

COVID-19 IMPACT ON CHILD TRAFFICKING

50%

Loss of income has increased familial trafficking. Prior to COVID, aftercare providers reported that 40% of children were being trafficked by a family member. Now, 50% of child survivors report being sold by a family member to meet basic needs of shelter, food, and hygiene products.

64%

Children were trapped with their abusers because of shelter in place. As a result, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) saw a 64% increase in child sexual abuse content reported to their CyberTipline between 2019 and 2020.

98%

Kids are spending more time online than ever before. Child enticement reporting to NCMEC has increased by 98% between 2019 and 2020.

*"We need targeted action to stop criminal traffickers from taking advantage of the pandemic to exploit the vulnerable."
- Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director*



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