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Thompson against human trafficking

Human trafficking is on the rise, but making sure girls receive birth certificates can make it more difficult for them to fall victim to the crime, Emma Thompson said Tuesday.

"It's increasing big, big, big time – it's the third largest shadow economy after drugs and small arms," the 48-year-old actress-screenwriter told reporters.

A United Nations human trafficking forum begins Wednesday. Thompson is the chair of the Helen Bamber Foundation, a Britain-based group that helps rebuild the lives of victims of cruelty.

She warned it was much easier to buy and sell people – especially women – who do not have birth certificates.