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the Government of Ukraine Based on the Results of the Second
Round of Monitoring of the Implementation of the Council of
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Annotation

Trafficking in human beings remains a topical issue and a real problem for many countries all over the world, including Ukraine.

Current forms of human exploitation and new challenges faced by the world create a risk of being exposed to trafficking in human beings for almost all social groups. Military actions, economic volatility, increased population mobility, in particular for the purpose of labour migration, increased unemployment, enhanced public access to information networks contribute to the spread of this crime.

In 2010, Ukraine committed to comply with the requirements of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings as a country that recognizes trafficking in human beings as an intolerable act against a human being and is ready to combat it, devoting its best efforts and resources.

The Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) has already made two monitoring visits, during which they analysed the anti-trafficking activities implemented by the Government of Ukraine as well as main challenges faced by the country while combating modern slavery.

In pursuance of GRETA's recommendations, the Government of Ukraine under the leadership of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, being the national anti-trafficking coordinator, implemented a number of activities aimed at enhancing the National Mechanism for Interaction of Agents for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, building the human capacity of government institutions, facilitating international investigations, improving national legislation, increasing the identification of victims, providing them with assistance, etc.

During the reporting period, some legislative acts aiming at the protection of the rights of children, being the most vulnerable category, were improved.

In order to identify the episodes of trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation, labour inspectors were engaged in the National Mechanism for Interaction and their qualification as regards identification of and providing assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings was upgraded, which resulted in the increased identification of victims of labour exploitation (46% of total number of persons who were granted the status of victim of trafficking in human beings).

The Government of Ukraine implemented some far-reaching awareness raising activities, during which victims were identified and Ukrainian citizens' awareness of issues related to trafficking in human beings was raised.

For the purpose of sharing anti-trafficking experiences, the Ministry of Social Policy, with the support of international organisations, held workshops for the member states of the OSCE, the Council of the Baltic Sea States, and participated in international conferences abroad.

In 2019, the Ministry of Social Policy granted the status of victim of trafficking in human beings to 185 persons (184 Ukrainian citizens and 1 foreigner, being a citizen of the Russian Federation), including 53 women, 119 men and 13 children (3 boys and 10 girls). Trafficking in Ukrainians accounted for 65% abroad and for 35% at home.

In 2012–2019, the Ministry of Social Policy granted the status of human trafficking victims to 878 persons (871 Ukrainian citizens and 7 foreigners), including 340 women, 451 men and 87 children (31 boys and 56 girls).

According to types of exploitation, 457 persons suffered from labour exploitation, 224 — from sexual exploitation, 57 — from forced begging, 9 — from mixed exploitation, 10 — from organ harvesting, 14 children — from sale to third parties, 1 — from surrogacy, 86 — from involvement in crime, 3 — from involvement in porn industry, 17 — from involvement in the armed conflicts.

During this period, the main countries of destination included: the Russian Federation — 290 persons, Ukraine — 255 persons, the Republic of Poland — 71 persons, the Republic of Turkey — 51 persons, Germany — 24 persons, the Republic of Belarus — 17 persons, the Czech Republic — 17 persons, the Italian Republic — 15 persons, the Republic of Kazakhstan — 15 persons, the United Arab Emirates — 15 persons, the People's Republic of China — 13 persons, the State of Israel — 10 persons, the Kingdom of Spain — 8 persons, the Republic of Finland — 8 persons, the Slovak Republic — 7 persons, the Hellenic Republic — 7 persons, Georgia (Abkhazia) — 5 persons, the Republic of Azerbaijan — 5 persons, the Republic of Moldova — 4 persons, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland — 4 persons, the Kingdom of Belgium — 3 persons, the Republic of Cyprus — 3 persons, the Kingdom of Sweden — 3 persons, the Republic of Lithuania — 3 persons, the Federative Republic of Brazil — 3 persons, the French Republic — 2 persons, the Kingdom of Denmark — 2 persons, the Kingdom of Thailand — 2 persons, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka — 1 person, the Lebanese Republic — 1 person, the Republic of Ghana — 1 person, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan — 1 person, the Republic of Austria — 1 person, the Portuguese Republic — 1 person, the Republic of Armenia — 1 person, the Republic of Estonia — 1 person, the Republic of Slovenia — 1 person, Hungary — 1 person, the Arab Republic of Egypt — 1 person, the Republic of Serbia — 1 person, the Republic of Ecuador — 1 person, the Kingdom of the Netherlands — 1 person, the Republic of India — 1 person, Yugoslavia — 1 person.

Pre-trial investigation bodies of the units of the National Police of Ukraine registered 306 criminal proceedings under Article 149 (trafficking in human beings) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine (291 criminal proceedings in 2018).

In 2012–2019, a total of 1,572 criminal proceedings under Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine were registered.

In Ukraine, there is a network of institutions for assistance to victims of human trafficking, in particular, as of 01.01.2020, in Ukraine there were:

604 centres of social services for family, children and youth;

21 centres for social and psychological assistance (which also provide temporary accommodation for victims of trafficking in human beings);

12 medical and social rehabilitation centres for victims of human trafficking;

16 social centres for mother and child;

142 hot lines.

During 2019, 1,209 social services were provided to victims of human trafficking, according to their needs, in particular psychological, legal, social and humanitarian aid, assistance with employment, exercise of the right to education, professional training, improvement of living conditions, reissuance of documents, services related to temporary placement in aid institutions, social integration, reintegration and adaptation, social support, consultancy services, etc.

In 2019, the common way of involvement of persons in trafficking in human beings was through the Internet, via classifieds and personal communication.

In addition, new forms of trafficking in human beings appeared, which were not common in previous years, in particular: recruitment of people in the territory of Ukraine under the pretence of recruitment of crews of yachts and pleasure boats that will carry cargoes or tourists for the purpose of exploitation in the form of involvement in crime in the territory of foreign countries as related to sea transportation of illegal migrants to the European Union member states; exploiting women for the purpose of surrogacy; labour exploitation in agriculture.

Today, the world in whole and Ukraine in particular have faced the most serious challenges over the past few decades. The spread of COVID-19 has reached pandemic proportions and has changed the agenda.

In a view of new challenges, Ukraine will continue paying considerable efforts to combat trafficking in human beings, using best resources provided in the national legislation and directing them towards the achievement of best results in this area.

GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Since 2011, Ukraine has made a number of important steps towards the establishment of a viable State counter-trafficking (CT) response and government-owned National Referral Mechanism (NRM) to identify, assist and protect VoTs.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

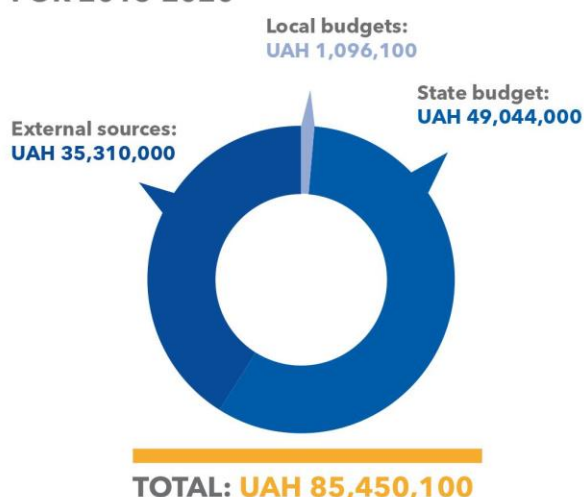
INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS:

- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, ratified by Ukraine in 2004
- Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, ratified by Ukraine in 2010

NATIONAL LEGAL ACTS:

- Law of Ukraine on Countering Human Trafficking, adopted in 2011
- The National CT Action Plan for 2016–2020
- Cabinet of Ministers Decrees: On the National Counter-Trafficking Coordinator (2012), On the adoption of the Victim Identification Procedure (2012), On the adoption of the Procedure to Pay One-Time Financial Aid to Victims of Trafficking (2012, revised in 2016), On the adoption of the National Referral Mechanism (2012)
- Standards of Services for Victims of Trafficking (2013)
- Recommended Standard Operating Procedures for NRM stakeholders

THE NATIONAL CT ACTION PLAN FOR 2016-2020



STATE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING:

- information and counselling
- medical, psychological, social, legal and other needs-based assistance
- temporary shelter
- one-time financial aid
- employment counselling, education, and/or vocational training

