

## **E274 You suspect someone might be a victim of human trafficking. Now what?**

**Gradually build a relationship with the person, asking lots of questions.**

- Ask in a normal, friendly manner.
- Choose which questions to ask carefully. Don't ask too many or too detailed or too personal questions until you have built up some trust.
- Don't write down answers in their presence, but do so as soon as you are apart from them, before you forget the details.

**Remember two very valuable questions:**

**!!! Tell me about that.**

**!!! Tell me more about that.**

SOME POSSIBLE QUESTIONS (In Any Order):

IF THEY ARE FROM ANOTHER PLACE:

- How did you get here?
- How did you enter the country?
- Did you have a passport?
- Did you get it yourself or did someone give it to you? Who?
- Do you hold your passport now, or does someone hold it for you? Who? Can you get it if you want it? What would happen if you asked for it?
- Who helped you get here?
- Tell me about the trip.
- Tell me about getting into the country.
- How long have you been here?

ABOUT PROMISES SOMEONE MADE THEM:

- Why did you come here? Has it turned out like you wanted?
- What were you told you would find here? Have you found it?
- Did someone make some promises to you? What? Who? How well have those promises been fulfilled?
- Were you told you would get work? Education? A better life? Did you get it?

ABOUT WORK:

- What hours do you work?
- What days do you have off?
- How are you treated by your employer?
- Are you happy here? Why?
- What are you being paid?

ABOUT DEBT BONDAGE:

- Do you owe a debt to anyone for bringing you here?
- Do you owe a debt for anything related to your job?

ABOUT WHERE S/HE LIVES:

- Where do you live?
- Can you move about freely?
- Do you have to stay here? Why? What will happen if you want to move somewhere else?

ABOUT PERSONAL FREEDOM

- Can you make/receive personal phone calls?
- Is anyone else listening to them?
- Do you hear from your family back in...?

**DO YOU NEED HELP?**

RED FLAGS

- Seems fearful
- Reluctant to talk
- Looking over the shoulder
- Doesn't look you in the eye, eyes downcast
- Afraid of being overheard
- Can't take any time off work

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