

# OUR 12-POINT VULNERABILITY INDICATOR

Our 12-point vulnerability indicator was developed from hundreds of intake interviews conducted with survivors of sex trafficking across Nigeria. It is utilized as an anecdotal guide in determining the extent to which pre-trafficking beneficiaries are susceptible to becoming trafficked. We have found that women identifying 6 or more indicators are vulnerable to being recruited and/or trafficked within a year if interventions are not timely effected. For more information, please email [info@pathfindersji.org](mailto:info@pathfindersji.org) or visit [www.pathfindersji.org](http://www.pathfindersji.org).

1. Woman/girl aged 15-35
2. Orphaned or from a single parent home
3. Usually eldest sibling
4. Minimal to no education or employable skill
5. Living in abject poverty
6. Parents illiterate or poorly educated
7. Is unemployed or underemployed
8. Pressure from family and peers (particularly mother) to travel abroad
9. Has sibling or peer that is already abroad
10. Has some social media access
11. Maintains perverted/misguided ambition (mindset) or low self worth/esteem that embraces/potentially embraces prostitution as a viable alternative to poverty
12. Prior history of child abuse or rape