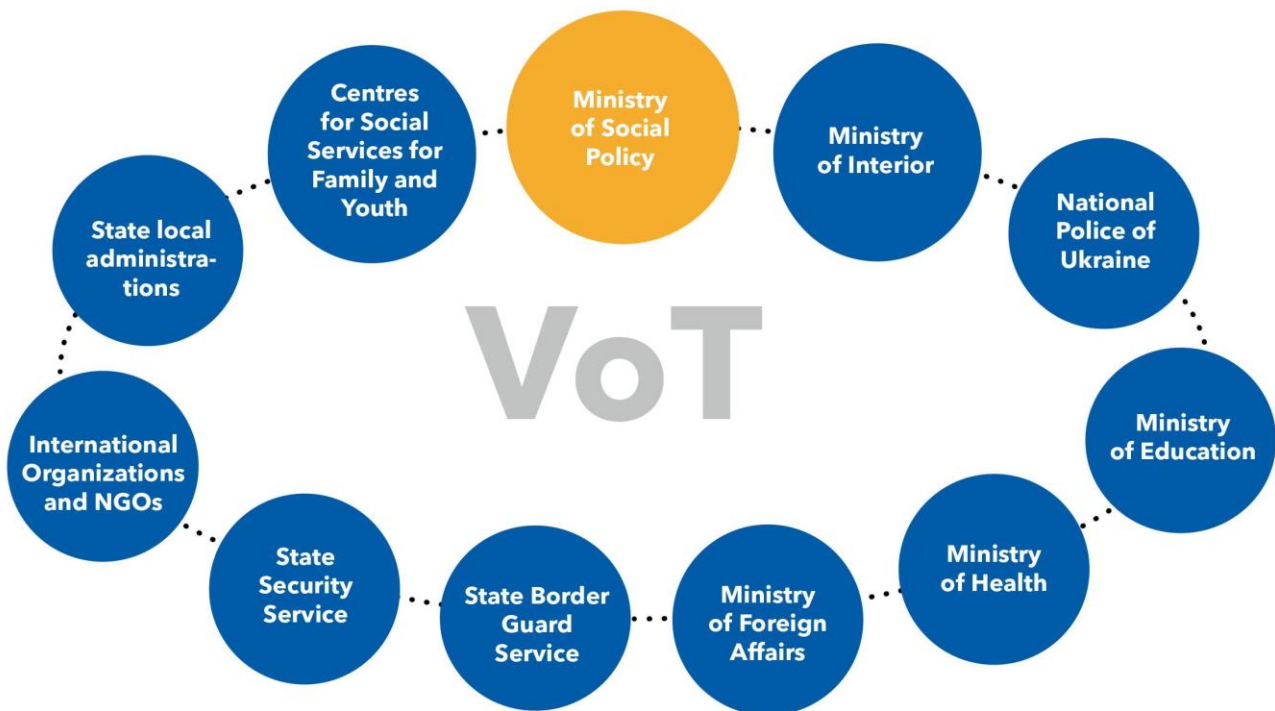
FOREIGN NATIONALS AND STATELESS PERSONS COULD ADDITIONALLY ACCESS:

- free of charge interpretation services
- temporary legal stay in Ukraine
- voluntary repatriation

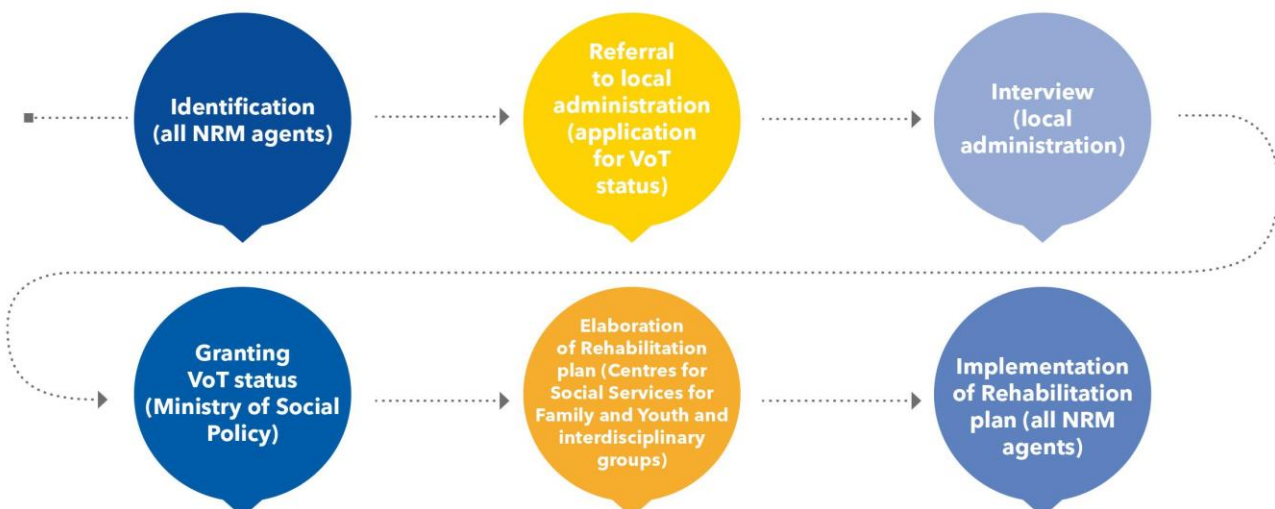
In November 2016, the GoU raised the one-time state financial aid for VoTs from one to up to three minimal living allowances (approx. 180 USD).

The Ministry of Social Policy is the National CT Coordinator in Ukraine

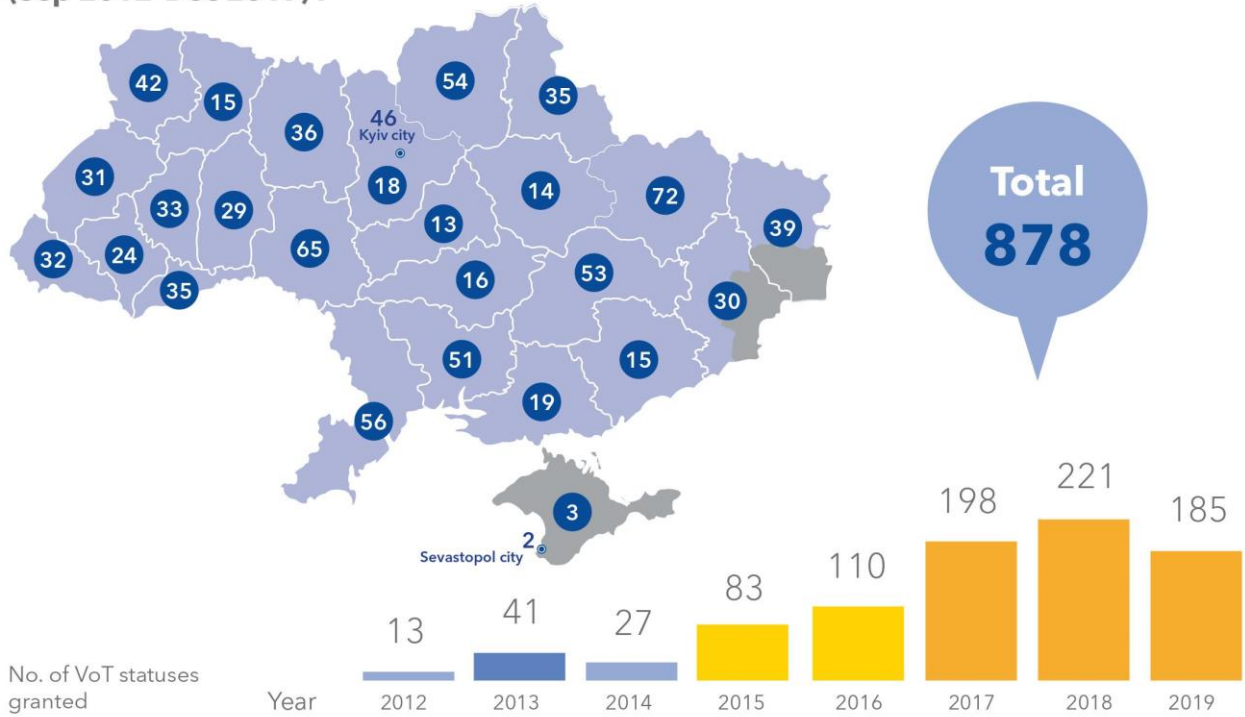
NATIONAL REFERRAL MECHANISM IN UKRAINE: STAKEHOLDERS



OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL REFERRAL MECHANISM:

