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# Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Newsletter

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# Ukrainian Children at Increased Risk of Trafficking



Refugees from a makeshift shelter in a school waiting for a bus to evacuate them towards the Polish border. Photo credit: Simon Townsley

## Disappearing into a black hole amid the scale of movement:

In 6 weeks, 4.8 million Ukrainian children have fled home. This is what organisations are doing to tackle the vulnerabilities of human trafficking.

Two-thirds of Ukraine's children have now fled their homes. In the six weeks since Russia invaded Ukraine, 2 million children have left the Ukrainian borders, and 2.8 remain displaced within the country.

Today, 4.8 million Ukrainian children are at an increased risk of being trafficked. The combination of mass displacement, desperate parents sending their children across borders with no one to meet them

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on the other side, and the chaos of volunteers coordinating transport between themselves, all point to vulnerabilities where children can easily go missing.

Katy Fallon, a Guardian journalist, reports that "At nearly every train station near border crossings, crowds of people, often men, hold cardboard signs offering refugees lifts to destinations across Europe"

Though there are charities working on the ground to make passages safer, such as Homo Faber, a human rights organisation based in Poland.

However, Karolina Wierzbńska a coordinator from Homo Faber, said that "it is "impossible to vet every person offering to drive refugees to friends or family before they picked people up."

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The combination of mass displacement, desperate parents sending their children across borders with no one to meet them on the other side, and the chaos of volunteers coordinating transport between themselves, all point to vulnerabilities where children can easily go missing.

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"We believe traffickers and recruiters are most probably targeting both women traveling alone and women traveling with

children," says Monika Molnarova, a member of the Stop Human Trafficking team at Caritas Slovakia.

A Unicef spokesperson, Joe English, explained that the scale of the movement and displacement of children, young people, and adults is presenting considerable challenges for registering and safely processing refugees at borders.

This means it is much more difficult to identify unaccompanied children, or children separated from the group.

One way UNICEF is addressing this is by setting up 'Blue Dot' refugee support centres in neighbouring countries alongside the routes taken by fleeing refugees.

Each Blue Dot centre is set up and run in collaboration with local, regional, or national organisations and partners.



[Learn more about Blue Dot Centres here.](#)



[Anti-trafficking advice for those fleeing Ukraine](#)



[International list of child helplines](#)

# A look inside Westminster: Select Committee Hearing Exercise



Delegates from around the Commonwealth listen as sports regulation expert Dr. Yilmaz provides evidence as a Witness.

## Practice Makes Progress

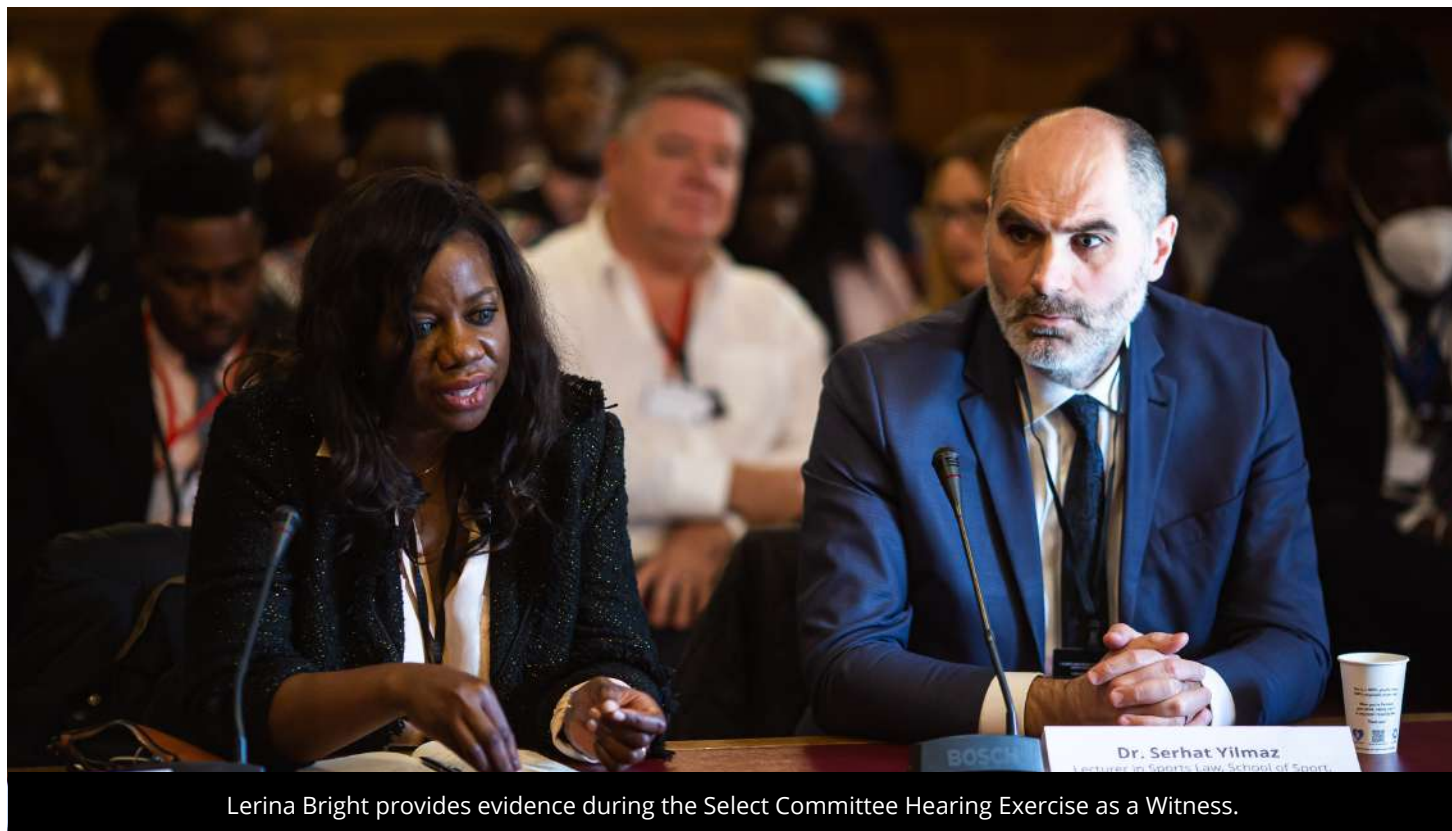
This unique opportunity in exploring the issues of human trafficking through sports brought with it unique insights.

