

HIDDEN but THRIVING

Brampton's International Students and Human Trafficking

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MY JOURNEY: to Brampton

START



NOW



MY EXPOSURE: 3 Regular Voices in my Ear

①

4 Dental Clinics in
Brampton



②

Brampton's Punjabi
Community



③

Community
Organizations



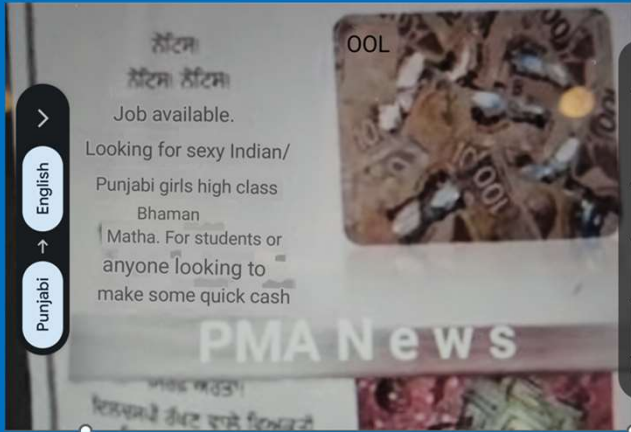
- 'housing conditions'
- 'extreme financial distress'



- 'mental health issues'
- 'suicides' 'drug addictions'



- 'prostitution' 'abortions'
- 'forced pregnancies'
- 'human trafficking'



Malton Gurdwara (Airport/Derry)



Sheridan College area

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The Kaur Movement

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Nonprofit organization
The Kaur & Singh Movement
Helping Sexual & Domestic Abuse Victims
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MY EFFORTS

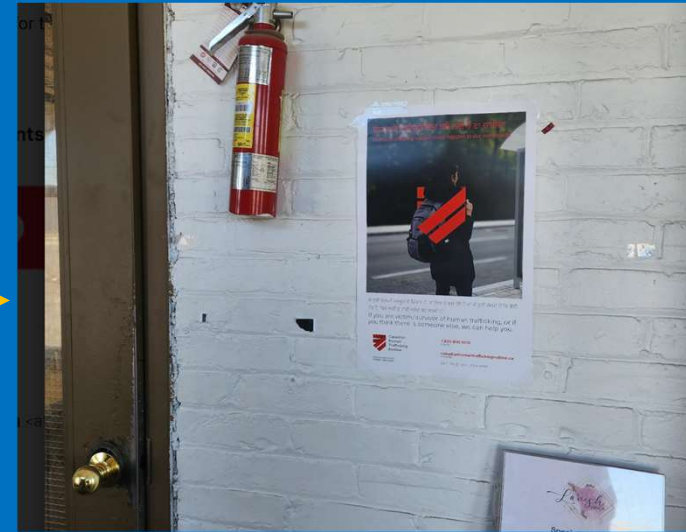
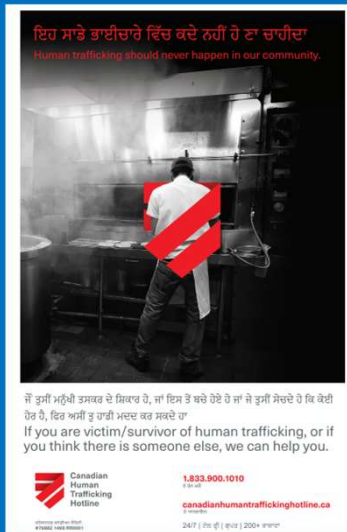
• 2023- Training



HEAL Institute- October 28-29, 2024

- US Human Trafficking organization
- Based in Boston
- Affiliated with Harvard

• 2024- The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking



Gurdwaras in Brampton

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

'Exploitation of people through force, fraud, or coercion'

- Labour
- Sexual

- Men
- Women
- Children (1 in 4)

'DO' SOMETHING

- Physical violence
- Confinement
- Sexual assault
- Forced drug use

'TRICKING'

- False job offers
- Misrepresenting work conditions
- Lies about legal status
- Fake contracts

'THREATS'

- Deportation
- Debt bondage
- Against family
- Shame
- Confiscating ID

WHY?