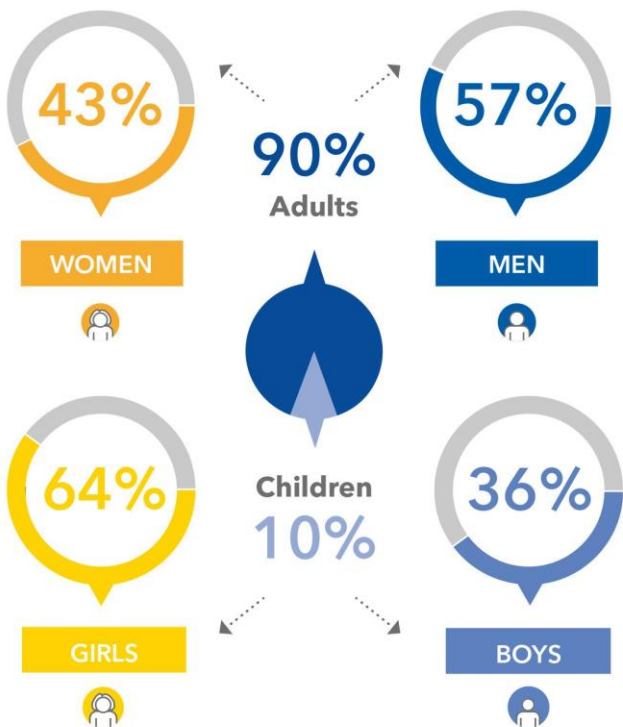


Number of VoTs with the official status receiving assistance from the Government (Sep 2012-Dec 2019)¹

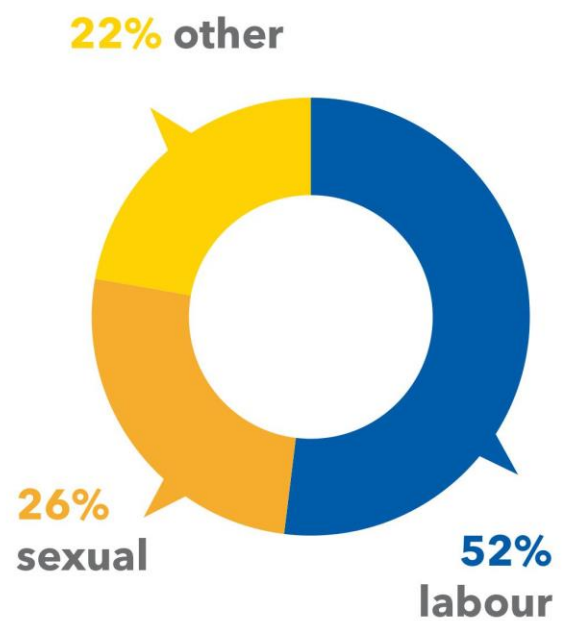


Since the adoption of NRM-related regulations in autumn 2012, 878 persons were certified as victims of trafficking and received state social assistance.

VoTs profile:



Types of exploitation:



Prosecution of trafficking in persons in Ukraine

Counter-Trafficking Department within the Ministry of Interior is established in each region of Ukraine to detect and investigate CT crimes.

Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine prohibits all forms of trafficking in human beings and prescribes penalties in the form of imprisonment for a period of three to fifteen years.

The Criminal Code of Ukraine, Art. 149. Trafficking in Persons (from 2006 to December 2019)

- Number of registered crimes
- Number of court verdicts



On 6 September 2018, the *Law on Amendments to Art. 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine Aligning it with International Standards* was adopted by the Parliament to ensure full compliance with Palermo protocol and other international CT legislation.



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Government Hotline
free of charge
from all mobile phones
24/7

044 280 8063

General Prosecutor's Office
line to report
human trafficking crimes

063 195 0058

098 481 0345

050 023 4678

CT department of the National
Police of Ukraine

1. GRETA once again urges the Government of Ukraine to develop and maintain a comprehensive and coherent statistical system on trafficking in human beings by compiling reliable statistical data on presumed and identified victims of trafficking and measures to protect and promote their rights, on compensation claimed and awarded to victims, as well as on the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of human trafficking cases. Statistics regarding victims should be collected from all main actors and allow disaggregation concerning sex, age, type of exploitation, country of origin and/or destination. This should be accompanied by all the necessary measures to ensure the right of victims to personal data protection, including when NGOs working with victims of human trafficking are asked to provide information for the national database (paragraph 50).

Since 2012, the Ministry of Social Policy has maintained the register of persons who applied for the status of victim of trafficking in human beings to local state administrations.

In 2019, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine granted the status of victim of trafficking in human beings to 185 persons, 184 of whom are Ukrainian citizens and 1 is a foreigner (a citizen of the Russian Federation). Among persons who were granted this status, there are 53 women, 119 men and 13 children (3 boys and 10 girls).

During this period, 65 persons suffered from trafficking in human beings in Ukraine, 120 persons suffered from trafficking in human beings abroad.

85 persons were reported as victims of labour exploitation, 40 — involvement in crime, 37 — sexual exploitation, 17 — involvement in the armed conflicts, 3 — involvement in porn industry, 1 person — forced begging, 1 — mixed exploitation (labour and sexual exploitation), and 1 — sale to third parties.

In 2019, the main countries of destination included: the Russian Federation — 65 persons, Ukraine — 65 persons, the Republic of Poland — 11 persons, Germany — 10 persons, the Czech Republic — 6 persons, the Republic of Turkey — 5 persons, the Republic of Belarus — 4 persons, the People's Republic of China — 4 persons, the Italian Republic — 3 persons, the Slovak Republic — 2 persons, the Kingdom of Belgium — 2 persons, the United Arab Emirates — 1 person, the Republic of Slovenia — 1 person, the Republic of Kazakhstan — 1 person, the Federative Republic of Brazil — 1 person, the French Republic — 1 person, Hungary — 1 person, the State of Israel — 1 person, the Arab Republic of Egypt — 1 person.

According to the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine, based on official reporting (Unified Report on Criminal Offences), data on criminal offences involving trafficking in human beings, including the current number of registered criminal offences, offences where persons were served with a notice of suspicion, criminal offences in proceedings where pre-trial investigation was suspended under Article 280 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine, criminal offences where proceedings were terminated, number of victims, including women and children, are registered.

According to the statistics of the *National Police of Ukraine*, in 2019, 306 criminal offences under Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine were identified, excluding terminated criminal proceedings.

In the follow-up of 248 criminal proceedings in this category, persons who committed them were identified and served with a notice of suspicion.

One hundred and thirty-six persons, who committed those crimes and pre-trial investigation in criminal proceedings in respect of whom was completed, were identified, including 37 persons who were imposed the preventive measure in the form of custody.

Pre-trial investigation was completed in 233 criminal proceedings of this category.

In total, in 2019, the police terminated the activity of 8 organized groups engaged in trafficking in human beings in Kyiv City, Donetsk, Luhansk, Odesa, Kharkiv, Khmelnytskyi and Chernihiv Oblasts.

The analysis of 306 human-trafficking episodes shows that, in 2019, its forms included:

- 135 — labour exploitation;
- 112 — sexual exploitation;
- 47 — involvement in crime;
- 7 — trafficking in children;
- 3 — forced begging;
- 2 — surrogacy.

The most common form of trafficking in human beings was labour exploitation (135 episodes).

The analysis of human-trafficking risks, including labour exploitation, shows that 129 episodes involved internal (domestic) destination of human commodity, in 3 episodes of labour exploitation, the destination was the Republic of Belarus, and in 3 episodes, it was the European Union member states.

Most victims were men aged 25 to 35 who were on the breadline and had no permanent place of residence (homeless and beggars), including persons who were in material dependence, debt bondage.

As for trafficking in human beings in the form of sexual exploitation (112 episodes), the analysis shows that most of such crimes involved trafficking young women abroad. The most vulnerable categories include women who do not work, have dependent children, divorced women, and women in a difficult financial situation, internally displaced persons, etc., aged 18 to 30.

In 2019, the most common countries of destination of human commodity included: Turkey (26 episodes), the People's Republic of China (17 episodes), Germany (12 episodes), Russia (10 episodes), the United Arab Emirates (6 episodes), Italy, Spain (5 episodes each), and other EU member states (Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Hungary, Belgium, France) as well as the State of Israel and Cyprus.

As for the episodes (47) of trafficking in human beings in the form of involvement in crime, which were registered in 2019, it was established that the most vulnerable categories of citizens were men aged 25 to 35. The countries of destination included: the Russian Federation, Turkey.

According to the data of the Unified Register of Pre-Trial Investigations, during 12 months of 2019, 262 victims were identified ((107 women, 145 men, 8 underages, 2 minors) in criminal proceedings initiated under Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

The departmental statistics of the *State Migration Service of Ukraine* provide for collection and summarising data on the number of registered immigrants and the number of immigration permits and permanent residence permits issued to them.

