Commissioned by the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW), ‘Collateral Damage. The Impact of Anti-Trafficking Measures on Human Rights Around the World’ is a unique, eight-country appraisal of the human rights repercussions of various anti-trafficking initiatives on the people living, working and migrating under them. The report considers the experiences of Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, India, Nigeria, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America considering whether anti-trafficking measures have provided scope for greater protection of the human rights of trafficked persons and those at risk of being trafficked.

"Seven years after the adoption of the UN Trafficking Protocol and we’re learning that many of the practices applied around the world to prevent trafficking in human beings have resulted in substantial collateral damage to the very people who were intended to benefit from these measures. The report reminds us of the importance of centring the interest of women, children and men on the forefront of our work."

Bandana Pattanaik, International Coordinator, GAATW

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As anti-trafficking organisations strive to realise what a human rights based approach means in practice, this report represents a thoughtful reminder that centering the interests of the women, children and men affected by trafficking in policy making and evaluation is key to avoiding harm.

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