

## Who we are

Talitha Kum is an international network of Consecrated Life against trafficking in persons. Working as a network facilitates collaboration and the interchange of information between consecrated men and women in 70 countries.

Talitha Kum was founded in 2009. It arose from the shared desire to coordinate and strengthen the already existing activities against trafficking undertaken by consecrated persons in the five continents.

It is a project of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), in collaboration with the Union of Superiors General (USG).



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## Get involved

- Inform yourself on the phenomenon of trafficking in persons worldwide and especially in your own country.
- Make contact with the organisations involved with combatting trafficking
- Become involved as a volunteer in preventative activities
- Support this work by your prayers
- Support and participate in campaigns against trafficking
- Buy products from centres of economic reintegration of survivors of trafficking
- Support us economically

“If you want to go fast, go alone.  
 If you want to go far,  
 go together.”  
 (African proverb)

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## Talitha Kum

is an expression that is found in the Gospel of Mark (5, 41).

The words from the Aramaic mean  
“Maiden, I say to you, **arise.**”

These words were addressed by Jesus  
to the twelve year old daughter of Jairus,  
who lay apparently lifeless.  
Jesus took her by the hand  
and she immediately got up and walked.

The worldwide network of consecrated life  
committed against trafficking in persons  
chose the expression “Talitha Kum”  
to define their identity.

The expression “Talitha Kum” has  
the transformative power of compassion and mercy,  
which awakens the deep desire for dignity and life  
which may be asleep and injured  
by the many forms of exploitation.

## The dimension of the phenomenon

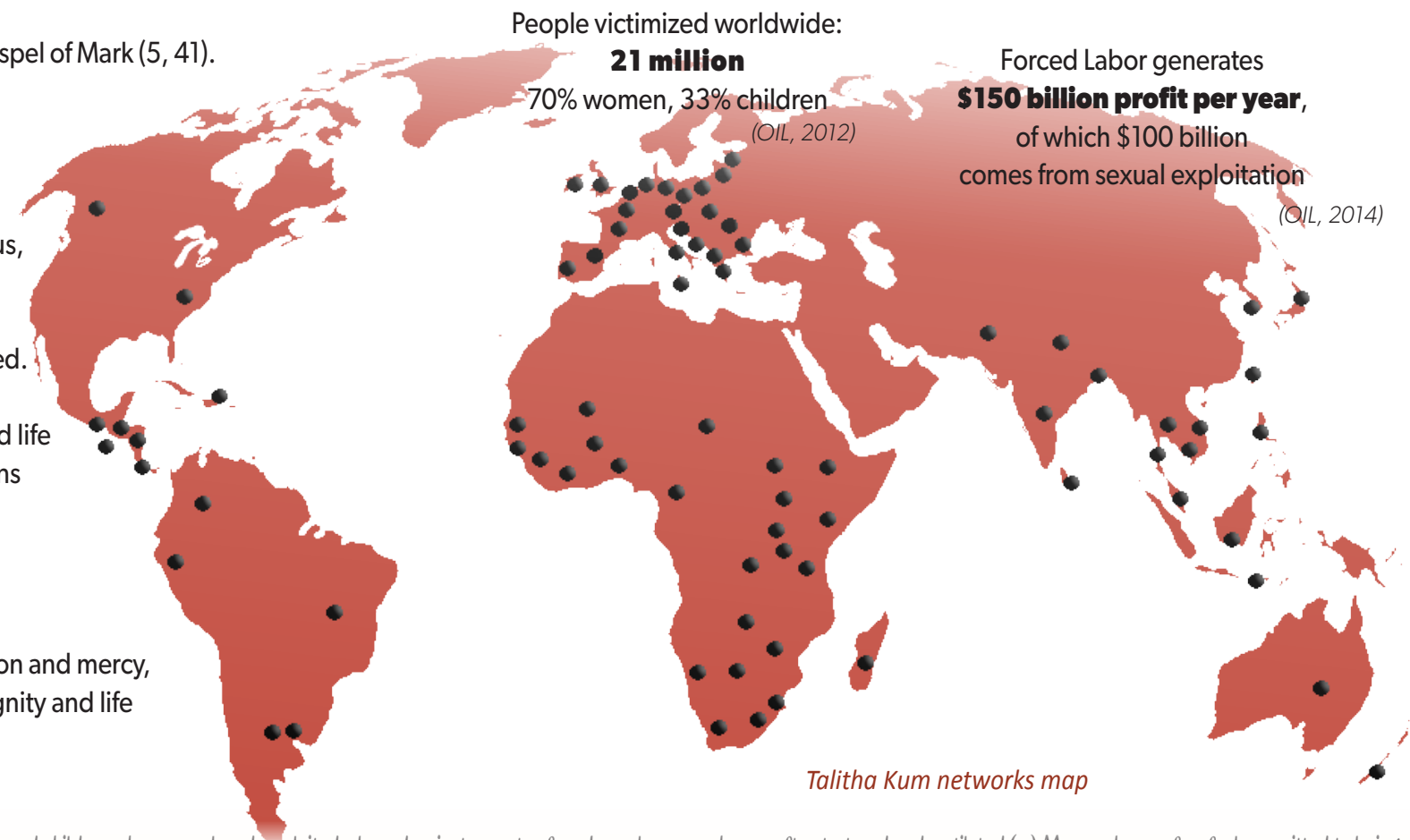
People victimized worldwide:

**21 million**

70% women, 33% children  
(OIL, 2012)

Forced Labor generates

**\$150 billion profit per year,**  
of which \$100 billion  
comes from sexual exploitation  
(OIL, 2014)



## What is the role of Talitha Kum?

- We promote the formation of new regional networks
- We foster communication and interchange of information between member networks
- We support actions of political impact internationally
- We promote February 8 the World Day of prayer and reflection against trafficking in persons



“I encourage those who work helping the men, women and children who are enslaved, exploited, abused as instruments of work or pleasure, who are often tortured and mutilated.(...) May each one of us feel committed to being a voice for our brothers and sisters, who have been humiliated in their dignity.” Pope Francis, Angelus February 8th 2015