

The Central Role of Human Rights in Addressing Trafficking in Persons & Migrant Exploitation

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Presentation Outline

- Critical assessment of current TIP Measures in Nigeria
- International cooperation
- Improving counter TIP measures – practical recommendations on application of human rights standard

Situation in Nigeria

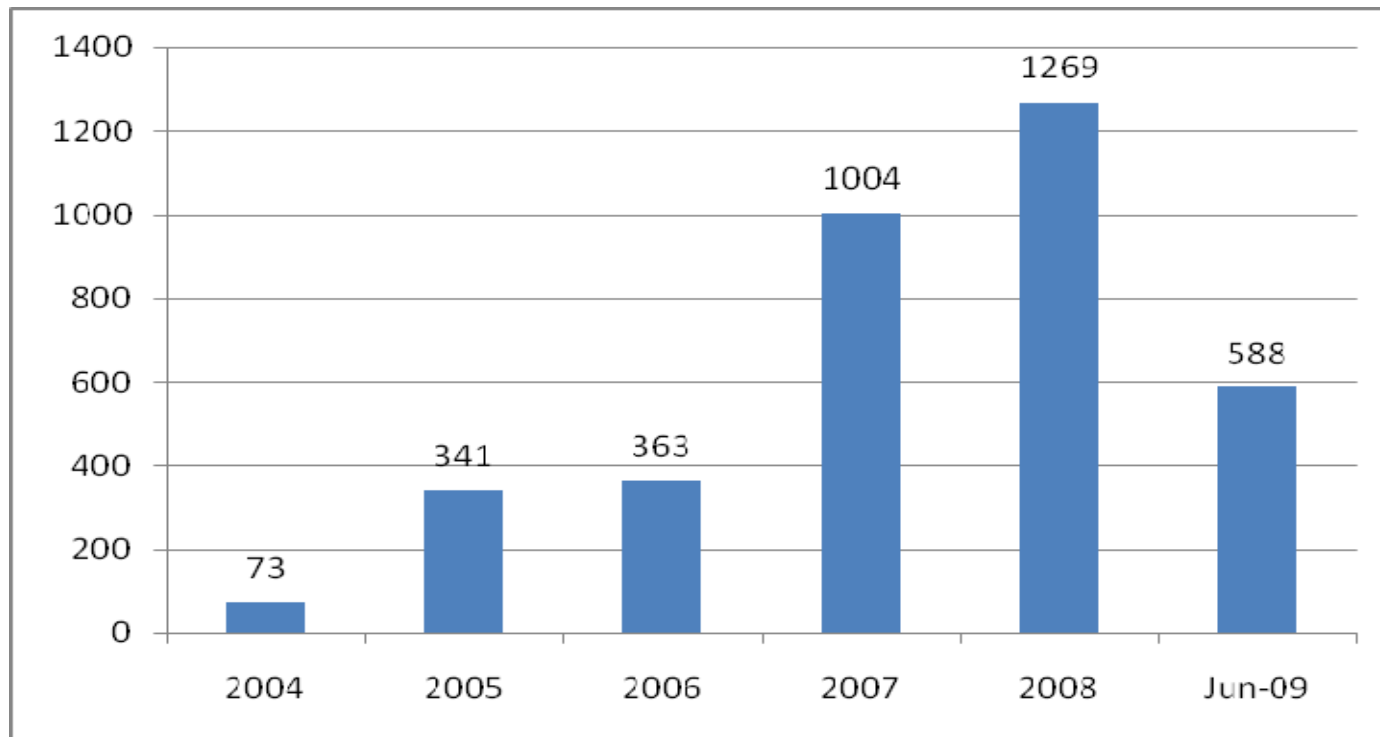
- Over 140m – a rich country with mass poverty
- It is a source, transit & destination country – more of a source to Europe
- The ‘Nigerian Girls’ syndrome echoes across the globe – an area of concern to government
- 2003 enacted a law inline with the TIP Protocol
- The Law established a multi- faceted agency, NAPTIP (www.naptip.gov.ng)