Currently, one male (a citizen of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, born in 1986) who was granted an immigration permit for Ukraine and a permanent residence permit under point 8 of the second paragraph of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine “On Immigration” is registered with the State Migration Service of Ukraine.

According to the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, based on the materials submitted by the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine under Article 149 (trafficking in human beings) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, pre-trial investigation bodies of the Ministry of Interior of Ukraine and the Security Service of Ukraine initiated 29 criminal proceedings.

During this period, the units of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine closed 9 human-trafficking channels. Eight more channels are to be discredited.

Fourteen separate illegal groups of 41 persons involved in this illegal activity were identified. Eighteen heads for crime and 6 accomplices were detained. Taking 35 potential victims abroad was prevented.

Courts delivered 10 guilty verdicts in respect of 9 persons, 1 of whom got jail time.

According to the Security Service of Ukraine, as a result of anti-trafficking measures implemented by the Security Service of Ukraine in 2019, based on the materials submitted by special forces units of the Security Service of Ukraine, other law enforcement authorities initiated 21 criminal proceedings, where persons were served with a notice of suspicion (out of which: 15 — under Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, 2 – under Article 302 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, 1 — under Article 332 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, 3 — under Article 303 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine). Five persons got penalties of different type and duration.

Each month, the Ministry of Social Policy receives from the Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine data on persons who were recognised as victims in criminal proceedings under Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine to prepare a consolidated statistical report on victims of trafficking in human beings.

In addition, in order to ensure cooperation between bodies and agencies entrusted with implementation of anti-trafficking measures, the Ministry of Social Policy and the Ministry of Interior of Ukraine approved the Joint Order of 11.01.2016 No. 4/5 “On approval of the Instruction for the Collection and Monitoring of Statistical Information on Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings” (hereinafter referred to as the “Instruction”).

The Instruction provides for the procedure for the collection and monitoring of statistical information on victims of trafficking in human beings by structural subdivisions of local state administrations that are responsible for the implementation

of the procedure for establishing the status of victim of trafficking in human beings, services for children's affairs, centres of social services for family, children and youth, anti-trafficking units of the National Police of Ukraine as a part of the criminal police.

In accordance with the Instruction, responsible subdivisions of oblast state administrations and Kyiv City State Administration shall, on a quarterly basis, before the 20th day of the month following the reporting one, summarise information on victims of trafficking in human beings, submitted by responsible subdivisions of raion state administrations and criminal police units, and send it to the Ministry of Social Policy.

This data collection mechanism allows for tracking the level of identification and forwarding victims to relevant bodies for assistance.

Due to efficient cooperation of actors that implement anti-trafficking measures, the level of identification of victims by both law enforcement authorities and social security bodies increases year by year.

2. GRETA urges the Ukrainian authorities to strengthen their efforts to prevent trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation, in particular by:

recruiting a sufficient number of labour inspectors and providing them with specialised training on THB for the purposes of labour exploitation, as well as ensuring adequate financial and technical means so that they can be actively engaged in the prevention of THB in all sectors of the economy throughout the country, including by means of unannounced inspections;

The Ministry of Social Policy, in cooperation with the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency, conducted training for labour inspectors:

Trainings on combating THB for the purposes of labour exploitation were conducted for representatives of territorial units of the inspection on 20–21.06.2019 (Kyiv), 09–10.07.2019 (Lviv), 06–07.08.2019 (Kharkiv), and 15–16.08.2019 (Odesa).

A total of 151 labour inspectors of the State Labour Service and its territorial units took part in these trainings.

On 30.10–01.11.2019, a training entitled “Identification of trafficking victims and the organisation of assistance” was held for trainers of the main departments (departments) of the State Labour Service in Ukraine’s oblasts. 1 labour inspector from each oblast and a representative from the State Labour Service were invited to take part in the event (a total of 25 labour inspectors).

Also, with the assistance of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, the Ukrainian delegation, including four labour inspectors, participated on 23–28 June 2019 in the international simulation exercise in Nur-Sultan (the Republic of Kazakhstan) on cooperation between civil society actors engaged in anti-trafficking action.

strengthening the supervision of recruitment agencies and reviewing the legislative framework for any loopholes that may limit protection or preventive measures;

In order to improve the conditions of economic activity for providing foreign employment mediation services, increase the protection of the rights of persons employed abroad and strengthen the responsibility of licensees, the Government adopted the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine “On Amendments to the Licensing Conditions of Economic Activity of Facilitators of Employment Abroad” No. 140 of 28.02.2018 (hereinafter referred to as “the Licensing Conditions”).

The new Licensing Conditions contain more detailed information on working conditions that employers are obliged to include in a labour agreement (contract), in particular the information on: the working conditions (including the provision of safe and harmless working conditions), wages (including the amount of guaranteed wages), payroll deduction; duration of working hours and breaks, the term of the labour agreement (contract) and termination thereof.

The novelty is the inclusion in the working conditions the provision of medical care and social insurance, compensation for damage caused to health due to an accident at work or temporary disability and the conditions of repatriation of a migrant worker.

Prior to concluding the agreement (contract) on the provision of foreign employment mediation services, the client of the licensee receives reliable information on the working and living conditions in the country of employment. Unless and until, the licensee shall enter into the written agreement with the client on the provision of foreign employment mediation services. This increases the mediator’s responsibility for the information provided and will protect the migrant worker from being misled by unscrupulous mediators.

The licensee will be able to work only in non-residential premises that belong to the undertaking under the right of ownership or use.

Furthermore, the Licensing Conditions set the personnel requirements for the licensee to provide foreign employment mediation services, in particular, the presence in the employer’s staff of an employee with higher legal education, or a signed contract for legal services.

The new Licensing Conditions are aimed at protecting the rights and legitimate interests of Ukrainian citizens intended to legally work abroad and will help prevent cases of fraud in employment.

sensitising the general public and relevant officials, including police officers, prosecutors, judges, staff of local administrations, social workers and other professionals likely to come into contact with victims of trafficking for labour exploitation about the risks of THB and the rights of victims;

On 31 December 2019, the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27 December 2019 No. 1145 “On Expansion of the Pilot Project for Establishment of a ‘Single Entry Point’ for Processing Citizens’ Petitions and Requests for Public

Information Seeking Processing Petitions and Messages about/from the Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings, Family Violence, Gender-Based Violence, Violence against Children or a Threat Thereof” came into force (hereinafter “the Resolution”).

The purpose of this Resolution is to enhance the efficiency of work with petitions and reports on/from victims of trafficking in human beings, family violence, gender-based violence, violence against children or threats of such violence.

According to the Resolution, the State Institution “Government Contact Centre”, at its own expense, shall receive, on a 24/7 basis, calls on petitions and reports on/from the victims of trafficking in human beings, family violence, gender-based violence, violence against children or threats of such violence made on the telephone number 15-47.

Operators speak Ukrainian and English.

Furthermore, the Government Hotline 15-45 and the Call Centre of the National Police of Ukraine 0-800-500-202 operate in Ukraine.

The State Border Guard Service of Ukraine has the 24-hour Dovira service hotline (tel. +38044-527-63-63), which also receives calls from potential THB victims.

According to the activity results of the Dovira service in 2019, units of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine prevented taking abroad 33 potential THB victims (for the purposes of sexual or forced labour exploitation).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine has the hotline for emergencies with Ukrainian citizens who stay abroad (tel. +38 044-238-16-57).

The National Toll Free Hotline on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Providing Advice to Migrants (527 and 0-800-505-501), established on the basis of Ternopil City Family Club Vidrodzhennia Natsii with the assistance of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency, has been operating since 2006. Its specialists provide advice to foreigners who stay in Ukraine and Ukrainians who plan to go abroad or return to Ukraine from abroad.

In Ukraine, there is also the National Toll Free Hotline on Prevention of Domestic Violence, Trafficking in Human Beings and Gender Discrimination (0-800-500-335 or 116-123) and the National Children’s Hotline (0-800-500-225 or 116-111).

As part of the project entitled “Extending the National Mechanism for Interaction of Agents for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings” implemented with the assistance of the International Organization for Migration Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency, information material for employees of public authorities and other specialists capable of identifying THB victims were prepared in 12 oblasts of Ukraine. Furthermore, electronic resources were created on the webpages of oblast state administrations, where involved employees and common citizens can find the contact information on all oblast-level structures that provide services to trafficked persons.

With a view to preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and informing Ukrainian citizens, in particular children, the Ministry of Social Policy carried out information campaigns on this danger in 2019.

Specifically, to mark the World Children’s Day, 01 June, the Ministry of Social

Policy, in cooperation with the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency, held the information campaign in Odesa's Istanbul Park.

Children in difficult life circumstances, are brought up in family-type orphanages and foster families, were invited to participate in the event.

