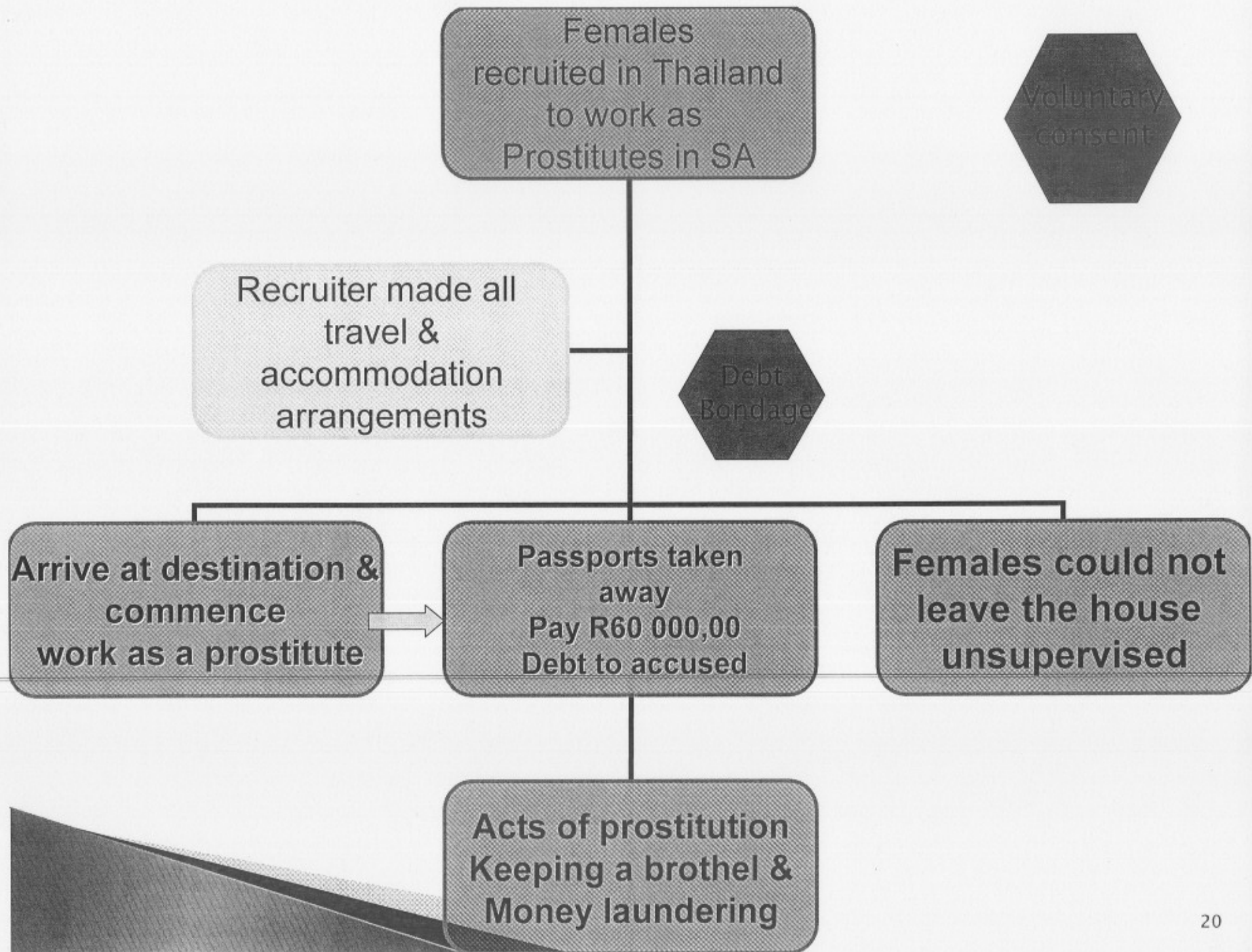


THAI 1 RACKETEERING CASE

- ▶ Started as a simple investigation of prostitution at a brothel in Durban
- ▶ At the time the accused were arrested (2007). There was no Human Trafficking Legislation in place
- ▶ It became a high profile racketeering case based on the predicate offences of
 - Prostitution
 - Keeping a brothel
 - Money Laundering
 - Immigration Offences
- ▶ Trial commenced in 2009 after numerous delays by accused
- ▶ Both accused convicted in March 2010
- ▶ Provisional sentencing – November 2010
- ▶ Facts of case fitted profile of a Human Trafficking structure that was highly organised





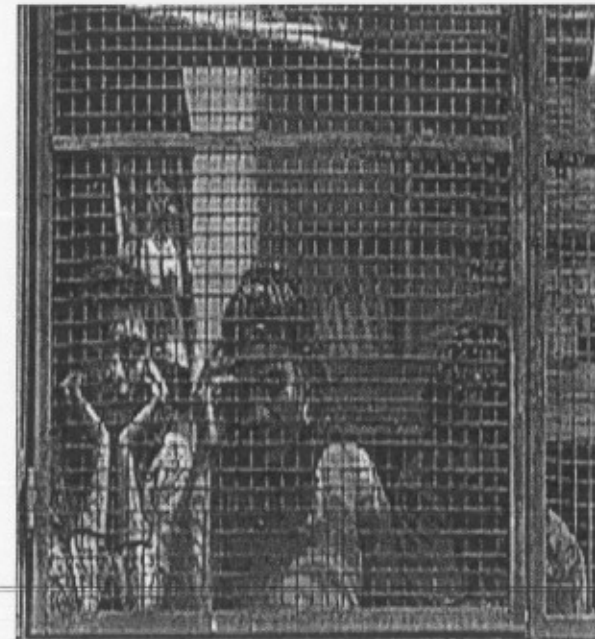
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- ▶ **Operational Area**
 - Eastern Cape to Bloemfontein
- ▶ **Victims**
 - 3 x Young girls
 - Saved
- ▶ **Recruitment**
 - To work in Bed and Breakfast
- ▶ **Exploitation**
 - Prostitution
- ▶ **Suspects**
 - 6 x Nigerian men
- ▶ **Status**
 - 34 charges
 - Currently in court



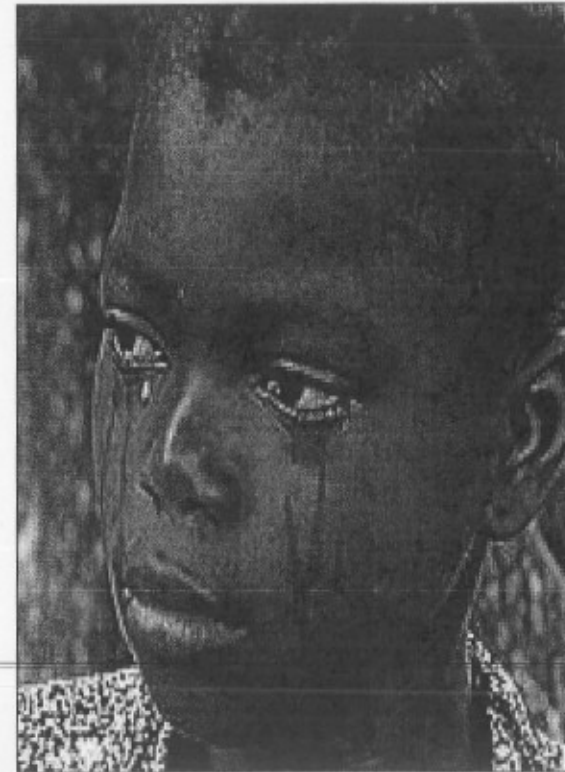
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- ▶ **Operational Area**
 - Eastern Cape to Durban KwaZulu Natal
- ▶ **Victims**
 - Young women in the Eastern Cape
 - 2 x Victims saved
 - 1 x Victim murdered
- ▶ **Recruitment**
 - To work in Bed and Breakfast
- ▶ **Exploitation**
 - Prostitution
- ▶ **Suspects**
 - A Family – Nationality to be confirmed
- ▶ **Status**
 - Under investigation