NAPTIP Strategy

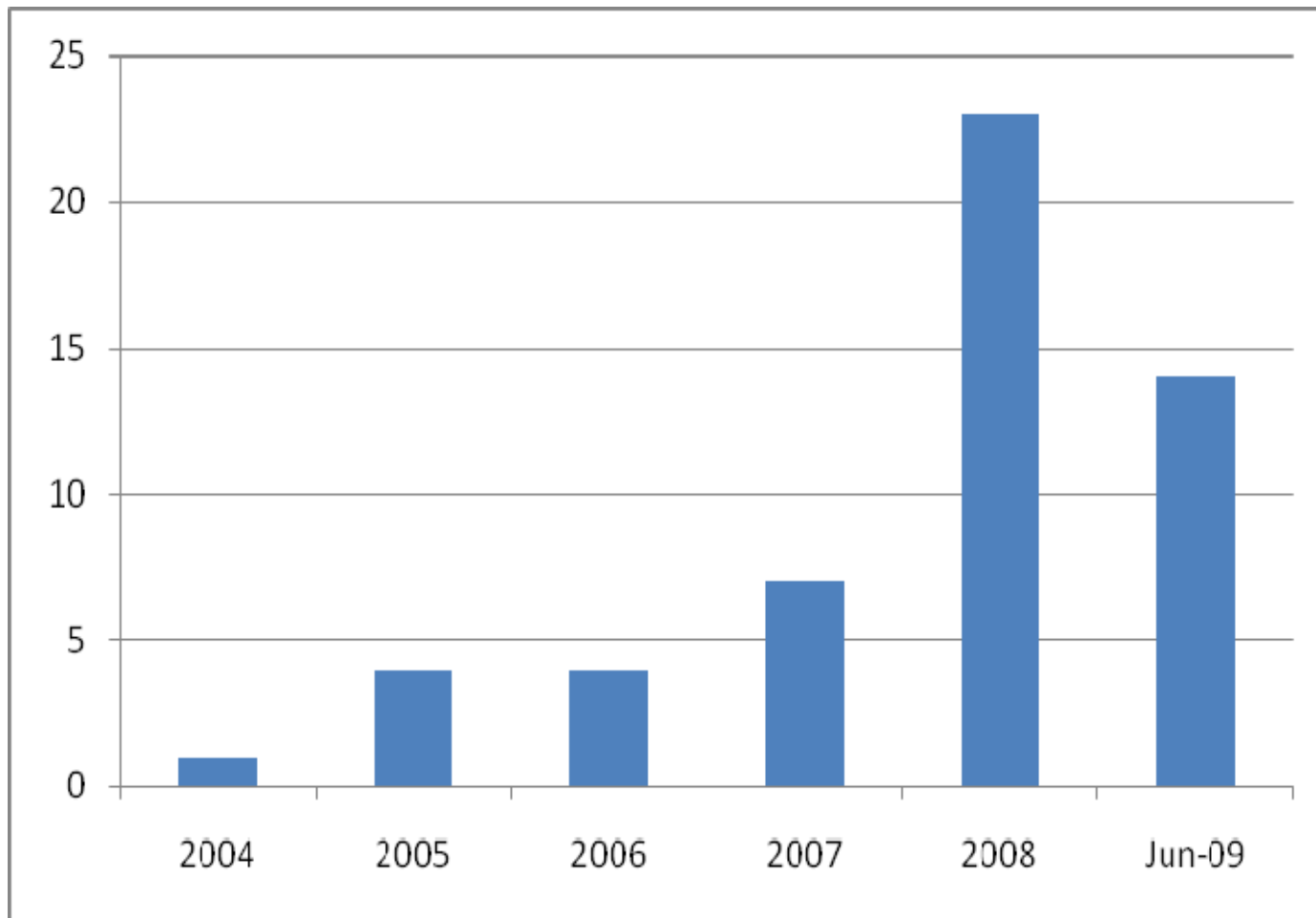
4 Ps Strategy

- **P**revention
- **P**rosecution
- **P**rotection
- **P**artnership (Local & International)

Rescued Victims (2004-June 2009)



Convictions 2004- June 2009



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Global Challenges

- Lack of information to migrant – Source countries
- Transit countries, by their characteristic, condone TIP/SoM
- Identification & Prosecution of Criminal groups more significant to Destination Countries than victims
- Destination Countries victim of TIP protection facilities e.g. visas are cosmetic – not human rights base

Way Forward

- International cooperation on victim protection (Common Tools) – the West African ‘Policy on protection of Victims of TIP’
- Victims must be protected regardless of their role in criminal justice system
- Victim support should not only be limited to residence visas
- TIP Policies should be human rights based rather than response to organised crime



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