiter(s). This category also includes situations in which the individual was unable to access or interact with health services without being accompanied or monitored by the exploiter(s).

Variable 20

Variable label: meansOfControlExcessiveWorkingHours

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual was required to work a significant number of hours more than what they were contracted or promised; could include over-time, late or atypical shifts, or overnight hours. Could be used a means for keeping the individual isolated and/or unable to seek help or report their situation. In some instances, work hours may be so excessive as to cause physical and/or mental health issues which may also limit the individual's capacity to seek help or report their situation.

Variable 21

Variable label: meansOfControlUsesChildren

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the exploiter limited the individual's access to their children as a means of control whether through separation, isolation, manipulation of custody, or physical removal of child to stay with individuals or family connected to or controlled by the exploiter. Could occur permanently or intermittently and could be tied to an exploiter's control over a child's access to healthcare, school, or extended family.

Variable 22

Variable label: meansOfControlThreatOfLawEnforcement

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced a situation in which their exploiter(s) explicitly or implicitly communicated an intent to contact or involve law enforcement or other relevant authorities, such as immigration authorities, in order to negatively impact the individual or another.

Variable 23

Variable label: meansOfControlWithholdsNecessities

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced a situation in which their exploiter(s) denied, restricted, or threatened to deny/restrict basic living necessities such as food, shelter, water, hygiene, appropriate clothes, or necessary items for religious observance or gender expression.

Variable 24

Variable label: meansOfControlWithholdsDocuments

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced a situation in which their exploiter(s) limited, restricted, or controlled the individual's access to important documents including, but not limited to, the individual's passport, immigration documents, work permit, identification card, government benefit documents, birth certificate, gender identity carry letter, court-issued protection orders, custody papers, or other legal, official, or government documents.

Variable 25

Label: meansOfControlOther

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the exploiter used a tactic intended to create or maintain power and control over the individual that cannot reasonably fit in any of the previous categories.

Variable 26

Variable label: meansOfControlNotSpecified

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the means of control was or was not provided by the responder/caseworker, the person reporting or the victim.

Variable 27

Variable label: meansOfControlConcatenated

Type:

Values and categories: Concatenated list with the following possible components:

- Debt bondage
- Takes/Withholds Earnings
- Restricts access to finances
- Threats to individual or others
- Psychological abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- False promises/deception
- Use of psychoactive substances
- Denied freedom of movement/kept in isolation
- Limits/restricts medical services
- Minor sexually exploited or abused
- Excessive working hours
- Restricts access to/manipulates children
- Threat of action by law enforcement
- Withholds/denies basic necessities
- Withholds/Destroys Important Documents
- Other
- Not Specified

Definition: Concatenated list of means of control positively identified in Variables 9-26 separated by a semi-colon.

Variable 28

Variable label: isForcedLabour

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: It indicates that the purpose for which a victim was trafficked was all work or service which was exacted from the individual, under the threat of a penalty and for which the individual has not offered himself or herself voluntarily. Sexual services are excluded from this definition.

Variable 29

Variable label: isSexualExploit

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: It indicates that the purpose for which a victim was trafficked was sexual services, such as the exploitation of the prostitution of an individual. Typically, the exploiter(s) use force, fraud or coercion to achieve exploitation.

Variable 30

Variable label: isOtherExploit

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: It indicates that the purpose for which a victim was trafficked was other type of exploitation. Typically the exploiter(s) use force, fraud or coercion to achieve exploitation. Polaris staff apply the U.S. federal definition of human trafficking as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Action (TVPA) to determine if a situation described through the helplines has indications of human trafficking. Situations of forced marriage, organ harvesting or “other”, which do not meet the U.S. definition of trafficking are not included in the data contributed by Polaris to the CTDC as Polaris currently does not collect data about these sub-types.

Variable 31

Variable label: isSexAndLabour

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: It indicates that the purpose for which a victim was trafficked was *both* sexual services *and* other work or services (forced labour).

Variable 32

Variable label: isForcedMarriage

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: It indicates that the purpose for which a victim was trafficked was marriage that was imposed on the individual, under the threat of a penalty and for which the individual has not offered himself or herself voluntarily.