At CPA UK's flagship event Westminster Seminar, the Modern Slavery team conducted a Select Committee Hearing on the issues of Trafficking through Sport.

With 10 volunteers acting as members and 150 hybrid participants, the exercise was an opportunity to learn about both the functioning of a select committee and the issue of sports trafficking.

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Lerina Bright provides evidence during the Select Committee Hearing Exercise as a Witness.

The exercise had two witnesses, Lerina Bright, CEO of Mission 89 and Dr. Serhat Yilmaz, Lecturer in Sports Law from Loughborough University.

The facilitating clerk, Stephanie Woodrow from the Home Affairs Committee, conducted a freeze-frame exercise throughout the hearing, encouraging members and witnesses to reflect and discuss the exercise as it took place.

Participants were provided with instant feedback, such as on their technique and approach to questioning.

In creating a learning space, all participants - whether acting as witnesses, members, or observers - had the opportunity to experience and navigate the process of a select committee hearing.

During the Exercise, vital and interesting insights were shared as members posed questions to Dr. Yilmaz and Lerina Bright.

One member asked Dr. Yilmaz:

***"Why do you think it's an issue that persists until today?"***

*"The main problem is lack of understanding of the system in sport and the role of agents, athletes, and parents in this space. For me, the starting point is raising awareness through education."*

*"In my research, I argue that to tackle this in football, we need to educate three key players: the players; parents; and agents themselves."*

*"Parents need to be educated because they are involved in the decision-making process, and agents are actually influencing the parents first, before the players."*



A Delegate listens as an observer during the Select Committee Hearing Exercise.

Another member asked Lerina Bright:

***"As a politician, what would you like me to do?"***

*"The root cause is poverty and lack of opportunities at source countries."*

*"Specifically, we must improve sports infrastructure. If this is improved, it allows young people to stay home longer so they don't make the journey abroad."*

*"Once the talent is developed at home, they are worth a lot more once they move to America or Europe. So, starting with whatever can be done to improve the training sports capabilities and stadiums - you have a lot of legislative power."*

*"At the moment, there is not enough governance and accountability at a national level with respect to sports."*

*"If there are provisions that can be included towards protecting young people's opportunities and regulating agents at a national level, that would go a long way."*

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# PHOTO OF THE MONTH

# UK

View of a Delegate reading the brief  
from the Select Committee Hearing  
Exercise on the issues of Sports  
Trafficking, March 2022  
Photo by CPA UK



If you have raised awareness of human trafficking, modern slavery, and forced labour in your constituency, region or local area, and would like to share photographs of your work, email us at [cpauk@parliament.uk](mailto:cpauk@parliament.uk)



# CPA UK's Modern Slavery Project: Four Years in the Making



Alex Norris MP (left) and Dr. Rose Broad (right) speaking at the launch event.

