

Stunning Report Shows 1.2 Billion Children Worldwide Have Fallen Victim to Sexual Exploitation, Slavery and Sacrifices

America's humanitarian border crisis is featured in a shocking new report that examines the horrors facing the world's children in 2022.

Many migrant boys and girls fall prey to human traffickers, smugglers and drug cartels en route to the U.S., according to the report "Children in Crisis: The World's Greatest 'Badge of Shame'" () by Texas-based humanitarian agency GFA World ().

The report highlights a terrifying U.S. Border Patrol video that shows human smugglers dropping sisters – three and five years old from Ecuador – over a 14-foot section of the border fence in the New Mexico desert. The smugglers ran off, leaving the young girls alone in the dark.

The border situation, says the report, is a "stark reminder" that children are "in crisis right on our doorstep ... wherever we live in the world. And the problem is growing worse."

Situation Critical

The report estimates 1.2 billion children worldwide are vulnerable to a host of calamities, including abuse, hunger and diseases. It's a "toxic combination" driven largely by poverty and supercharged by the pandemic, the report says.

Among the horrors are child slavery, sexual exploitation – including the online cybersex industry – and even child sacrifice.

In Uganda, a young mother found the headless body of her 17-month-old son in a shallow grave. The child's killer turned out to be his own father, who was paid \$2,000 by a businessman in return for the boy's head the report says. It's believed the child's head was considered by him to be a "good luck" charm.

The report highlights the following disturbing facts:

- 30-35% of sex workers in the Mekong sub-region of Southeast Asia are 12-17 years old.
- Mexico's social service agency reports more than 16,000 children engage in prostitution, mostly in tourist destinations.
- 20-50% of prostitutes in Lithuania are believed to be children – sometimes as young as 11 – and orphans have been exploited to make pornographic movies.
- North Korean girls, some as young as nine, are forced to perform sex acts in front of webcams, live-streamed to paying customers worldwide.

"GFA World is helping children escape poverty and protect themselves against such vile abuse and atrocities," said the organization's founder K.P. Yohannan, also known as Metropolitan Yohan. "Unless we act now to protect all children and show them God's love is real, the consequences will be unforgivable." {eoa}

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