Positional Statement: Human Trafficking

Statement of the Issue

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. Reliable reports show that millions of people around the world are subjected to it. The techniques used by traffickers and the forms in which trafficking is manifested are various, but what is common to them all is the exploitation of some people by other people. Those who are victimized include babies, children, teenagers, women and men.

Principles

Human trafficking is contrary to the principles of freedom and dignity. The exploitation of human beings dehumanises the individuals who are trafficked, rewards the inhumanity of the traffickers, and weakens the moral and social fabric of society at large.

Restoring dignity to persons who have been exploited is not easy, and the danger of paternalising trafficked victims in the name of aiding them must be kept in view.

Statement of Position

As leaders in our industry, we support the Guiding Principles outlined in the U.N.’s "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework for Business and Human Rights by taking a zero-tolerance approach to human trafficking within our spheres of influence.

Jetstack is committed to fighting human trafficking however it may be manifested and seek to exercise care in restoring the freedom and dignity of those affected.

Jetstack is opposed to the corrupt abuse of power against other human beings that is inherent in trafficking for personal economic gain. We therefore have the responsibility, both individually and collectively, to work for the liberation of those who have been enslaved in this manner, and to establish the legal and social mechanisms by which human trafficking can be stopped.

To demonstrate our commitment, Jetstack is:

1. Developing a corporate strategy for an anti-trafficking policy, which will permeate all activities, including supplier codes of conduct, and clear procedures for reporting any suspected incidences;

2. Contributing to the prevention of human trafficking, through awareness training and engagement of our employees; and

3. Developing and sharing best practice.

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