The CPA UK Modern Slavery Project ran from 2016 to 2020, and while this report seeks to assess the project, it also seeks to provide practical advice and support to parliaments in the development of their anti-trafficking and anti-slavery work.

## What was the impact of the Project?

The findings in the report show there are three main areas of impact.

The first area of impact is Networking and Collaboration. Across all the interviews, participants reported they found value in creating networks with other participants through the Project's workshops and events. Many of these connections were

feeding into the participant's ongoing anti-trafficking and anti-slavery work.

The second theme is Policy Development. Parliamentarians who engaged with the Project reported that they gained knowledge that contributed to local and regional projects within their home countries, as well as informing nuances in legislation.

One Parliamentarian from Pakistan recalled:

*"I attended sessions...I went to our laws, I noticed flaws, I drafted a new act. I brought a new act and today it is finally passed"*

Another Parliamentarian from Kenya shared that, through the workshops, they have:

*"...gained knowledge on drafting and implementing effective legislation against modern slavery" and "consequently educated our people on vital steps to ensure victims are not forgotten."*

The third area of impact is Creating New Perspectives through Awareness Raising and Expanding Knowledge.

Throughout many interviews, participants talked about increasing awareness creating an impetus to focus on work in those areas.

One Parliamentarian from the UK said:

*"I can say to brands 'I've seen this, I've spoken to these people... So, what are you going to do about it?"*

Another Parliamentarian from Kenya retold how:

*"After attending the trainings by the CPA UK, I got the urge to organise a regional sporting event in my area, which attracted over 1000 soccer, under the theme Stop Football Trafficking"*

It was not just Parliamentarians who found the workshops helpful: a representative from an international non-governmental organisation operating across the UK, Africa, and the Caribbean said:

*"I found this engagement with the parliamentarians very, very useful... We were also requested by an MP to help her draft...something that she could present on the floor of parliament"*

### What happens next?

Following the impact of the pandemic, many participants highlighted a need for re-focusing attention on tackling modern slavery, human trafficking, and forced labour.

Areas highlighted for re-focusing attention include:

- Corporate engagement;
- Increased involvement of criminal justice and border staff;
- Legislative workshops;
- A continued need to understand the problem in relation to cultural and country-specific contexts;
- Greater access to and sharing of data;
- Greater public awareness.

For greater detail on the areas highlighted, as well as opportunities for future work, make sure to read the 'Future Work and Recommendations' section of the [report](#).



# Assessing the Impact of Modern Slavery Legislation and Increased Awareness in Parliament through the CPA UK

## What is the impact of the Modern Slavery Project?

This research has aimed to assess the impact of the CPA UK Modern Slavery Project. The findings show there are three main themes of impact:



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### Networking and Collaboration

Across all our interviews, participants found value in creating networks with people through our workshops and events. Many of these connections were feeding into participants' ongoing anti-trafficking and anti-slavery work.

A parliamentarian from the UK said:

*"The networking and exchanging information and experiences about legislation allowed us to 'stand on each other's shoulders'"*



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### Policy Development

Through our workshops, Parliamentarians gained knowledge that contributed to local and regional projects in their home countries, as well as informing nuances in legislation.

A parliamentarian from Pakistan said:

*"I attended sessions...I went to our laws, I noticed flaws, I drafted a new act. I brought a new act and today it is finally passed"*

A Parliamentarian from Kenya said:

*"...I have gained knowledge on drafting and implementing effective legislation against modern slavery. I have consequently educated our people on vital steps to ensure victims are not forgotten."*



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### Awareness Raising and Expanding Knowledge - Creating New Perspectives

Throughout most interviews, participants talked about the increased awareness they gained during project events. This expansion in knowledge also created an impetus to focus work in those areas.

A parliamentarian from the UK said:

*"I can say to brands, "I've seen this, I've spoken to these people...So what are you going to do about it?"*

A parliamentarian from Kenya said:

*"After attending the trainings by the CPA, I got the urge to organise a regional sporting event in my area, which attracted over 1000 soccer clubs, under the theme stop football trafficking"*

An NGO operating across the UK, Africa, and Caribbean said:

*"...I found this engagement with the parliamentarians very, very useful, and even impactful... We were also requested by an MP to help her draft...something that she could present on the floor of parliament"*

**To read the full report, click here or visit**  
**[uk-cpa.org/ModernSlavery](http://uk-cpa.org/ModernSlavery)**



# REPORT OF THE MONTH

This month's report comes from Dr. Rose Broad from The University of Manchester, reviewing the impact of the CPA UK's Modern Slavery Project.

[Click on the report to download it.](#)



If you have participated or come across a report or publication that enriches the understanding of tackling modern slavery, human trafficking, and forced labour, and would like to share it on this newsletter, email us at [cpauk@parliament.uk](mailto:cpauk@parliament.uk)




# Communication Products




These resources are completely free to download and easily printable. They can be used at any time, at your own discretion. You will find advice on distributing these materials in the pages below.


We ask that you keep intact the CPA UK, Commonwealth-in-Chair, and Mission 89 logos on the leaflets and posters.


## For Parliamentarians

 [Leaflet for parliamentarians](#)


 [Poster for parliamentarians](#)

## For Border Officials

 [Leaflet for border officials](#)

 [Poster for border officials](#)

## For Everyone

 [Animation video](#)

 [Leaflet for the general public](#)

 [Poster for the general public](#)

 [E-Banner](#)

 [Workshop Resource Pack](#)

# How to use our Animation Video



CPA UK and Mission 89 have designed an animated video depicting the story of a young sports person who is trafficked through sport. It shows the process of how sports people and their families are lured into the trap of human trafficking and forced labour.

This video provides advice and information on how to spot and prevent traffickers. Despite the grave nature of this issue, the video is suitable for all ages, including children.

## You can share this animation with:

- Families, teachers, and influencers
- Police officers and security personnel
- Sports coaches and stadium staff
- Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists
- Social care and child protection workers
- Border officials and airport staff
- Bus, coach, taxi, and train drivers

## How to share this animation video:

- Show others the animation video
  - Share on WhatsApp and Facebook
- Email the YouTube link to:
- Your local school or college
  - Community or religious centre
  - Charities you like and support
  - Activists and politicians
  - Hotels and restaurants



# How to use our Products for the General Public

CPA UK and Mission 89 have designed a leaflet and a poster for all members of the public, which can be printed and distributed or shared digitally. We ask that you keep intact the CPA UK, Commonwealth-in-Chair, and Mission 89 logos on the leaflets and posters.

## Leaflet

- Describes what human trafficking might look like
- Lists warning signs and questions to ask
- Provides simple instructions for those at risk



## Poster

- Quickly informs the reader of the most important actions
- Provides three actions you must ALWAYS do to stay safe
- Provides three actions you must NEVER do to stay safe



### You can share these products with:

- Families, teachers, and influencers
- Anyone interested in playing sports
- Sports coaches and stadium staff
- Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists
- Social care and child protection workers
- Hotel and restaurant staff
- Bus, coach, taxi, and train drivers
- Border officials and airport staff

### How to share these products

- Show others the leaflet
- Share on WhatsApp and Facebook
- Ask others to distribute the leaflet:**
  - Your local school or college
  - Community or religious centre
  - Activists and politicians
  - Charities you like and support
  - Your local pharmacy or clinic

# How to use our Products for Parliamentarians

CPA UK and Mission 89 have designed a leaflet and a poster for parliamentarians, which can be printed and distributed or shared digitally. We ask that you keep intact the CPA UK, Commonwealth-in-Chair, and Mission 89 logos on the leaflets and posters.

## Leaflet

- Describes how human trafficking happens
- Lists the social and financial consequences
- Suggests actions Parliamentarians can take



## Poster

- Provides three actions Parliamentarians can take to protect their communities at the social and political level
- Lists the website of two organisations for contact



## You can share these products with:

- Members of Parliament
- Parliamentary Speakers
- High Commissioners
- Parliamentary officials
- Select Committees
- Clerks and parliamentary teams
- All/Cross Party Parliamentary Groups

## How to share these products

- Raise the subject in Parliament
- Talk about them in meetings
- Share on Parliamentary intranet
- Share on WhatsApp groups

## Discuss these products with:

- Your constituency caseworkers
- Your campaign team
- Your communications team
- Interest groups you work with



# How to use our Products for Border Officials

CPA UK and Mission 89 have designed a leaflet and a poster for border officials, which can be printed and distributed or shared digitally. We ask that you keep intact the CPA UK, Commonwealth-in-Chair, and Mission 89 logos on the leaflets and posters.

## Leaflet

- Describes how human trafficking happens
- Details the social and financial consequences
- Details what can happen after a border crossing
- Provides a detailed checklist with questions and actions addressing the documents and athlete



## Poster

- Provides four actions border officials can take to address human trafficking through sport through their role



## You can share these products with:

- Border officials
- Border police and security
- Passport Offices
- Airport staff and security
- Airline staff and security
- Transport security
- Travel agents
- Pilot and Cabin crew groups

## How to share these products

- Raise the subject in meetings
- Share throughout departments
- Share on the workplace intranet
- Share on WhatsApp groups

## Discuss these products with:

- Training providers
- Cross border security networks
- Passport and visa teams
- Pilot and cabin crew networks



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