Notorious Activity Under The Maradana Bridge

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Young men who go past the Maradana Bridge wonder at the small group of sex workers who stand on the bridge almost all day. The group usually comprises between 20 and 30 sex workers taking place daily. Nobody interferes as these sex workers use foul language and are very aggressive,” one shopkeeper said.

Another vendor said that the police were aware of what is taking place in the area. “I wonder why the Police are not taking action against those who misuse other’s custom- ers,” there are about 14 women between 25 and 45 years of age. What understanding is that around these premises with the support of pimps. Most of them are victims who go to catch a train at the Mandela Railway Station so in the rush they don’t have time to stop and complain to the police,” the shopkeeper said.

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According to data made available in 2013, there was an average of 14,312 female Sex Workers in Sri Lanka. Out of these sex workers, 5,100 were working in the Western Prov- ince, where the district of Colombo accounted for 40% of the total. As pointed out in the HIV Sentinel Surveillance, the prevalence of HIV among sex workers was 0.5% in 2013. Following the above-mentioned factors, the number of sex workers in the Central Province is also rising. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district. The number of sex workers in the Colombo district has increased to 7,551 (2013), with 3,451 (2012) in the Western Province and 2,021 in the Puttalam district.

According to the Sri Lankan Law, sex in private is not an offence. Adultery is also not a criminal offence, whereas, it is a marital offence. Adultery means the spouse practices sexual activities with another person besides his/her legal partner.

DMW are some of the international conventions. Also, the National AIDS Policy addresses human rights issues of People living with HIV including key populations. This rights-based approach of dealing with HIV is an integral part of the National AIDS Policy (ICOP, and 2009), and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).