

Dynamics of Human Trafficking: Catastrophe, Migration, Demand and Restoration

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There are many factors that make people vulnerable to human trafficking. Ricardo Pereira will discuss the ways climate change can make people susceptible to being trafficked. Women and children are disproportionately affected by climate change and the most vulnerable to human trafficking. Dr./Sr. Michele Morek will describe the ways migration--linked to poverty, war, environmental disaster and other factors--puts huge populations into vulnerable situations where they may fall into the sex or labor slavery trade, whether by coercion or deception. Human trafficking is driven by demand. Dr. Sharon Sullivan will argue that to reduce demand, we must understand the buyers of other human beings and develop ways to disrupt the paradigms that reinforce dehumanization of some people. Finally, in order to move from victims to survivors, people who have been trafficked have unique needs. Lima James will focus on working with women survivors of human trafficking, services provided, the importance of safe housing programs and community awareness. She will describe the community living model of the LifeWay Network's Safe Housing Program.

Panelists:

Lima James, MSW, Dr./Sr. Michele Morek, Ricardo Pereira, Dr. Sharon L. Sullivan.

Moderator:

Dr. Anele Heiges, OP, Vice President - International Public Policy Institute

