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Intersectionality of prostitution

To understand intersectionality of prostitution we first have to understand what is intersectionality and prostitution.

Intersectionality - refers to the simultaneous experience of social categories such as socioeconomic status, race, gender, and sexual orientation and the ways in which these categories interact to create systems of oppression, domination, and discrimination.

Prostitution - involves engaging, agreeing, or offering to engage in sexual conduct with another person in return for money.

Sex Industry: - is a commercial sector that employs sex workers in prostitution, pornography, escort, brothel and private.

Prostitution in Guyana is widespread and illegal. The law on prostitution is antiquated, outdated and dates back to the colonial era. With the inconsistency of law enforcement, sex workers report violence and abuse not only by the police but from clients.

Many women and girls turn to prostitution due to economic reasons and lack of other job opportunities. Prostitution, in the most part, continues to receive public attention because of the high incidence of HIV/AIDS among prostitutes in Guyana. In Guyana, prostitution is separated into three categories, that is:

Uptown – this serves affluent clients

Downtown – this serves the working class

Mining sites – which cater for the interior region

UPTOWN PROSTITUTION: is where prostitutes played their trade to affluent clientele in various high-end hotels in Georgetown, such as Marriot, Pegasus etc. The price paid by the client for one of the prostitutes is at a higher cost. These types of prostitutes also have their full time jobs, where they work as bank teller, clerks in various government ministries and private sector organization.

DOWNTOWN PROSTITUTION: this type of prostitution caters to the working class, prostitutes normally rent room in various hotels in the downtown area of Guyana., where they attract clients in the hotel's bars or outside of the hotels. Many of these prostitutes faces economic constraints, live in poverty and are single mothers that do not have any other job opportunities.

MINING SITES: this is in the interior of Guyana, where women from Brazil, Dominican Republic, Venezuela,

Suriname, Jamaica and various indigenous villages in the interior of Guyana goes to the mining areas to played their trade to the gold miner's sexual needs. These women work in kiamoos, this is a temporary structure of wood, zinc or tarpaulin, which form rooms that only hold just a bed that allow prostitutes to entertain clients.

STREET PROSTITUTION: this is where most prostitutes will line the street looking for clientele in Guyana. The prostitutes played their trade in cars, parks, bus stops, brothels and any place they deem fit in acquiring their monies. These prostitutes also visit the wharfs where ships from foreign countries dock. They will seek permission from the captain in order to provide sexual service to the crews.

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