



# PROTECTION & ASSISTANCE

FOR VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING  
IN PERSONS: THE PERSPECTIVE OF  
TIPPEA ACT 2015



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## AIM

➤ To Discuss the Provisions of the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act 2015 that drive the Protection and Assistance to Victims and Survivors of Trafficking in Persons

# INTRODUCTION

- Generally speaking, the focus of victimology is highly undermined in crime fighting as most law enforcement Agencies pay attention to the perpetrators of crime; the need to delve into investigation, get them arrested and prosecuted.
- However, the nature of the Anti-Trafficking Act and NAPTIP's innovative approach brings a paradigm to this tradition by also paying attention to the rehabilitation, empowerment and recovery process for victims of crime; with a conscious effort to get them justice along with the prosecution of the perpetrators of the crime.
- To this end, NAPTIP's establishing law makes adequate provision for the protection and assistance of victims with special emphasis on their rights to exemption from criminal prosecutions, right to adequate compensation, rights to protection and welfare services, among others.

# CONCEPTUAL CLARIFICATIONS

- NOTE: The Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act (2015) recognizes only the term **VICTIM** and NOT Survivor.

## Under Section 82 of TIPPEA Act 2015

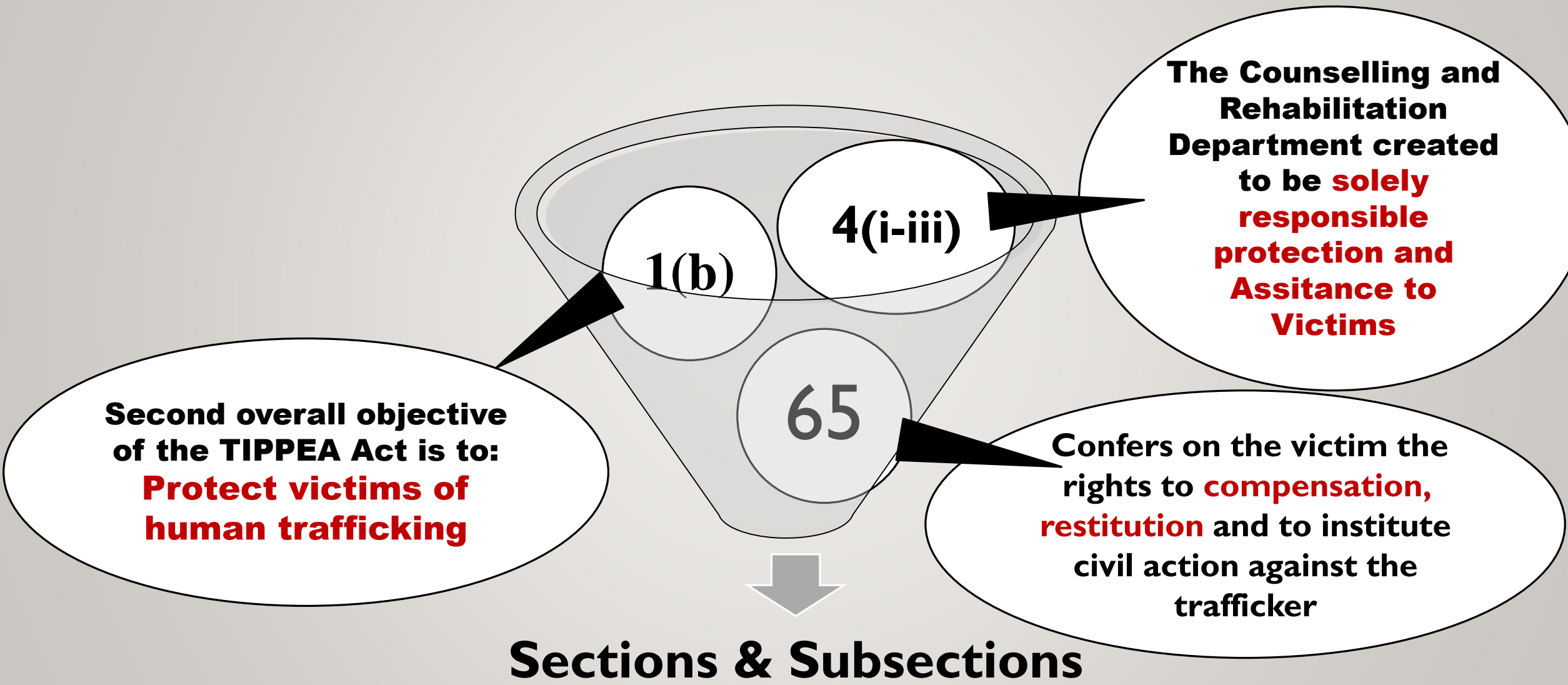
- “Trafficked person” means a victim of trafficking in persons
- “Victim” means a victim of trafficking in persons