\$150 Billion/year*

IMPACT:



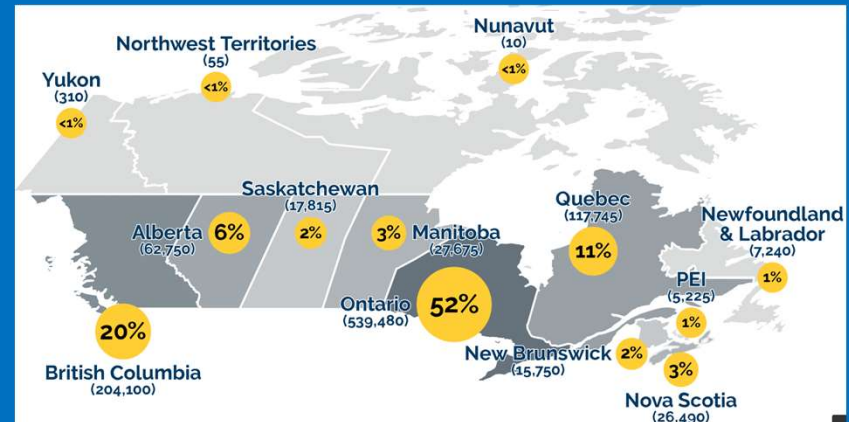
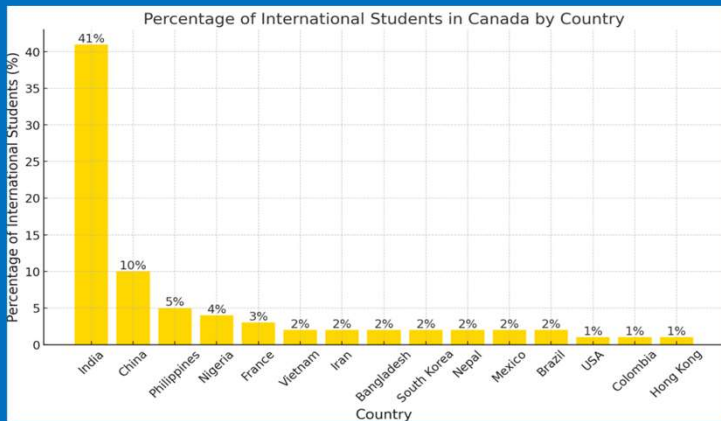
severe trauma, PTSD, suicide
(less than 1% ever rescued)**

**International Labour Organization, 2022*

***Greenlight Operation, 2024*

WHO ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

- ~41% from India*



- Ontario home to ~52%* → high majority in GTA



Prime Targets for Human Trafficking

- No support
- Significant financial constraints
- Crucial hopes for PR/Citizenship

BRAMPTON

- high cluster
- colleges (Sheridan, Algoma)
- large South Asian community

*Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) data (2023)





NEXT STEPS



1) **Acknowledgement-** Human Trafficking is a significant issue in Brampton amongst International Students

2) **Government Lobbying**

FEDERALLY → a) **ELIMINATING/CHANGING-** Canadian VISA wording (possible deportation if engage in sex trade)

b) **INCREASING-** work cap to more than 24 hours/week

c) **IMPROVING-** mechanisms to ensure International Students granted entry can afford cost of living

PROVINCIAL → **MANDATORY-** education/awareness programs as a *requirement* to enroll in post-secondary education

3) **Resource/Support Allocation**

CAREFUL SELECTION OF NON-PROFITS that:

① are BEST suited to reach to International Students (similar community → culture, channels, know-how)

② low/minimal administration costs thus more goes to this cause