Reintegration of victims of trafficking in Bulgaria: supporting social inclusion and economic empowerment

Integration of victims of trafficking: a roadmap for professionals (Childhub webinar)
12 Dec 2018, 4-5pm CET
Project Activity Overview

• NCCTHB’s project: “Swiss-Bulgarian cooperation in identification and long-term assistance of children and adult victims of trafficking in human beings”

• ICMPD’s involvement in the project:
  a) International Benchmarks for Post-Shelter Case Management and Case Monitoring of Victims of Human Trafficking;
  b) Assessment of the Long-Term Reintegration Services and Assistance Provided to Victims of Trafficking in Bulgaria;
  c) Policy Recommendations Based on the Overlap of Benchmarking Exercise and Assessment of the Current Situation in Bulgaria;
Recommendations (Adult VOTs)

• Study the need for and feasibility of further specialization of the accommodation options – by profile of the victims (gender, age, etc.) and possibly by form of exploitation;

• Enable assistance adapted to the specific needs of men who are victims of trafficking, including safe accommodation;

• Continue to provide psychological help from the very early stage and throughout the entire reintegration process of VOTs;

• Provide the services needed continuously, beyond the period for which the victims are accommodated;

• Provide regular, ongoing training to state institutions and NGOs on adequate referral and reintegration opportunities for VOTs;
Recommendations (Adult VOTs)

• Offer educational and vocational courses to VOTs that are flexible and geared towards their learning, psychological and personal abilities at that stage;

• Prioritize the economic reintegration of VOTs in programming, specifically, to secure employment depending on their skills;

• Conduct sensitization and awareness-raising campaigns targeted at employers and the general public on accepting and supporting victims of trafficking;

• Work proactively with employers prior to/in view of their hiring victims of trafficking;
Recommendations (Child VOTs)

• Use existing services to provide support for child VOTs also in the period after they leave the crisis centers;
• Access to medical care and psychological assistance for all trafficked children should be systematically provided by hospitals and doctors as part of the state healthcare system;
• Provide a support package, including financial support, for child VOTs when they turn 18;
• Mainstream the practice of forming multi-disciplinary teams around each case of child trafficking, organize regular face-to-face meetings and clear division of assignments and tasks;
Recommendations (Child VOTs)

• Treat cases of child trafficking as a family issue, where possible, and work with the entire family over the long term in order to ensure successful reintegration of the trafficked child;

• Expand the guardianship possibilities for child VOTs whose parents were involved in the trafficking;

• Conduct sensitization and awareness-raising campaigns among teachers and schoolchildren;

• Provide specialized training to case workers at the child protection institutions on child trafficking and custody issues;
Tools for Reintegration Monitoring

- Two practical tools were developed in the frame of the project:

1) Case Follow-Up Form in the Period of Social Inclusion (Reintegration) – short form;

2) Case Management: Applying the NRM in Practice – long form;
**CASE MANAGEMENT IN THE SOCIAL INCLUSION (RE-INTEGRATION) PHASE**

**In the shelter/safe location**

1. Upon the initial identification, when and where was the support given to the trafficked person?

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<th>Period (please indicate dates when the support services started and ended)</th>
<th>Where was the person accommodated during the service provision (type of accommodation; location – in Bulgaria or in another country)</th>
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2. If the trafficked person is a foreign national, please specify her/his legal status in Bulgaria.

- [ ] Non-EU citizen victim of trafficking, seeking protection
- [ ] Foreigner victim of trafficking, with protection status in Bulgaria
- [ ] Other (please specify) __________

Please add any other info that might be relevant for the case.

3. Was the victim actively included in the process of making decisions and planning her/his social inclusion (re-integration)?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

4. Which of the following did the social inclusion and reintegration phase of the trafficked person include?

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IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL

PART I

1. IDENTIFICATION

The person was notified and referred by (person or organisation/institution):

The person was referred to (person or organisation/institution):

Who conducted the initial identification upon the first notification?

- NCCTHB
- LCCTHB
- Police
- NGO
- Prosecutor’s office
- Social Workers
- Others (please specify):

Based on the first identification step and according to the TIP indicators, the person was assumed to be:

- Trafficked person
- Presumed trafficked person
- Person with high risk of trafficking (potential victim)
- Other

*If a person is suspected to be a minor, or it is a foreign citizen, please refer to the below section Special Cases.

Were verification checks for the identity of the person conducted? By whom?
QUESTIONS
Thank you!

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