# WHO IS A VICTM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; BROADER DEFINITION:

- *“any child, woman or man that is recruited, transported within or across Nigerian borders, purchased, sold, transferred, received or harboured by fraudulent means or by the use of deception, coercion or debt bondage, for exploitative purpose or for the purpose of placing or holding the person in servitude in force or bonded labour or in slavery-like conditions”*

-Adapted from the Broader Definition under the Anti-Trafficking Protocol

# SPECIFIC CLAUSES IN TIPPEA Act (2015) FOR VICTIM PROTECTION & ASSISTANCE



# TREATMENT OF VICTIMS IN SECTION 61

## NAPTIP TO ENSURE THAT A VICTIM...

...is **not subjected to discriminatory treatment** on account of race, colour, gender, sex, age, language... etc

...has access to the embassy or consulate of his country

...is able to **return home safely**, if he wishes and when he is able to do so;

...is not denied temporary residence visas during the pendency of any criminal, civil or other legal actions

...has his identity protected;

...has **access to adequate health and other social services** during the period of temporary residence;

...and his family are **protected from intimidation, threats, and reprisals** from traffickers and their associates including reprisals from persons in position of authority.

...is rehabilitated

# VICTIMS' RIGHTS TO INFORMATION AND NON-DENTENTION IN SECTIONS 62 & 63

## **Section 62:**

Where the circumstances so justify, trafficked persons shall not be detained or prosecuted for offences relating to being a victim of trafficking, including non-possession of valid travel document, use of a false travel or other document

**63. A victim of trafficking in person shall be provided with**

information on relevant Court and administrative proceedings;

assistance to enable the victim's views and concerns to be presented and considered at appropriate stages of criminal proceedings against the traffickers;

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# **VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING TRUST FUNDS – SECTION 67**