During the event, children could visit the non-formal interactive learning corner, Human Library, the place where children could look at famous fairy tales through the prism of human rights violations, Fairytale Space, and the practical master class for children, Creative Development Workshop.

On 16–19 July 2019 in Yaremche, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, the Summer School on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for 25 master degree students from all over Ukraine was held with the assistance of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine with a view to raising awareness among students, future social workers and psychologists.

For three days, future social workers have been introduced to the fundamentals of the National Mechanism for Interaction of actors involved in combating trafficking in human beings and gained basic skills in identifying victims and providing them with primary assistance.

To mark the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, 30 July, the Ministry of Social Policy, in cooperation with the central authorities, international and non-governmental organisations conducted a nationwide information campaign against trafficking in human beings in Ukraine.

This year, the main locations for information and education activities were railway stations and cinemas.

At railway stations, representatives of departments for the social protection of the population in oblast state administrations, in cooperation with police officers and NGO representatives, distributed leaflets to travellers, held information conversations on the existing problem of human trafficking and methods for tackling this phenomenon.

The free demonstration of a documentary, *Woman in Captivity*, was held in each oblast. It tells the story of a woman who was in labour slavery for 10 years, worked 20 hours a day without pay and eventually escaped. The purpose of the demonstration was to draw attention of Ukrainian citizens to the problem of human trafficking, show people how life can change in the blink of an eye.

In Kyiv, the event was covered by 20 news TV channels (TRK Kyiv, Vechirniy Kyiv, Ukrainian National News Agency (UNN), Journalist TV Channel, NASH TV Channel, Ukrinform and others).

From 10.06.2019 to 30.08.2019, the Advertising Division of the executive body of Kyiv City Council (Kyiv City State Administration), in cooperation with the subordinate Municipal Enterprise “Kyivreklama”, produced and placed social advertising, in particular city lights — 20 pieces, metro lights — 10 pieces, so as to increase awareness of the general public of the capital of the existing risks of trafficking in human beings.

On 18 October 2019, the Ministry of Social Policy held a press briefing on the occasion of the European Anti-Trafficking Day with the participation of

representatives of the Security Service of Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine, and the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency.

The press briefing addressed the problem of human trafficking in Ukraine, priorities of ministries and agencies in this area, as well as new challenges in combating human trafficking.

In addition, a symbolic march entitled, Walk for Freedom, was organised in Kyiv and 17 Ukraine's oblasts by the NGO "A21 Campaign" with the assistance of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency to draw attention of Ukrainian citizens to the problem of human trafficking, its scale and consequences.

Also, a series of information and education activities were carried out by social security departments of oblast and rayon state administrations all over Ukraine.

Furthermore, each education institution developed and implemented measures for anti-trafficking information campaigns. Specifically, the information and contact details of members of the academic staff of education institutions, whom students and their parents may contact for help in issues of life and health protecting, as well as safeguarding the child's rights and interests, were placed on information boards at education institutions.

Moreover, there were "trust boxes", where children could report cases of abuse.

In 2019, *the State Border Guard Service* took action to keep the population aware of the methods and tactics of action used by criminals in the THB area. In 2019, 5 TV stories were prepared, 22 materials were published in electronic and print media outlets. Information materials on related issues are regularly posted on the official website of the State Border Guard Service (www.dpsu.gov.ua).

Relevant information materials are placed at border crossing point on the Ukrainian border (on information boards, in the form of leaflets).

The official website (www.dpsu.gov.ua) publishes information on the procedure for and specifics of travel abroad, including by Ukrainian minors, covers the outcomes of the official activities of the State Border Guard Service on combating trafficking in human beings.

When leaving the country, female citizens of Ukraine and minors accompanied by authorised persons are told at border crossing points about the danger of their involvement in illegal activities abroad.

Nationwide risk profile indicators "Trafficking in human beings from Ukraine/in Ukraine", approved for the use in 2019 by the Order of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, are developed and sent to border guards for use in their daily activities. A risk profile and a workbook on combating trafficking in human beings are being developed in cooperation with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, FRONTEX.

The National Police of Ukraine helped citizens to get acquainted with their rights in cases provided by the Law of Ukraine "On Countering Human Trafficking". Specifically, in case of applications of persons who believe themselves to have suffered from trafficking in persons, or their legal representatives, police officers inform such

persons about the possibility of establishing the status of THB victims, types and procedures for receiving assistance, contact information of a responsible unit (the state administration), hand over a memo to persons who have suffered from trafficking in persons, and send victims (upon their consent or the consent of their legal representatives) to the state administration to establish the status and receive the necessary assistance.

With a view to making the general public aware, work is carried out on a regular basis to inform the population of the problems and ways to combat trafficking in human beings, including for the purpose of labour exploitation and of the procedure for providing assistance to victims.

The National Police of Ukraine organised a permanent publication of the results of anti-trafficking actions on the National Police's official website, where, according to the Department of Communications, 123 THB-related publications were posted in 2019.

In addition, publications on the state of the detection of cases of THB are covered on social networks Twitter and Facebook, on the Department's YouTube account, and in a series of stories of the "Police Wave" program broadcast every Monday on Espresso TV. There is a page of the National Police's Department on Combating THB on FACEBOOK social network, which contains 68 publications on the practical results of the fight against crime.

This issue is raised at trainings for *prosecutors*, regularly organised by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and the International Organization for Migration in Ukraine.

enhancing co-operation with trade unions, civil society and the private sector to raise awareness of trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation, prevent trafficking in supply chains and strengthening corporate social responsibility, drawing on the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3 on human rights and business (paragraph 70);

On 14.05.2019, the Government of Ukraine concluded a nationwide collective agreement with representatives of trade unions and employers, the General Agreement on the Regulation of the Basic Principles and Norms for the Implementation of Socio-Economic Policy and Labour Relations in Ukraine for 2019–2021 (hereinafter "the Agreement").

The Parties to the Agreement, inter alia, agreed to:

promote employment of the population, in particular:

ensure the implementation of state policy to create conditions for preventing mass labour migration of Ukrainian workers abroad, including through facilitating the creation of competitive jobs in Ukraine;

create favourable conditions for further legalisation of employment and wages (point 1.5);

exchange information on identified violations of the International Labour Organization's conventions, other international treaties to which Ukraine is a party, and the Ukrainian legal framework on labour and socio-economic rights of workers and take action to eliminate these violations (point 3.1);

foster, within the mandate, the reduction of informal employment in Ukraine, including the impossibility of actual employment of workers without registration of a labour agreement (contract), registration of part-time workers in case of their actual full-time employment at an enterprise, payment of wages (remuneration) without accrual and payment of unified contribution for compulsory state social insurance and taxes (point 3.3);

promote the exercise of the right of trade unions to public control of compliance with the labour protection legislation and the creation of safe and harmless working conditions, adequate industrial and sanitary conditions, provision of workers with individual and collective protection (point 3.16);

carry out social dialogue on the formulation and implementation of state social and economic policy, the regulation of labour relations in the forms of information exchange, consultations, collective bargaining, conciliation procedures (point 4.1).

Moreover, the trade union Party undertook to exercise public control of compliance with the labour legislation in enterprises, institutions and organisations, including the implementation of contractual guarantees for wages and the timely payment of wages (point 2.27).

The Ordinance of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 21.08.2019 No. 691 approved an action plan to implement the Agreement's provisions.

The Parties to the Agreement exchange information on the implementation of joint agreements and commitments twice a year, as well as cooperate on a regular basis to implement them.

The information of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is available as of 01.01.2020 on the official website of the Ministry of Economy in the "Main" "Activity" "Social Dialogue" "Collective Nationwide Agreement" sections.

A meeting to take stock of the implementation of the Agreement, with regard to the planned large number of participants, will be conducted upon the consent of the Parties to the Agreement following the lifting of the quarantine measures imposed in Ukraine to curb the spread of the coronavirus disease.

In addition, on 10 December 2019, for the first time in 28 years of Ukraine's independence and 10 years of activity of the Ministry of Social Policy, the First National Forum on Migration and Prevention of Human Trafficking took place upon the initiative of the Ministry of Social Policy. The event, aimed at setting a platform to analyse the national legislative framework on the rights protection of internally displaced persons who suffered from trafficking in persons, was attended by representatives of legislative, executive and judicial authorities, civil society, and international organisations.

The Forum was a good opportunity to address problematic issues and relevant follow-up actions of ministries and departments.

The Forum was held with the assistance of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the International Organization for Migration Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency.

