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Title: Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation Qatar FIFA World Cup 2022

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INTRODUCTION

Qatar hosted the 2022 FIFA World Cup and was the focus of considerable debate regarding poor labour practices and the potential for commercial sexual exploitation during the tournament. This reporting seeks to create a basis for modelling how trafficking groups plan and deliver their exploitation businesses in and during these large events.

WE ASSESS AS FOLLOWS

RECRUITMENT

- a) Traffickers specialised in commercial sexual exploitation are likely to rent properties in advance to bring their victims to and to plan and pay for advertising in the venue City/geography.
- b) Out of area cell phone numbers were prevalent in Qatar and are likely to be in event locations in the future.
- c) In Qatar, commercial sexual exploitation ads appeared to almost double for the 2022 FIFA World Cup period, indicating a significant temporary growth in the workforce for selling sex.
- d) Advertised nationalities were principally dominated by; Russian, South American and East and West African.

DEMAND

- a) There is clearly an active market for the purchase of sex at major events like the 2022 FIFA World Cup, where large groups of visitors arrive for a period of days.
- b) Contact details for the sex service are to an out-of-area telephone number, often via WhatsApp.
- c) Adverts for sex for sale on Adult Services Websites are likely to double for the period immediately prior to and during the event.

MONEY (REVENUE)

- a) Payment for sexual services is likely to be inflated in comparison with routine throughput and payments from the vicinity of the event are strong indicators.
- b) Travel to Qatar, or the site of any major event, is likely to be for multiple individuals via the same payment method.
- c) Car hire, multiple taxi charges and consistent food delivery payments add context to the patterns/typologies in the vicinity of the event.
- d) Payments to different adult services advertising houses than might be the norm may be an indicator.

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