



# **CHILD PROSTITUTION IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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# TOP 5 PROVIDENCE WHERE CHILD PROSTITUTION TAKES PLACE

- 1. Metro Manila
- 2. Angeles City
- 3. Puerto Galera in Mindoro  
Provinces
- 4. Daveo
- 5. Cebu





- Philippines is the top four among 9 nations that involves child prostitution
- Angeles City, two hours north of Metro Manila is the home where most sex industries takes place .



1984- 7 provinces involves child prostitution. Today child prostitution rised to 37 provinces.

1991-1996- 8,335 child abuse cases that were reported, 96% where females.

1996- 492 of 3,776 cases reported involves child abuse such as pornography and/or child prostitution



# REGISTERED PROSTITUTION IN CEBU, PHILIPPINES

<b>1992</b>	<b>1,557</b>
June 1994	2,189
June 1996	2,988

This number does not include the estimation of non registered prostitutes



- One fourth of 400,000 prostitution in 1998 were children. Each year from 1998, approximately 3,266 were added.

- Today approximately 40,000- 60,000 Filipino children are involved in some type of prostitution



# SOURCES OF CHILD PROSTITUTION AS OF 1998

- There were 868 prostitutes in 1993, by 1996 there were 1,525 in Davao. It has increase dramatically by nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  the amount
- In Angeles City, there were approximately 500 prostitutes. Among those, 75% were children.







Children 11 to 15 of age said that relatives are the ones that introduce them into prostitution





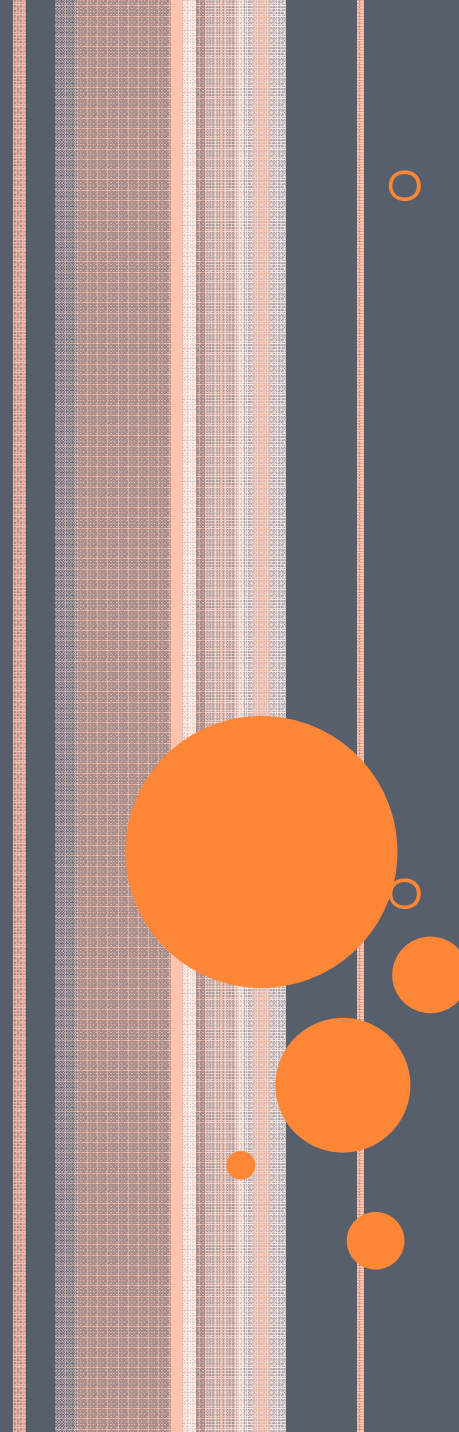
In, some  
cases  
children are  
kidnapped  
from their  
homes and  
forced into  
prostitution



- Due to economic crisis, teenage girls are forced into prostitution

- Younger children are forced into prostitution due to poverty

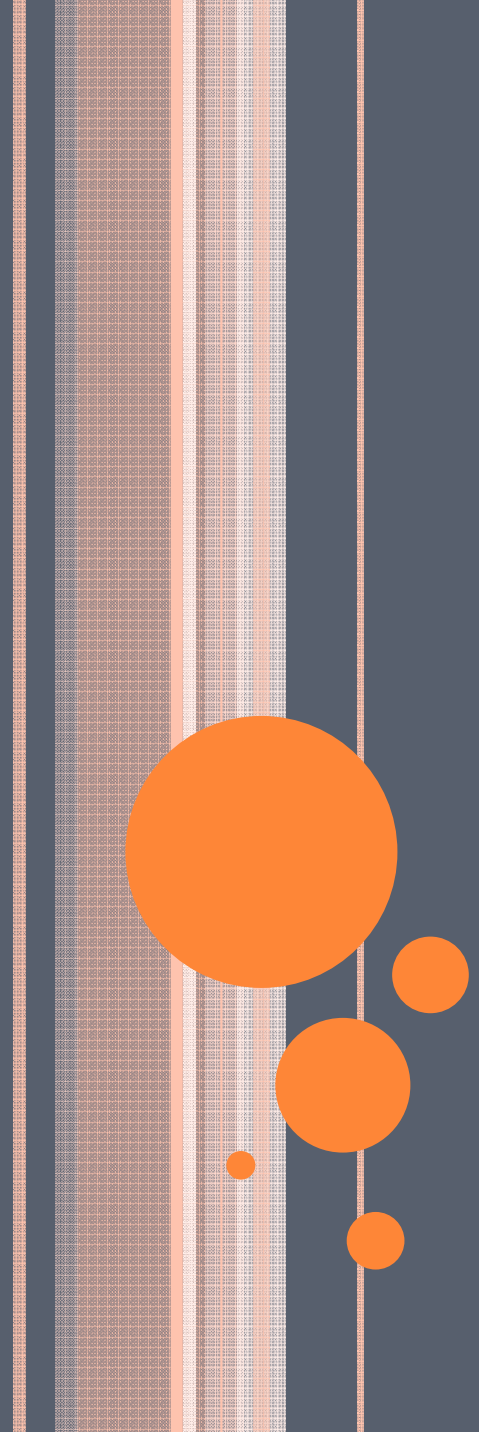


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- Most men whom buy prostitutes are laborers., businessmen, taxi drivers, foreigners or teenage males who are eager to lose their virginity.
  - Customers usually pays at the range of 50 cents to \$2.50 for the service

# HEALTH AND HYGIENE OF PROSTITUTIONS

- Most if not all prostitute child's life no different from prisoners. The longer the child remains in the field, the harder it would be for the girl to overcome the trauma.
- There is no studies at the moment that the children that been through prostitution can be rehabilitate.
- Gonorrhoea is one of the most common STD. Some girls believes that mixing water with a tiny Tide detergent will prevent gonorrhoea, which is a myth.



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- **Philippines is the first Asian country to pass a Anti- Child abuse law**
    1. **There was 158 cases of child abuse filed since this law was passed through the course of two years (1994-1996) relating to child sexual exploitation. Among them five led to convictions.**

- Philippines signed an anti-pedophilia cooperation agreements with Great Britain and Australia in 1997
- Britain and the Philippines are cooperating to stop child sex tourism with signing a pact in August 1997 to provide co-operation between the police force
- British police experts gave a training course in Manila for Filipino police on how to deal with child victim abuse