**3. GRETA urges the Government of Ukraine to strengthen the efforts aimed at preventing trafficking in children, in particular by:
developing programmes to reduce the vulnerability to THB of children in institutional care, children in street situations, IDP children, “social orphans” and children in Roma communities;**

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 03.10.2018 No. 800 has approved the Procedure for Cooperation of Public Authorities, Local Self-Governing Bodies, Establishments and Institutions in Ensuring Social Protection of the Children Encountering Difficult Straits, including Those That May Endanger Their Life and Health.

This Procedure determines the arrangement for interaction of the structural subdivisions, public authorities and local self-governing bodies, including their cooperation in detecting instances of maltreatment of children growing in the families encountering difficult straits, of imminent danger to their life or health.

With the view of implementing the provisions of the Law of Ukraine “On Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence” as regards introduction of a comprehensive approach to preventing and combating domestic violence, introduction of effective arrangement protecting the rights and interests of children suffering domestic violence, the Government has adopted Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 23.01.2019 No. 43.

Relevant amendments are introduced into the following:

Standard Regulation on a Children’s Shelter to be Provided by a Service for Children’s Affairs as adopted by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 09.06.1997 No. 565. This, in particular, supplements the list of children categories qualifying for a shelter to be provided by a service for children’s affairs covering both offended children and offending children;

Standard Regulation on a Centre for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation of Children as adopted by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 87 dated 28.01.2004. This, in particular, supplements the powers of a centre as regards accommodating children who have suffered domestic violence and those who have committed domestic violence. However, a centre shall not be allowed to accommodate concurrently an offended child and the offender thereof, as well the children who have committed domestic violence subject to criminal offence.

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine “On Adopting Standard Regulations on a Service for Children’s Affairs” dated 30.08.2007 No. 1068 (as amended) extends the list of responsibilities imposed on a service for children’s affairs of oblast, raion state administrations and the Kyiv City State Administration concerning implementation of the provisions of the Law of Ukraine “On Preventing

and Combating Domestic Violence” as regards ensuring the rights and interests of a child.

Pursuant to the Law of Ukraine “On Bodies and Services for Children’s Affairs and Special Institutions for Children”, the Standard Regulations (Resolutions by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 09.06.1997 No. 565 and dated 28.01.2004 No. 87), the centres for social and psychological rehabilitation of children and the children’s shelters shall serve as social protection establishments.

According to the responsibilities imposed on them, the above establishments shall enforce social protection of children and shall provide them with a package of social services.

Key responsibilities of the children social protection establishments include providing children with comprehensive social, psychological, pedagogical, medical, legal and other necessary assistance, enabling social and pedagogical intervention considering individual needs of every child.

As of 01.01.2020, a network of children social protection establishments is functioning in Ukraine: 74 centres for social and psychological rehabilitation of children, 5 children's shelters.

According to the statistical reports on target groups assisted by the centres for social and pedagogical rehabilitation of children, children's shelters, as of 01.01.2020 those establishments accommodated 7,565 and 755 children, respectively, which have been provided with social assistance and completed their rehabilitation, of which 149 children which have suffered maltreatment.

According to the information provided by the *Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine*, during 2019 the postgraduate pedagogical education establishments were introducing the e-Learning Course Laying Down Fundamentals of Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (www.ctcourse.org.ua) in order to increase awareness of the managing and pedagogical staff of education establishments on the National Procedure for Interaction of the Entities Taking Measures in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Ukraine.

Besides, pedagogical staff took part in the Final Regional Conference “Experience and Best Practices in Introducing the National Procedure for Interaction of the Entities Taking Measures in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Kyiv Region”.

Pedagogical and research and pedagogical staff of education establishment participate on ongoing basis in the training seminars held with the support of the NGOs involved in the activities of combating trafficking in human beings.

Following the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 111 dated 24.02.2016, the Action Plan of the Ministry of Education and Science on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for the period up to 2020 approved by the Order dated 08.04.2016 No. 405, the educational establishments shall introduce the Programme of educating measures on prevention of trafficking in human beings “Personal Dignity. Safety of Life. Civil Society” that promotes modern means of technology contributing to educational process and constitutes itself a system of

measures to prevent trafficking in human beings by way of enabling the studying youth to develop underlying ethical principles and living skills required.

The key steps introducing pupils to the Programme “Personal Dignity. Safety of Life. Civil Society” featured educating measures, namely as follows: introducing the Programme within the working hours of a form master (mentor) in 1023 educational establishments (70.9%), by means of specific educating measures (thematic days /weeks, competitions, discussions, meetings with experts etc.) in 882 establishments (61.1%), within physiologist hours in 843 establishments (58.4%). 264 establishments (18.4%) introduced the Programme as a target training course, and 112 introduced (7.8%) it as an optional course.

Seeking to increase awareness levels of the participants to the educational routine in Ukrainian educational establishments, introduction of learning courses and *ad hoc* learning courses focused on combating trafficking in human beings is underway, with the audience that includes 107,608 learners (47,877 boys and 59,731 girls).

The official website of the State Scientific Institution “The Institute for Modernizing Content of Education” under the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine has published an electronic data bank of the learning courses (*ad hoc* courses), which introduction is underway in higher educational institutions and in the system for advanced training of pedagogical staff (see Section “Activity. Protection of human rights”: <http://www.imzo.gov.ua/protidiya-torgivli-lyudmi/>).

To that end, an on-line learning course for pedagogical staff of general secondary education learning establishments was developed in 2018 building upon the *ad hoc* Learning Course “Combating trafficking in human beings in Ukraine” developed with the assistance of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine (https://courses.ed-era.com/courses/course-v1:EdEra_OSCE+ST101+ST101/about). During 2018 to 2019, 9870 persons registered to take part in the *ad hoc* Learning Course, Certificates on Completion of the Course awarded to 6940 participants.

In October 2019, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine acting in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency and the All-Ukrainian Charity Organization of Ukrainian Fund “Welfare of Children” with financial support by the Ministry of International Affairs of Canada have launched implementation of the Project “Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings by means of Developing Living Competences of Children”.

In addition, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine acting in cooperation with the State Scientific Institution “The Institute for Modernizing Content of Education” have conducted the second stage of the All-Ukrainian Monitoring Survey “Extent of the Education System Compliance with the Legislation on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings”.

On 18 February 2020, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dispatched the Statistical and Analytical Report following the findings of the All-Ukrainian Monitoring Survey, as well as the conclusions and recommendations on further activities for the purpose of preventing trafficking in human beings, to the

departments of education and science of oblast state administrations and Kyiv City State Administration.

providing adequate accommodation and specialist services for unaccompanied and separated migrant children; in this context, reference is made to the Council of Europe's Action Plan on protecting refugee and migrant children (2017-2019);

With the view of respecting the rights of children affected by military actions and armed conflicts, the Ministry of Social Policy monitors the activities carried out by local executive bodies and local self-governing bodies to reveal current state and trends in social protection of children in that category, in particular, to identify families with children which may be affected by military actions and armed conflicts, in assessment of family needs by centres of social services for family, children and youth to be carried out with the view of providing a child with a package of services (education, health care, social, rehabilitation, etc.), in granting a respective status to a child affected by military actions and armed conflicts as adopted by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 05.04.2017 № 268 (as amended).

According to the data available in the Unified Information Database of Internally Displaced Persons as of 01.04.2020, among the internally displaced persons 197,893 children were registered.

According to the state statistical reporting as for 2019, the orphan children and children deprived of parental care relocated from the temporarily occupied territory included 975 persons as of 01.01.2020, of which: Donetsk Oblast – 579 persons, Luhansk Oblast – 327 persons, Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Sevastopol City – 69 persons.

The settlements within Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts situated at the contact line currently have over 32 thousand children residing which require special care as long as they reside within the territory in proximity of military action (24,580 children in Donetsk Oblast, 8,135 children in Luhansk Oblast).

Local executive bodies and local self-governing bodies take measures for informing legal representatives of children regarding the options available for application of a child's right to qualify for the category of a child affected by military actions and armed conflicts, as well as keep record of the children, which have already qualified for the above category, in the Unified Information and Analytical System "Children".

As of 01.04.2020, in 25 regions of Ukraine 43,145 children were recorded to have the category established according to the Procedure for qualifying for the category of a child affected by military actions and armed conflicts as adopted by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 05.04.2017 No. 268 (as amended). Out of the above number, there are: 90 children got injured, concussed, mutilated (in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast – 1 child, Donetsk Oblast – 76, Zaporizhzhia Oblast – 2, Kyiv Oblast – 1, Luhansk Oblast– 7, Kharkiv Oblast – 2, Kyiv City – 1); 43,064 children suffered mental violation.

