

UNSG's report for Trafficking in Women and Girls: Singapore's input

Singapore takes a serious view of Trafficking in Persons (TIP). Our strategy to combat TIP is coordinated at the Whole-of-Government level, consisting upstream prevention measures, a strong legal framework, adequate victim support measures, and partnership with local and international stakeholders. Our comprehensive approach is laid out clearly within the National Approach against Trafficking in Persons, 2016-2026, and is designed to protect all vulnerable segments of society from such harms, including women and girls.

Besides the Prevention of Human Trafficking Act (PHTA), we have implemented multiple legislative levers to deter traffickers, including levers specific to women and girls. For example, Articles 140-142 of the Women's Charter provide for heavy penalties for TIP-related offences such as forced prostitution, including imprisonment of up to 10 years. We regularly review and update our legislation to keep up with emerging trends, such as amending the Women's Charter to enhance law enforcement levers against vice perpetrators.