



Tackling Human Trafficking in Japan

Lighthouse: Center for Human Trafficking Victims

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About Lighthouse

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Mission: Realizing a Society without Human Trafficking

Foundation :

August 2004

of Staff :

4 full-time, 3 part-time

Change Laws

Technical Training

Advocacy

Raising Awareness

-Hotline
-Direct/Emergency Support



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Interesting facts about Japan

- **3rd** largest economy
- **19th** in Human development index
 - Education, health
- **1 in 6** children are living in relative poverty
- **Gender Wage Gap:**
 - Women make **73%** versus men
- **Gender Gap:**
 - **110th** out of 149 countries (2018)



Trafficking facts in Japan

- Prostitution and pornography **laws are lax.**
- **Price of sex** is low due to huge supply
 - Economist
- **Possessing child pornography** was legal until 2014
- **No sex offender list**



US Trafficking in Persons Report

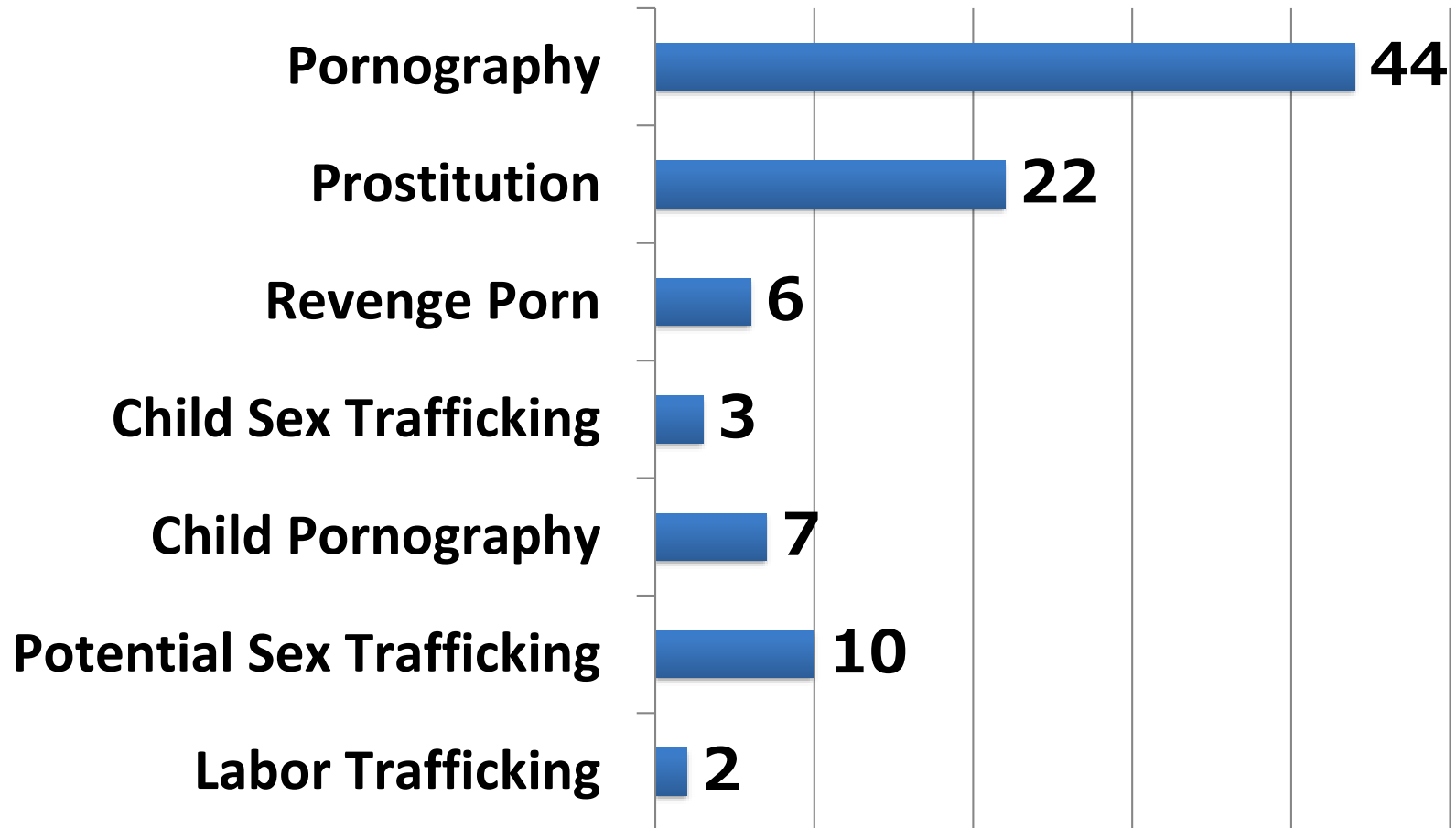


“Japan does not comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking” for **17 consecutive years**

(US State Department :state.gov/j/tip)

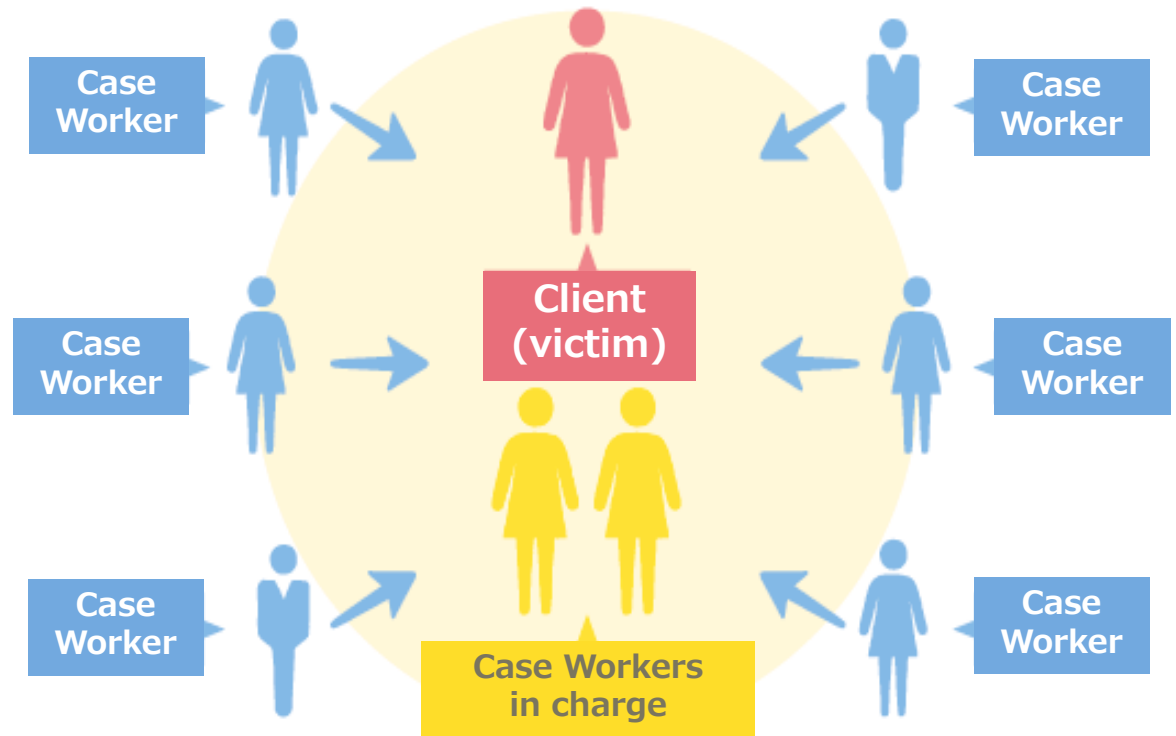
Number of Trafficking cases in 2018

Lighthouse served



How We Support

- ◆ Direct Support (**Consult, Accompany, Follow-up**)
- ◆ Connect to necessary social resources
 - Legal Service
 - Police
 - Social Service
 - Medical
 - Shelter



Respect Self-determination

2 year plan for policy change (2018-2020)