Apart from that, Donetsk Oblast opened 60 criminal proceedings involving offences committed against a child in the area of military action or armed conflicts as regards 7 cases in Kharkiv oblast and 1 case in Kyiv city.

Victims of military operations in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts registered in various regions of Ukraine as internally displaced persons are provided with continuous and comprehensive assistance by the centres of social services for family, children and youth.

During 2019, 20.8 thousand internally displaced families (including their 26 thousand children) made use of various social services provided by the centres of social services for family, children and youth meeting their respective needs.

Assistance of specialized staff of the centres provided: psychological aid to 8079 families, legislative aid to 3890 families, humanitarian aid to 5771 families, 8363 families in issuing/reissuing appropriate documents and the assistance provided by the centres settles down housing and living issues experiences by 1644 families; aid to 1021 persons seeking diverse medical and health-care treatments, job seeking help to 450 persons, and with the assistance of the centres 420 persons registered, or restored registration of, their place of residence.

Local executive bodies and local self-governing bodies continue their efforts in the aforementioned area.

In order to cover a wide public with explanatory activities detailing the options available for children to qualify into relevant category, all the regions concerned have outreach campaigns established involving staff of educational departments, health care establishments, centres of social services for family, children and youth, NGOs and charity organizations, etc.

In order to prevent the recruitment and exploitation of children in military actions and armed conflicts, during their preventive raids the services for children's affairs consult parents, other legal representatives of a child as regards preventing their taking part in military action or armed conflict.

According to the information of the *State Migration Service of Ukraine*, pursuant to the provisions of the Law of Ukraine “On Refugees and Persons in Need of Additional or Temporary Protection” and the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 16.11.2016 № 832 ““On Specifics of Social Protection of Children Separated from Family Who are not Citizens of Ukraine”, in the event of identifying a child separated from family, representatives of a service for children’s affairs concerned with the assistance of representatives of territorial bodies of the State Migration Service of Ukraine take actions for temporary accommodation of such a child in the appropriate child care establishments. The service for children’s affairs at the location of identification of a child separated from family, following the temporary accommodation provided immediately invites the centre of social services for family, children and youth concerned to assess the child’s needs. A legal representative of a child separated from family applies to the territorial body of the State Migration Service of Ukraine seeking recognition of the child as a refugee or a person in need of subsidiary protection, no later than in three working days following the temporary accommodation provided to the child.

During 2019, 13 children separated from families as identified in Ukraine claimed intention to seek recognition as a refugee or a person requiring subsidiary protection.

ensuring that all children are registered at birth, and those who are not are provided with an effective possibility to do so (paragraph 80);

State registration of children born in Ukraine in the families of foreigners and stateless persons who filed to the territorial bodies of the State Migration Service of Ukraine an application for recognition as a refugee or a person in need of subsidiary protection, as well as in the families of recognized persons and persons in need of subsidiary protection, is to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Law of Ukraine “On State Registration of Acts of Civil Status” and the Rules for State Registration of Acts of Civil Status in Ukraine approved by Order of the Ministry of Justice Ukraine dated 18.10.2000 No. 52/5.

Ukraine’s legislation (Family Code of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the Code), the Law of Ukraine “On State Registration of Acts of Civil Status”) fully ensures entitlement of a person for state registration of birth regardless of the legal status of the child’s parents, ethnicity and social origin.

Specifically, the provisions of relevant legislative acts impose on parents the liability to register birth of their child with a civil status state registration body.

Regulations of the Code provide for that origin of a child from mother shall be determined based on a document issued by the health care facility on her childbearing and admit that application of any person is an eligible ground for registration of birth; this eliminates any barriers for completing such a registration in the event a mother holds no passport (passport document) to provide.

Meanwhile, legislative provisions regulate the process for documentary certification of child birth facts where the child birth takes place outside a health care facility.

Besides, in order to create favourable conditions for, and facilitate access of citizens to, the service of state registration of birth, filing of documents required to complete state registration of a child birth and release of birth certificates are currently delegated to the personnel of departments of civil status state registration within health care establishments handling the deliveries in agreement with administration of relevant health care establishments supervising the area of the departments’ location according to the Order of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine dated 23.02.2016 No. 519/5 “On Amending the Order of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine dated 26.08.2015 No. 1593/5 On Certain Issues Emerging in Arranging the Activities of the Departments for Civil Status State Registration Related to State Registration of a Childbirth”.

Implementing such an approach is one of the incentives for compulsory state registration of a birth to be provided free of charge and made available for all the children regardless of their ethnic background and social status.

During 2019, 155,285 persons made use of this service.

With the view of ensuring state registration of facts of birth that took place at the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and in order to facilitate court examination of the petitions filed for establishing facts of child birth that have taken place at the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, Article 317 of the Civil Procedure Code of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the CPC of Ukraine) lays down that a petition for establishing the fact of birth of persons at the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine shall be filed to relevant court outside such territory irrespective of the petitioner's place of residence. Consideration of such cases shall without delay follow their receipt by the court, and the petitioner shall be provided with a copy of the court ruling immediately upon its announcement, and such ruling is also subject to immediate implementation.

Pursuant to the Law of Ukraine "On State Registration of Acts of Civil Status", a ruling of the court establishing the fact of birth shall constitute a ground for state registration of the fact in question.

4. GRETA urges the Ukrainian authorities to comply with their obligations under Article 12 of the Convention and to ensure that all presumed and identified victims of trafficking receive adequate assistance and support, according to their needs. This should include measures to:

provide a sufficient number of places around the country for all victims of trafficking who need safe accommodation, which are adapted to the specific needs of victims of THB and provide specialised support and services;

According to Article 14 of the Law of Ukraine "On Countering Human Trafficking", a person who applied for the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings, awaiting a decision on the status of the victim of trafficking in human beings, is entitled to personal security and respect, as well as free provision of the following:

1) information on their rights and possibilities in a language they can understand;

2) medical, psychological, legal and other assistance, irrespective of their residence;

3) temporary accommodation in assistance facilities for persons affected by trafficking.

A foreign national or a stateless person who applied for the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings on the territory of Ukraine, awaiting a decision on the status of the victim of trafficking in human beings, along with rights mentioned above is also entitled to the following:

1) interpretation services free of charge;

2) temporary stay in Ukraine on legal grounds.

It is prohibited to detain a person, who has applied for the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings, in temporary detention facilities, except in cases stipulated by law, and to expel a person from Ukraine prior to a decision concerning person's status of the victim of human trafficking.

According to Article 16 of the Law of Ukraine “On counteraction to trafficking in human beings”, a person who was granted the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings, is entitled to personal security and respect, as well as free provision of the following:

- 1) information on their rights and possibilities in a language they can understand;
- 2) medical, psychological, social, legal and other necessary assistance;
- 3) temporary accommodation, at the request of a victim and in the absence of housing, in assistance facilities for victims of human trafficking, for up to three months, which may be extended, if considered necessary by the local state administration, including for the purpose of person's participation as a victim or a witness in criminal proceedings;
- 4) compensation for pecuniary and non-pecuniary loss by persons who inflicted these damages, in accordance with the procedure established by the Civil Code of Ukraine;
- 5) a one-time financial grant, in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;
- 6) assistance in employment and access to education and professional training.

A foreign national or stateless person, who was granted the status of victims of trafficking in human beings, along with aforementioned rights, is entitled to:

- 1) interpretation services free of charge;
- 2) temporary stay in Ukraine for up to three months, which may be extended, if necessary, including for the purpose of their participation as a victim or a witness in criminal proceedings;
- 3) permanent residence on the territory of Ukraine in accordance with the procedure established by law.

In Ukraine, there is a network of institutions for assistance to victims of human trafficking, in particular, as of 01.01.2020, in Ukraine there are:

- 604 Centres of Social Services for Family, Children and Youth;
- 21 Centres for Social and Psychological Assistance;
- 12 Medical and Social Rehabilitation Centres for Victims of Human Trafficking;
- 20 Centres for Social and Psychological Assistance;
- 16 Social Centres for Mother and Child;
- 142 hot lines.

During 2019, 1209 social services were provided to victims of human trafficking, according to their needs.

ensure adequate funding and staff to work with victims of THB and facilitate the reintegration of victims of trafficking into society by providing them with vocational training and access to the labour market;

The State Social Programme to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings for the period up to 2020, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

№ 111 of 24 February 2016 (hereinafter - the Program), envisaged funding of measures and activities defined by the Program.

Thus, according to the Program, an estimated amount of funding from the state budget is: 98.8 thousand hryvnias in 2016, 98.8 thousand in 2017, 548.8 thousand in 2018, 24,148.8 thousand in 2019, and 24,148.8 thousand hryvnias in 2020.

