

Women and Children Represent 71 Percent of Human Trafficking Victims

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United Nations, Dec 22 (Prensa Latina) Women and children represent 71 percent of the people subjected to human trafficking, said a UN report.

According to the report issued by the United Nations Office against Drugs and Crime (UNODC), women and girls are often forced to marry and subjected to sexual slavery.

Meanwhile, men and boys mainly end up in exploited labor, as mining and recruitment to fight, said the report. UNODC executive director Yury Fedotov deplored the situation of millions of people while asking for urgent actions from the international community.

Fedotov pointed out the link between human trafficking and armed groups, a phenomenon worsened in recent years by the advance of the Islamic State, Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and other terrorist groups.