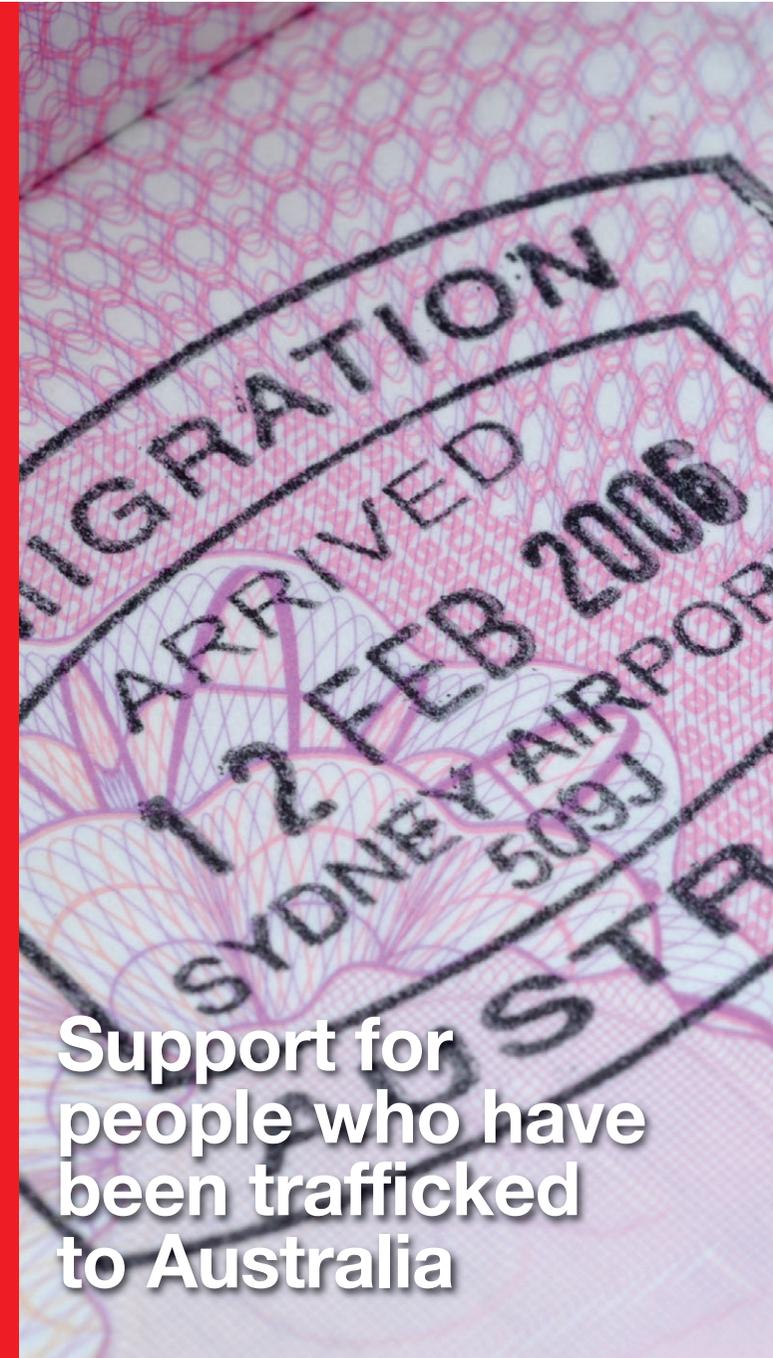




## How can you receive support?

- If you would like more information about the program please contact Red Cross by emailing [national\\_stpp@redcross.org.au](mailto:national_stpp@redcross.org.au).
- If you would like to speak to the AFP about your situation and being referred to the Red Cross Support for Trafficked People Program please contact AFP's Human Trafficking Team by calling 131 237.
- If you would like to speak to an independent organisation about your visa status or any obligations for participating in Australian Federal Police's investigations contact Anti-Slavery Australia by calling 02 9514 9662 during business hours.

[www.redcross.org.au](http://www.redcross.org.au)



**Support for  
people who have  
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to Australia**

# What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking occurs when a person is deliberately deceived about the conditions of a job in another country. Once they arrive, they are forced or threatened to undertake the work. In many cases people are coerced into paying off a significant 'debt' they knew nothing about.

Human trafficking occurs in many different industries including:

- Labour in the fishing, construction, manufacturing or mining industry
- Domestic work in homes, small businesses and embassies
- Sex work
- Retail, sales and hospitality
- Human trafficking is a serious crime in Australia.

# Support for people who have been trafficked

Red Cross works to uphold the health, dignity and wellbeing of people who have been trafficked to Australia. Red Cross helps people access the information they need to be able to make informed decisions about their future for themselves.

## Who can Red Cross help?

In Australia, suspected cases of human trafficking are investigated by the Australian Federal Police (AFP). When the AFP meet people they think may have been trafficked, they are referred to Red Cross for support.

Red Cross support is not mandatory for anyone, and you can choose whether or not you want to receive support and are free to leave at any time.

Red Cross are only able to provide support to people who have been referred to them by the AFP.

## How can Red Cross help?

If you are referred to Red Cross the support you receive will be based on your needs. It may include:

- help finding somewhere safe to live
- income support
- access to health care
- arranging independent legal advice
- education and vocational training
- counselling

There is a 45 day reflection period where Red Cross can provide safe accommodation and ongoing support while you decide whether you are willing and able to assist the AFP with their investigation. It is your choice.

You will be eligible for ongoing support after this initial period if: the AFP believes you have been trafficked, the AFP can investigate a crime committed against you, and you are willing to co-operate with the AFP in their investigation.

The program is funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and is at no charge to you.



# How does Red Cross work?

Red Cross works with the AFP to discuss any important issues regarding people's safety, health and wellbeing.

Red Cross assists in the humanitarian services of government, but is always independent .

Red Cross will treat you fairly and with respect at all times. Any information you provide to Red Cross will be kept confidential to respect your privacy. In some circumstances, such as concerns for your safety, Red Cross will need to share this information with the AFP.