Variable 33

Variable label: isForcedMilitary

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: It indicates that the purpose for which a victim was trafficked was military service that was imposed on the individual, under the threat of a penalty and for which the individual has not offered himself or herself voluntarily.

Variable 34

Variable label: isOrganRemoval

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: It indicates that the purpose for which a victim was trafficked in order to remove inner organs from an individual, through deception, under the threat of a penalty and for which the individual has not offered himself or herself voluntarily. It generally refers to the illicit removal of organs without the free, informed and specific consent of an individual.

Variable 35

Variable label: isSlaveryAndPractices

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: It indicates that the purpose for which a victim was trafficked for the purpose of slavery and similar practices.

Variable 36

Variable label: typeOfExploitConcatenated

Type: string

Values and categories: Concatenated list with the following possible components:

- Forced labour
- Sexual exploitation
- Combined sexual and labour exploitation
- Forced marriage
- Slavery and similar practices
- Other

Definition: Concatenated list of types of exploitation positively identified in **Variables 28-35** separated by a semi-colon.

Variable 37

Variable label: typeOfLabourAgriculture

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities defined in [ISIC Section A Division 01, “Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities”](#). This category does not include work related to forestry and logging as defined in [ISIC Section A, Division 02](#), which is grouped in **Variable 48** *typeOfLabourOther*. This category does not include work related to aquafarming as defined in [ISIC Section A Division 03](#), which is included in **Variable 38** *typeOfLabourAquafarming*.

Variable 38

Variable label: typeOfLabourAquafarming

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities defined in [ISIC Section A Division 03, “Fishing and aquaculture”](#).

Variable 39

Variable label: typeOfLabourBegging

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities related to soliciting donations of money, material goods, or something of value from other people without providing those people any type of service or good in exchange.

Variable 40

Variable label: typeOfLabourConstruction

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities defined in [ISIC Section F “Construction”](#).

Variable 41

Variable label: typeOfLabourDomesticWork

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities defined in [ISIC Section T “Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use”](#).

Variable 42

Variable label: typeOfLabourHospitality

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities defined in [ISIC Section I “Accommodation and food service activities”](#) including both Division 55 “Accommodation” and Division 56 “Food and beverage service activities”.

Variable 43

Variable label: typeOfLabourIllicitActivities

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities to an illegal/illicit business operation. This includes, but is not limited to, human smuggling, drug trafficking, drug production, and arms smuggling.

Variable 44

Variable label: typeOfLabourManufacturing

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities defined in [ISIC Section C “Manufacturing”](#).

Variable 45

Variable label: typeOfLabourMiningOrDrilling

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities defined in [ISIC Section B “Mining and quarrying”](#).

Variable 46

Variable label: typeOfLabourPeddling

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities relating to informal street commerce (the sale of items on the street or in public venues). While the items sold may be small, this category does not include soliciting donations without providing anything in exchange. That activity is considered distinct and is categorized in **Variable 39** *typeOfLabourBegging*.

Variable 47

Variable label: typeOfLabourTransportation

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour in activities defined in [ISIC Section H “Transportation and storage”](#).

Variable 48

Variable label: typeOfLabourOther

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour of a specified type which could not reasonably be classified in any of the categories specified in **Variables 37-47**.

Variable 49

Variable label: typeOfLabourNotSpecified

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced forced labour of which the type was not provided by the responder/caseworker, the person reporting or the victim.

Variable 50

Variable label: typeOfLabourConcatenated

Type: string

Values and categories: Concatenated list with the following possible components:

- Agriculture
- Aquafarming
- Begging
- Construction
- Domestic Work
- Hospitality
- Illicit Activities
- Manufacturing
- Mining or drilling
- Peddling
- Transportation
- Other
- Not Specified

Definition: Concatenated list of types of forced labour positively identified in **Variables 37-49** separated by a semi-colon.

Variable 51

Variable label: typeOfSexProstitution

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced exploitation in the activities associated with the individual's sexual act for payment.

Variable 52

Variable label: typeOfSexPornography

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced exploitation in the production of visual material depicting sexual behavior that is intended to arouse sexual excitement in its audience and does not involve any participation from the audience. It does not include situations in which the audience remotely participates or interacts with the individual featured in the visual material.

