

## TAKE EXTRA CAUTION PROTECT YOURSELF

### DID YOU KNOW...?

 **Human trafficking affects more than 40 million victims worldwide, including in Palau.**

Human trafficking occurs in every corner of the world, including Palau and the North Pacific region. Victims of trafficking are exploited in many different ways, including sexual exploitation, forced labor, debt bondage, and organ removal.

 **The current CoVID-19 situation may increase trafficking-related risks in many ways.**

The current CoVID-19 situation and its impact on economy and society may make people more vulnerable to the risk of exploitation, including people who are already at risk. For example, less safe and reliable employment opportunities available may lead people to pursue informal and risky alternatives, increasing the risk of exploitation.

 **You can seek help from relevant organizations if you are at risk or a victim of trafficking.**

Victims of trafficking are entitled to basic assistance provided by the Palauan government and other service providers, including temporary shelter, legal counseling, and interpretation services.



### AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- **National Human Trafficking Hotline:** 680-775-4066
- **Anti Human Trafficking Office:** 680-488-4845 (Assistance and guidance for trafficking victims)
- **Micronesia Legal Services Corporation:** 680-488-2473/74 (Legal assistance)
- **Ministry of Health Division of Mental Health Services:** 680-488-4573 (Mental health services and counseling)
- **Ministry of Health Hotline:** 680-488-0555 (General information on CoVID-19)
- **Belau National Hospital Emergency Room:** 680-488-2558 (Further guidance in case of symptoms)