

THE CROATIAN NATIONAL PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION

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SYSTEM OF SUPPRESSION OF THB IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA



MOST IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SUPPRESSION OF THB

- Government Office for human rights
- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of the family, veterans affairs and intergenerational solidarity
- Ministry of Justice
- State Attorney's office
- Non-government organizations

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SUPPRESSION OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEEINGS

- Established on 9. May 2002.
- Members: representatives of all relevant ministries and government agencies, non-government organisations and the media
- Chairperson: the Deputy Prime Minister responsible for social affairs and human rights
- such a high position of the head of the National Committee indicates the government's attention paid to the problem

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SUPPRESSION OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEEINGS

- The primary assignment of the National Committee - reaching programs and plans on the field of Suppression of Trafficking in Human Beings as well as regulating the most important political guidelines on that field
- The council body
- The Secretariat of the National Committee is at the Office for the Human Rights, Government of the Republic of Croatia.

OPERATIONAL TEAM

- Part of the National committee
- Meets on a monthly base, and if needed more often
- Established in order to resolve problems related to the specific cases of trafficking in persons and to coordinate the activities of all parties involved in their resolution
- Head of the Operative team is the National coordinator who also convenes the sessions of the Operative team at least once a month
- Members are also members of the National committee

GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- Head of the Government Office for Human Rights is ex officio the national coordinator for suppression of THB
- Reason:
 - political strength of the Government Office
 - THB one of the most severe violation of human rights
- National coordinating body

GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- The work on prevention:
- National campaigns “Stop human trafficking” and “Stop trafficking in children”, Campaign aimed at users (CARDS 2004)
- the web page of the Office provides information and data connected with the suppression of trafficking in persons for all participants on the national and international levels, as well as the general public
- Cooperation with the non-government organisations (the PETRA association)

ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR

- coordinating the work of the National Committee, in collaboration with the president of the National Committee
- monitoring and coordinating the implementation of the NAP
- leading the work of the Operative Team
- Participating in the activities of the Working Group for the Suppression of Trafficking in Children
- performing other issues

THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

- State department report - classifies the Republic of Croatia as TIER 1
- New National Plan for Suppression of Trafficking in Human Beings 2009 -2011

NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK

- Criminal Code – article 175.
- Aliens act
- Social welfare Act
- Witness protection Act
- Asylum act
- Legal person criminal liability Act

NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK - 2009

- New Criminal Procedure Act- further improvement of procedural rules for victims
- Protocol on proceeding during the voluntary return of human trafficking victims
- Amendments to the Protocol on Identification, Help and Assistance to THB Victims

ASSISTANCE TO AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS

- 2 official safe shelters
- Alternative accommodation
- The safe shelters are run by nongovernmental organization with a financial support of the Government of the Republic of Croatia.
- People who work in that shelter are specially educated for work with victims of trafficking.

IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

- Ministry of Interior – The **National Police Office for the Suppression of Corruption and Organised Crime** - 26 policemen specially educated for identification of THB victims

IDENTIFIED VICTIMS OF THB (2002. - 2009.)

CITIZENSHIP	2002.	2003.	2004.	2005.	2006.	2007.	2008.	2009.
Republic Croatia	2	2	6	3	3	9	4	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina		1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Bulgaria				1	3			
Cameron		1						
Morocco			1					
Moldova	3	1	2			1		
Romania			3	1	1			
Russian Federation		1						
Slovakia		1						
Serbia (and Montenegro)		1	3	1		3	1	3
Ukraine	2		2		3			
Albania					1			
No citizenship	1							
TOTAL 84	8	8	19	6	13	15	7	8

IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

TOTAL (2002-2009)=84 VICTIMS

TOTAL (2009) ► 8:

- 4 (Republic of Croatia),
- 1 (Bosnia and Hercegovina)
- 3 (Serbia)

5 sexual exploitation,
3 labour exploitation (men)
one woman- sexual & labour exploitation

DISCOVERING, PROCESSING AND PUNISHING THE PERPETRATORS

- IN 2009:

Arrested: 9

Indictments: 5

Verdicts: 6

HELPING AND PROTECTING VICTIMS

- In 2 official safe shelters (2009)
 - 4 victims:
 - 3 identified in 2009,
 - 1 identified in 2008

HELPING AND PROTECTING VICTIMS

- Cooperation Agreement - Office for Human Rights, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, civil society organization OIP Split and Home for the Education of Children and Adolescents Split – February 2009
- Cooperation Agreement about SOS line between Ministry of Interior, Office for Human Rights and civil society organization Rosa – January 2010

PREVENTION

- ICMPD PROJECT:

Targeting niches in the anti-trafficking efforts :
customised support for Croatia

EDUCATION

- More than 20 education activities for of the police, Office of the State Attorney, judges, Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia personnel for participating in peace-keeping missions, family centre staff, social welfare workers, health care coordinators, mobile team members, civil society organizations

EDUCATION

- Also seminars for editors and journalists, Diplomatic Academy participants, tourism sector workers, students, children and young adults in juvenile homes without appropriate parental care and in juvenile correction facilities
- More than 200 educated

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- UNODC PROJECTS:
 1. Development of Monitoring Instruments for Judicial and Law Enforcement Institutions in the Western Balkans 2009-2011
 2. Enhancing operational capacity to investigate and disrupt human trafficking activities in the Western Balkans

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK

- Adopting a Protocol on the integration and reintegration of human trafficking victims
- Adopting the National Strategy for Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect
- Adopting the National Plan against the Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Creation of an Ordinance regulating the provision of care outside the family for children and adults – human trafficking victims.

IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

- Perfecting the application of proactive methods of discovering and identifying human trafficking victims
- Strengthening mobile teams
- Continuation of cooperation with civil society organizations in connection with activities in the area of identifying human trafficking victims
- Participation in the implementation of international and regional field operations and operational projects oriented at identifying victims and combating the crime of human trafficking

DISCOVERING, PROCESSING AND PUNISHING THE PERPETRATORS

- Creating a form for the statistical database on processed cases for the criminal offence under Article 175 of the Penal Code
- Developing advanced methods of discovering the criminal offence of trafficking in human beings by strengthening the investigative techniques, including the execution of financial investigations

HELPING AND PROTECTING VICTIMS

- Creating individual programs for helping and protecting each identified human trafficking victim in accordance with the Protocol on identifying, helping and protecting human trafficking victims
- Ensure the protection of the confidentiality of the data on human trafficking victims
- Ensure the continuous operation of official and alternate safe-houses for children and adult human trafficking victims

HELPING AND PROTECTING VICTIMS

- Ensure cooperation with health care facilities
- Ensure county coordinators are appointed as members of mobile teams
- Capacity building of the administrative capacities and human resources of State institutions in the area of combating trafficking in human beings
- Cooperation of civil society organizations which are involved in combating human trafficking and State administration bodies on the local level

PREVENTION

- Campaigns aimed at raising public awareness on the different forms of exploitation of human trafficking victims
- Identify the most recent trends in the area of trafficking in human beings
- Determine the influence of the civil society organization projects on the prevention of trafficking in human beings

EDUCATION

- Continued education of the
 1. police, Office of the State Attorney, judges
 2. Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia personnel for participating in peace-keeping missions
 3. family centre staff,
 4. social welfare workers
 5. health care coordinators
 6. mobile team members
 7. civil society organizations

EDUCATION

- A seminar for editors and journalists on the issue of trafficking in human beings
- Continue addressing the topic of «Suppressing trafficking in human beings» within the regular education program carried out by the Judiciary Academy
- Continue implementing the education program of diplomatic and consular staff and Diplomatic Academy participants regarding combating trafficking in human beings

EDUCATION

- Educating tourism sector workers (bartenders, waiters, receptionists) and workers in other service industries
- Continue educating those employed in the field of education and students about combating trafficking in human beings
- Educating children and young adults in juvenile homes without appropriate parental care and in juvenile correction facilities

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Continue the active participation of State administration representatives in regional and international projects and initiatives for combating trafficking in human beings

ACTIVITY COORDINATION

- Holding regular sessions of the National Committee for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- Holding regular sessions of the Operative Team of the National Committee for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Thank you for your attention!

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