Variable 53

Variable label: typeOfSexRemoteInteractiveServices

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced exploitation while engaging in live commercial sex acts simulated through remote contact between an audience and the individual through technologies such as webcams, text-based chats, and phone sex lines.

Variable 54

Variable label: typeOfSexPrivateSexualServices

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: A situation where a potential victim is heavily controlled for the sole purpose of providing personal sexual services to one/specific person(s) *and* a commercial element may be present.

Variable 55

Variable label: typeOfSexConcatenated

Type: string

Values and categories: Concatenated list with the following possible components:

- Prostitution
- Pornography
- Remote interactive services
- Private sexual services

Definition: Concatenated list of types of sexual exploitation positively identified in **Variables 51-54** separated by a semi-colon.

Variable 56

Variable label: isAbduction

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual experienced exploitation through wrongful removal or retention.

Variable 57

Variable label: RecruiterRelationship

Type: string

Values and categories:

- Intimate Partner [see Variable 59]
- Friend/Acquaintance [see Variable 60]
- Family/Relative [see Variable 61]
- Other [see Variable 62]
- Unknown/Not specified [see Variable 63]

Definition: The type of relationship the person or people who initially enticed or obtained the individual into the situation of exploitation had to the individual. Concatenated list of the types of recruiters positively identified in **Variables 59-63** separated by a semi-colon.

Variable 58

Variable label: CountryOfExploitation

Type: string

Values and categories:

- NULL [missing data]
- Values based on [ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 Codes](#)

Definition: Indicates the country where a victim is first supported/assisted, identified and/or referred. In the context of human trafficking data, this is also referred to as the “country of destination2 (as opposed to “country of origin” if human trafficking was across borders). In the case of IOM, the last country of exploitation has a high number of missing values. Therefore, a proxy has been created to capture as much data as possible about the country the victim was exploited in. Please refer to **Appendix** for more information.

Variable 59

Variable label: recruiterRelationIntimatePartner

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [missing data]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether a person who initially enticed or obtained the individual into the situation of exploitation was one with whom the individual has identified having a current or former romantic relationship.

Variable 60

Variable label: recruiterRelationFriend

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [missing data]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether a person who initially enticed or obtained the individual into

the situation of exploitation was one with whom the individual was familiar, exclusive of romantic partners, family relations, or other more formal relationships.

Variable 61

Variable label: recruiterRelationFamily

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether a person who initially enticed or obtained the individual into the situation of exploitation was one with whom the individual was connected biologically, through marriage, or a person who the individual has identified as having been their current or former custodian or guardian. This may include, but is not limited to, parents, primary caregivers, and foster parents.

Variable 62

Variable label: recruiterRelationOther

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether a person who initially enticed or obtained the individual into the situation of exploitation was a person with whom the individual had any other notable relationship that cannot reasonably fit into previous categories. This may include, but is not limited to, labor brokers, contractors, formal employers, or smugglers. In the case of Liberty Shared, data collected on recruiter's was more extensive than Global Dataset required. Liberty Shared transformed values to match IOM values, resulting into a higher level of 'other' values where information recorded did not match (for example – Broker – becomes other).

Variable 63

Variable label: recruiterRelationUnknown

Type: binary numeric

Values and categories:

- NULL [*missing data*]
- 0
- 1

Definition: Indicates whether the individual's relationship to the person(s) who initially enticed or obtained the individual into the situation of exploitation was not provided by the responder/caseworker, the person reporting or the victim.

Appendix

- General comment on variables 5 (citizenship) and 6 (CountryOfExploitation)

- Serbia: includes Kosovo following UN guidelines.
 - China: includes Tibet.

- Citizenship (Variable 5 – citizenship)

Multiple citizenships are recorded for victims from Polaris. Victims identified/referred/assisted by IOM have only one main citizenship recorded. In this dataset, we use the unique value that is the first indicated citizenship.

- Country of exploitation proxy variable (Variable 6 – CountryOfExploitation)

This is usually the country where a victim is first identified and/or referred to IOM. This does not necessarily capture the last part of the victim's journey before they are identified and referred nor the intended country of destination, which is not currently captured in the IOM database. The data points that are recorded in the case management system are 'last country of exploitation', 'location of the screening interview', 'location of the victim upon registration', and 'location of the IOM mission registering the case'.