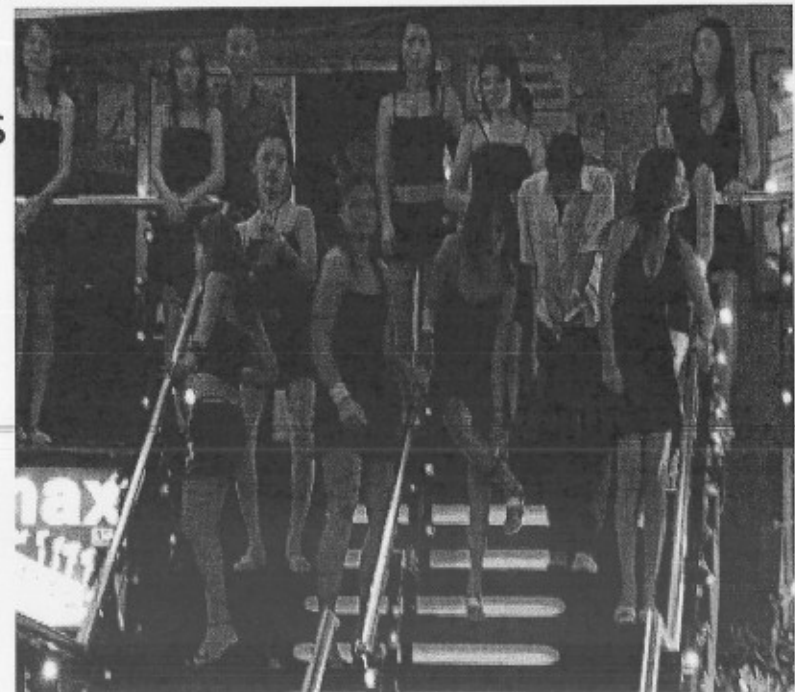
LOOKOUT

- ▶ **Operational Area**
 - Eastern Cape to Bloemfontein
- ▶ **Victims**
 - Young women in the Eastern Cape
 - 3 x Victims saved
- ▶ **Recruitment**
 - To work in Bed and Breakfast
- ▶ **Exploitation**
 - Prostitution
 - Trafficking for Sexual purposes
- ▶ **Suspects**
 - 2 x Males and 1 x Female
- ▶ **Status**
 - Under investigation



TRAFFICKING ACROSS BORDERS

- ▶ **Operational Area**
 - Between South African and Mozambique
- ▶ **Victims**
 - 3 x Young girls from Mozambique
- **Recruitment**
 - To work in South Africa as models
- ▶ **Exploitation**
 - Prostitution
- ▶ **Suspects**
 - Mozambiquan female
- ▶ **Status**
 - Matter in court