## **SOURCES OF FUNDS TO THE TRUST FUND:**

**Grants and special intervention funds by the Fed. Govt**

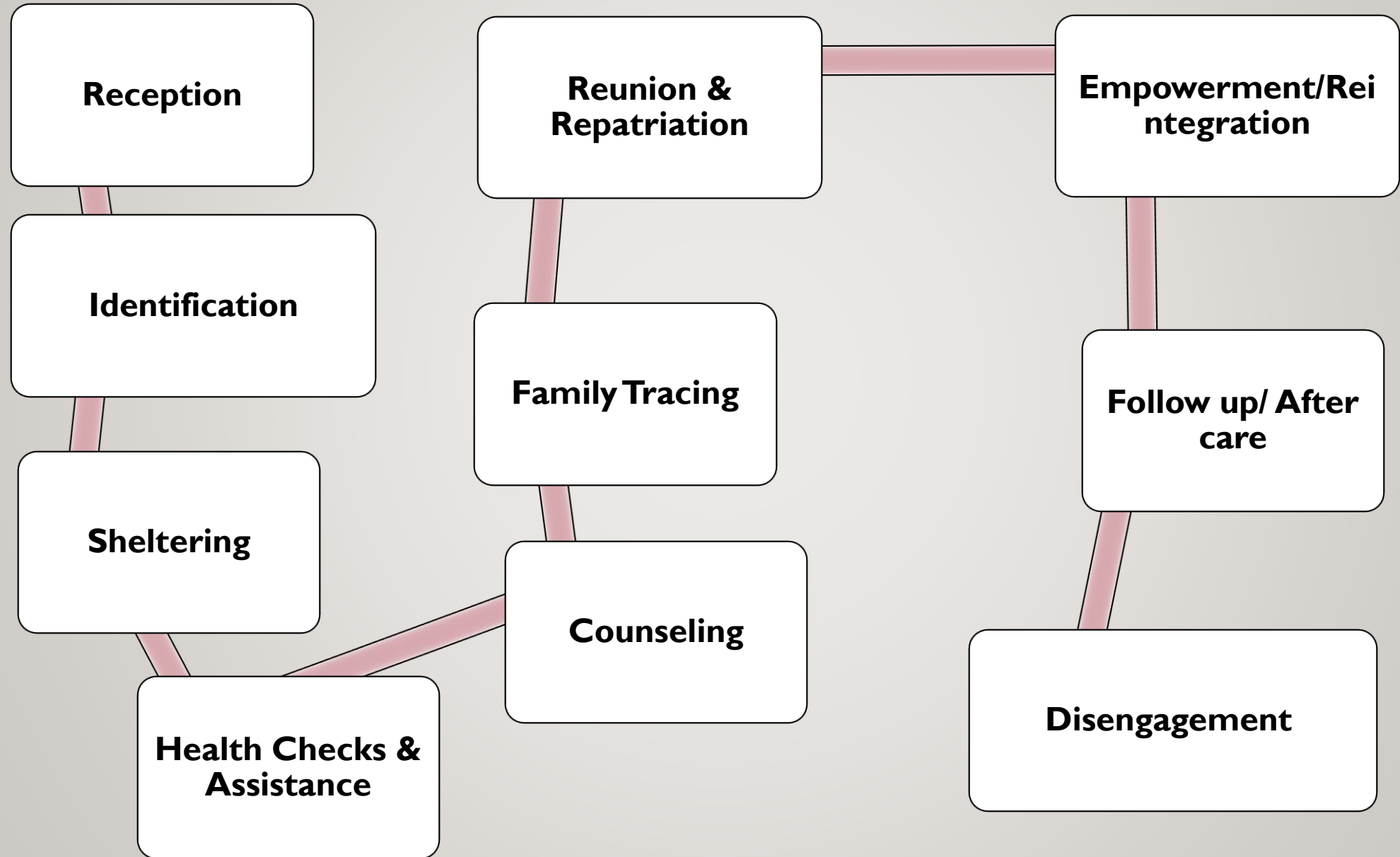
**Donations and Grants from Local and Int'l Orgs**

**proceeds of the sale of assets and properties of convicted traffickers derived from acts which constitute an offence under this Act;**

**Specific Appropriations from National Assembly**

**Any other moneys which may accrue to the Trust Fund from time to time.**

# VICTIM PROTECTION SERVICES



# CONCLUSION

- The TIPPEA Act (2015) makes comprehensive provision for adequate protection and assistance to victims of trafficking.
- Besides the TIPPEA Act 2015, the Agency has a number of other documents that support the protection and assistance of victims including the national Policy for Protection and Assistance to Trafficked Persons in Nigeria (which was reviewed in 2022), Protocol for Identification, Safe Return and Rehabilitation of Trafficked Persons, Guidelines on National Referral Mechanism for Trafficked Persons, Guidelines for Protection of Children in Formal Care, among others.
- These legal and Policy framework ensure adequate care, assistance and protection to trafficked victims in order to remove help them overcome their victimization, protect their fundamental human rights and ward off any reprisal attack by traffickers or their agents.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION*