



**TRUE**

**FALSE**

The terms 'Organ Trafficking' and 'Human Trafficking for the Purpose of Organ Removal and Harvesting (HTORH)' can be used interchangeably.

HTORH: the illegitimate removal, transport or sale of an organ or tissue from a person without their consent or against their will.

Organ Trafficking: The illegal transport and/or transplant of organ(s)/tissue for financial gain (person may have consented and may have received payment and adequate medical care).

**FALSE**

The average profit from selling a dead body is \$200,000.

**TRUTH**

5-10 % of global transplants are conducted illegally.

**TRUTH**

HTORH does not take place in Canada or involve Canadians.

**FALSE**

Canada is among the top ten importing countries of organs in the world.

In Canada, no legal responsibility is imposed upon those who purchase organs/tissue from the Red Market. Those who go abroad to purchase are not held liable due to jurisdiction and accountability gaps. There are only provincial regulations that prohibit the buying and selling of organs in Canada. There is no specific mention of selling organs in the *Criminal Code*. There is no legal precedent of prosecuting such crime.

**TRUTH**

Brokers, who pocket on average 95% of the total transaction amount, are often linked with organized crime groups as well as terrorist groups, which use this money to commit further crimes and terrorist acts. ISIS is a very good current example.

**TRUTH**



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If you suspect a case of human trafficking for the purpose of organ harvest/removal, please contact:

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Ottawa Police  
613-236-1222 x 5005



Crime Stoppers Ottawa  
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# Human Trafficking

for the Purpose of

Organ Removal /  
Harvesting



The exercise of control over a person in order to illegitimately remove, transport and/or sell organs from their body, for the purpose of transplantation or scientific experimentation.

This is a subcategory of Human Trafficking (HT) differentiated by the form of exploitation.

## The Situation in Canada

### WHAT

Canada is among the top ten global importers of organs.

### WHY

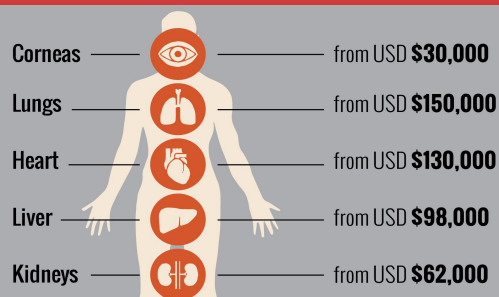
#### Fragmented Organ Donation Program:

The number of Canadians on waiting lists for organ transplants, especially kidney, has doubled in the past 20 years. With 60 active organ donation programs across provinces (according to 2004 data)- and no central registry (for persons in need of organs or for potential donors), the fragmented organ donation system in Canada is unable to meet the organ demand of Canadians.

In Ontario, the average wait time is 3.5 years; over 300 people on waiting lists have died in the past 10 years. In light of this, some turn to the Red Market to save their life or the life of a loved one, feeling it is their only viable option.

#### WHAT IS NEEDED:

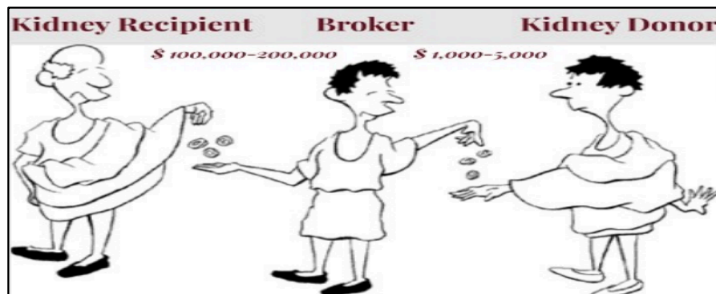
1. Central registry for organ donation;
2. Donors;
3. Data on HTORH in the NCR and at the national level;
4. Public awareness.



Source: Bloody Harvest  
Matas & Kilgour (2007)



## INDICATORS



	Donor	Recipient
Before transplant	Financially responsible for a family, child or parent; low-income; desperate to relieve debts and/or pressures of poverty	Agitated; desperate with current health situation (wait times, risk of death, decreasing quality of life, etc.); inquires about all viable options, including the Red Market
During transplant	Frequent communication with a stranger (middleman / broker); unexplained medical appointments and/or trips to the hospital; possession of untraceable money; absent	Frequent communication with a stranger (middleman / broker); sudden trip abroad; nervous and anxious about pursuing the illegal option; absent
After transplant	Unexplained scars; infection; sudden medical issues; fear, anxiety, worry over prosecution; tired; weak	Unexplained scars, infection; sudden improvement (or deterioration) of health condition; fear of resistance of medical care in the case of deterioration of health condition that is accompanied by anxiety, worry over prosecution

## The Red Market

### DEFINITION

The Black Market is the illegal traffic or trade of goods and services, whose production and distribution is prohibited by law. The Red Market is a term used to refer to the Black Market for the illegal harvest, removal, sale, and transplantation and scientific experimentation of human beings, organs and tissue.

### TARGETED "DONORS"

- From low-income countries, such as India, China, E. Europe, Pakistan, etc, which are known as "organ-exporting countries";
- Age and gender vary;
- In many cases, the organ "donors" are abducted or manipulated by the brokers, stripped of their organs/tissue, and are left to die.

### THE MIDDLEMAN / BROKER

- Of the total transaction amount, 95% is kept as profit by the middleman/broker;
- Often linked with organized crime groups and/or terrorist groups who use the money to finance criminal activities and terrorist acts;
- Recruits "donors" through internet ads, the dark web and local newspapers, as well as abduction, false terms and conditions of verbal agreements, etc;
- Maintains excellent relations with government authorities to facilitate the movement of people across borders, and with medical professionals to perform transplants;
- Arranges and transports live organs to and from hospitals.

### THE RECIPIENT

- Purchases the organ from the broker;
- Organ/tissue recipients come from what is known as "organ-importing countries" which are known to be Australia, Canada, Japan, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the USA;
- The typical recipient is a male of about 48 years old with an annual income of \$53,000 USD.

### OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Medical professionals; travel agencies specialized in medical tourism; translators; corrupt law enforcement officials; health insurance companies; airlines and staff, etc.