REPORTED TRAFFICKING RELATED CASES

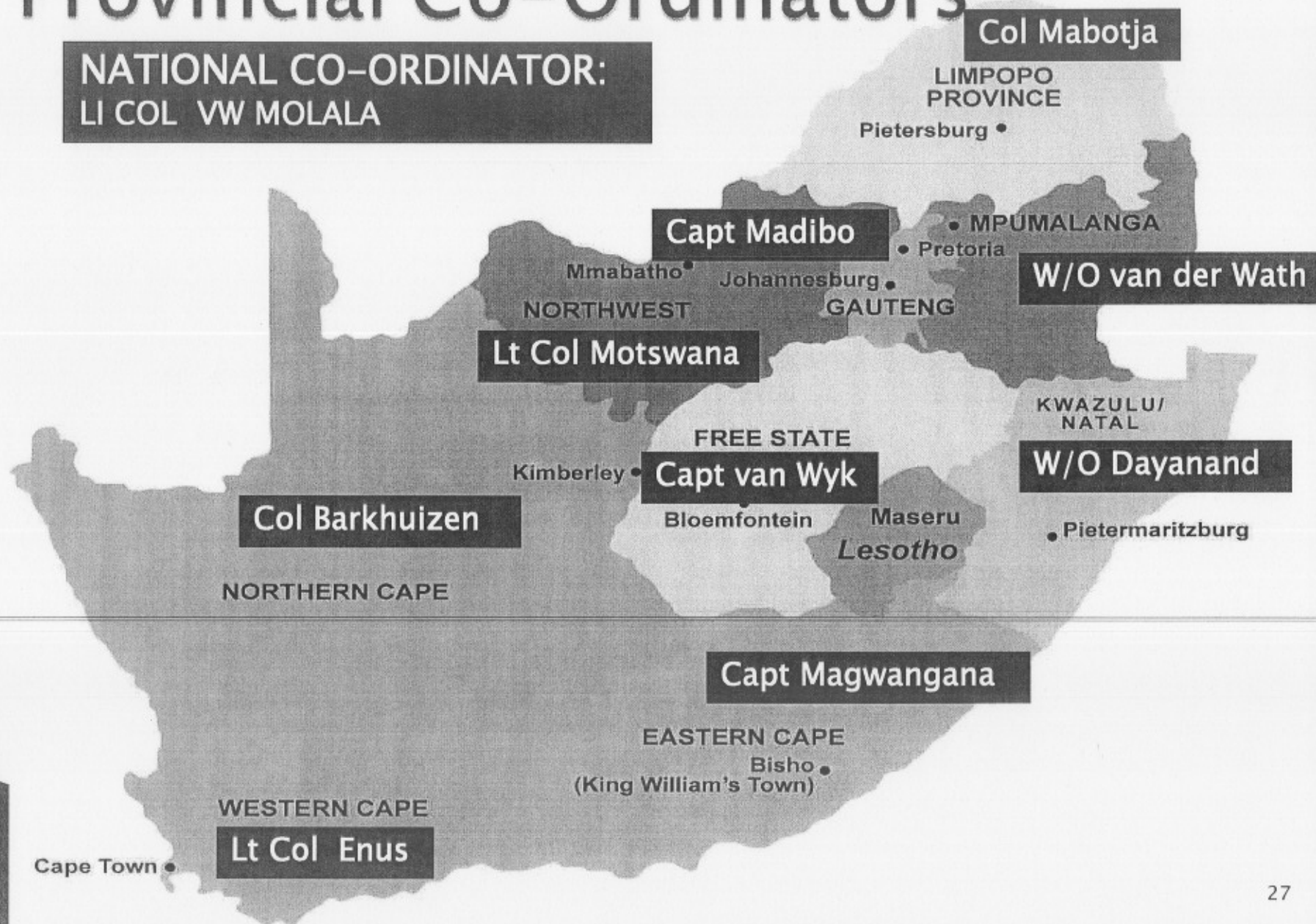


Operational Measures

- ▶ Human Trafficking prioritised as a focus area in combatting organised crime within DPCI;
- ▶ Dedicated human trafficking desk established within DPCI to coordinate all human trafficking activities at National level;
- ▶ Dedicated provincial human trafficking coordinators and task teams established
- ▶ For any Human Trafficking investigation / related matter, there are competent investigators at every Organised Crime Unit;
- ▶ Several ongoing operations to address suspected human trafficking at major brothels and hotpots

Provincial Co-Ordinators

NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR:
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Managing Human Trafficking

Managing Human Trafficking

National level:
Human
Trafficking Desk

Co-ordinate

Liaise with:

- NGO
- Government Dept
- Embassy / INTERPOL

Provincial Level

Receive
information from
stations / Other
SAPS Components

Organised Crime
investigate

Station level / Cluster level

Receive information

Refer to Organised Crime Unit
for Investigation

Training & Capacity Building

- ▶ Special emphasis on training to **raise awareness** and **create expertise**;
- ▶ Regular training workshops presented to SAPS members – especially front line officers working at Port of Entry, Organised Crime and Task Team;
- ▶ In-service training to Port of Entry countrywide on request.
- ▶ Over 1 000 Police officers received training during the last 2 years
- ▶ New module for organised crime was developed, including a chapter on Human Trafficking that are being presented during Organised Crime investigation Course after new course
- ▶ Since 2007, 392 Organised Crime Investigators were trained

Strategic Cooperation & Partnerships

- ▶ Integrated and Multi-Disciplinary approach with various stakeholders
 - ▶ SAPS represented on Inter-Sectoral Task Team on Human Trafficking led by NPA
 - ▶ International Organisations
 - International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
 - Assist Embassies with rescue missions of suspected Human Trafficking victims
 - Interpol
 - United Nations
 - ▶ Regional Cooperation
 - SARPCCO
 - ▶ Non-Governmental Organisations
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Handling of Cases

- ▶ Good working arrangement established through Provincial Task Teams to prosecute cases and assist victims
- ▶ Specialist prosecutors available to deal with Human Trafficking cases
- ▶ Protecting rights of victims
 - Victims utilised as witnesses can be accommodated by Witness Protection Unit
 - IOM and various shelters available for victims
 - Upgrading of shelters to comply with the standards required by UN Protocol on Human Trafficking

Challenges


- ▶ Transnational nature of trafficking
 - ▶ Coaching of victims
 - ▶ Language barriers
 - ▶ Fear of retribution
 - ▶ Exploitation of immigration laws
 - ▶ Competing interest with other serious crimes
 - ▶ Exploiting victim statuses with new legislation
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- ▶ Corruption

IMPLEMENTING THE “4 P” PARADIGM

- ▶ **Prevention**
- ▶ **Protection**
- ▶ **Prosecution**
- ▶ **Partnership**

and

Dismantling (“3D” Phenomenon)

- ▶ Detention
 - ▶ Deportation
 - ▶ disempowerment
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Way forward

- ▶ Commissioning comprehensive research
 - According to the Institute for Security Studies Quarterly Crime Report No 32. June 2010

“The HSRC report has a number of disquieting limitations and failings. The researchers acknowledge that reliable information on the scale, direction and nature of trafficking remains scarce”.
- ▶ National Database
- ▶ Developing good inter departmental strategy
- ▶ Focussing on the money laundering side of the traffickers