



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Human Trafficking**

Three young girls are trafficked from Mozambique to Pretoria where they are forced to work as prostitutes. An uncle of one of the girls finally tracks them down and helps them flee.

Several young boys are lured from the outlying Mozambican provinces to Maputo, with promises of education.

Their parents consent but then later discover that the boys are being abused by foreigners – some of them sexually.

Mozambique is a conduit for trafficked children. Many land up in our cities working as prostitutes, or on our farms laboring for long hours in the sun.

Others pass through Maputo after they are brought in from other African states, inevitably under false pretences.

In South Africa, perpetrators cannot be charged with trafficking, as we have no such laws.

Mozambique has recently outlawed trafficking, but it remains a beacon of hope, the only country in the region to have done so.

Experts say it will be impossible to stop the trade in human flesh unless all countries follow suit.

Trafficking is now organised crime's third largest money-spinner. In the Southern African region alone thousands of women and children are trafficked every year.