The amount of expenditures from local budgets is: 219.22 thousand hryvnias in 2016, 219.22 thousand in 2017, 219.22 thousand in 2018, 219.22 thousand in 2019, and 219.22 thousand hryvnias in 2020.

Expenditures from other sources amount to: 7,126 million hryvnias in 2016, 6,966 million in 2017, 7,126 million in 2018, 6,966 million in 2019, and 7,126 million hryvnias in 2020.

During 2019, the state budget envisaged funds for the payment of the one-time financial grant to victims of human trafficking in the amount of UAH 1,717,000.

The Ministry of Social Policy paid one-time financial grants in the amount of UAH 1,013,994 to 177 persons (2 children under 6 years of age, 10 children aged 6 to 18 years, 147 working-age persons and 18 persons unable to work), who were granted the status of a victim of human trafficking and applied for the assistance.

The Ministry of Social Policy envisaged funding in the state budget for 2020 for the payment of the one-time financial grant in the amount of UAH 1,876,900.

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In each local administration (oblast and local level), there is a structural unit for the procedure of establishing the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings, and a responsible member of staff.

In order to effectively combat trafficking in human beings and ensure a thorough investigation of such proceedings, the *Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine* cooperated with the Department for Combating Trafficking Crimes of the National Police of Ukraine and the International Communications Unit of the Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine, which oversees all criminal proceedings on human trafficking.

It should be noted that, given the primary role of prosecutors in criminal proceedings, in 2015, heads of regional Prosecutors' Offices, pursuant to the letter of Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine, introduced a specialisation of prosecutors in this area in order to ensure high quality and professional approach to the implementation of procedural guidance in these proceedings.

Operational leadership on the ground is focused on the need to organise a prompt and thorough investigation of these crimes, and to assist in the preparation of all procedural documents, including international legal orders in such proceedings.

Relevant specialisation is also introduced in the investigative units of the National Police of Ukraine.

The specialisation of judges in criminal proceedings of this category cannot be brought on the agenda due to the system of automated distribution of proceedings that come to the courts for consideration.

Combating trafficking is an integral part of activities of bodies of the National Police of Ukraine in the fight against crime. They take measures to detect crimes and victims of trafficking in human beings, identify traffickers and bring them to justice by implementing organisational, operational, investigative, administrative and legal, procedural, analytical, research, information and other measures.

There is a Department for Combating Trafficking Crimes within the structure of the *National Police of Ukraine* that takes measures to detect and investigate human trafficking administrative and criminal offenses, public morality offenses, and illegal legalisation of foreigners, including the detection and documentation of illegal activities of organised criminal groups of interregional and transnational nature.

In addition, the Main Investigation Department and Investigation Departments of Main Departments of the National Police of Ukraine in Kyiv and oblasts designated members of staff among investigators responsible for conducting a pre-trial investigation into human trafficking.

The State Employment Service has been raising awareness of visitors of employment centres on human trafficking and benefits of legal employment via information, consultation and career guidance activities.

In order to promote employment, the State Employment Service provides a range of career guidance services to all social and age groups, including victims of trafficking, in accordance with current legislation. Career guidance is aimed at motivating citizens to work, make a conscious choice of profession in demand on the modern labour market, and to acquire important professional skills. Specialised information and consultation activities on job searching skills, choosing or changing a profession are provided, as well as guidance on professional training and entrepreneurial activity, etc. Individual employment consultation services are also provided, including professional diagnostic methods.

In 2019, around 3.5 million people, including 981 thousand of unemployed citizens, received about 6.7 million career guidance services.

During information seminars on general employment issues, specialists of employment centres raise awareness of consequences of external illegal labour migration and cases of labour exploitation and human trafficking.

In order to assist in employment, the State Employment Service of Ukraine provides services of vocational training, retraining and advanced training to registered unemployed, including victims of human trafficking.

Vocational training for the unemployed is organized at the request of an employer or for self-employment, entrepreneurial activity, current and future needs of the labour market, taking into account views of the unemployed. It is held at vocational and higher educational institutions, including educational institutions of the State Employment Service of Ukraine, as well as at enterprises, institutions and organisations, regardless of ownership, type of activity and management, or directly at facilities of employers in need of staff. It is funded from the Compulsory State Social Insurance Fund of Ukraine in case of unemployment.

In 2019, 138.6 thousand of registered unemployed were trained by referral from the State Employment Service of Ukraine.

In order to maintain the competitiveness of some categories of citizens in the labour market, employment centres issue training vouchers for a certain list of professions and specialties. Training voucher benefits include retraining, specialisation, advanced training in professions and specialties for priority economic activities. In 2019, 1307 vouchers were issued. Most vouchers were received by professions as follows: cook, electric gas welder, tractor-driver of agricultural production, loader driver, security guard, seamstress, confectioner, and by the following specialties: nursing, social work, psychology, management, software engineering.

One of the tools for increasing competitiveness and mobility of people in the labour market is to confirm the results of non-formal vocational training. This mechanism enables an official recognition of professional knowledge and skills acquired by a person during labour (professional) activities.

According to the order of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine № 256 of 16.03.2016 (as amended — № 466 of 03.04.2018), in 2019, assessment entities for validation of informal learning/training of persons in the working profession "Cook of 3rd to 6th grades" were as follows: Rivne and Odessa Centres of Vocational Education of the State Employment Service, as well as the Higher Vocational School № 33 in Kyiv.

In 2019, 101 persons confirmed their qualification as "Cook" and received an approved standard certificate: at Rivne Centre for Vocational Education of the State Employment Service of Ukraine — 30 people, at Odessa Centre for Vocational Education of the State Employment Service of Ukraine — 36 people, and at the Higher Vocational School № 33 in Kyiv — 35 people.

Each oblast also has a network of social service centres for families, children and young people, whose specialists are trained to work with victims of trafficking.

set up agreements/ contracts on providing specialist assistance to victims of trafficking with specialised NGOs through public tenders and other relevant transparent procedures, and ensure adequate funding of assistance to victims of THB when it is delegated to NGOs as service providers;

In order to strengthen efforts by the Government of Ukraine in combating human trafficking, the Ministry of Social Policy concluded:

Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the All-Ukrainian NGO Coalition for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine of 16 April 2013;

Memorandum of Understanding between the International Organization of Migration and the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine of 12 February 2018

In 2019, the State Social Program for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for the period up to 2020 envisaged funding in the amount of UAH 31,334.02 thousand:
 from the state budget — UAH 24,148.8 thousand.
 from the local budget — UAH 219.22 thousand.

from other sources — UAH 6,966 thousand.

According to oblast state administrations, UAH 1,104,872 was spent on counter-trafficking measures from local budgets.

In addition, during 2019, the Ministry of Social Policy paid one-time financial grants in the amount of UAH 1,013,994 to 177 persons (2 children under 6 years of age, 10 children aged 6 to 18 years, 147 working-age persons and 18 persons, unable to work), who were granted the status of the victim of human trafficking.

In 2019, public tenders were held in **Vynnytsia Oblast** for conclusion of agreements/contracts for contracting specialised assistance by non-governmental organizations to victims of human trafficking, but no NGOs applied as providers of such services.

In **Volyn Oblast**, there was cooperation with *the NGO Volyn Perspectives*.

In **Dnipropetrovsk Oblast**, the cooperation has been established with non-governmental organizations that provide assistance in combating human trafficking, as follows: NGO “Promin Dnipro” (Dnipro), Club “Impulse” (Pavlograd), and the international organization “Campaign A21”.

During the reporting period, services for victims of trafficking were not contracted from NGOs, as public authorities and local self-government bodies provided social services and assistance directly to respective victims, and NGOs provided assistance to such persons in person.

In 2019, in **Donetsk Oblast**, implementation of the project “Promotion of the National Mechanisms for Interaction of Agents for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Ukraine” was continued by NGO “League of Business and Professional Women” in cooperation with the oblast state administration.

In **Zhytomyr Oblast**, there are two powerful NGOs: “Women's Information and Consulting Centre” and “Avenir”. These NGOs are involved in providing quality and comprehensive assistance to victims, including helping to open their own businesses. .

In **Zakarpattia Oblast**, cooperation with Zakarpattia Women’s NGO “Vesta” continues, with the Memorandum signed.

In **Zaporizhia Oblast**, during 2019, no agreements were concluded on the provision of specialist assistance by non-governmental public organizations.

In **Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast**, cooperation with Charitable Foundation “Caritas Ivano-Frankivsk UGCC” continues.

In **Kyiv Oblast**, the cooperation with the NGO “Harmonized Society Foundation” was established.

In **Kirovohrad Oblast**, the Department of Social Protection of the Population of the Oblast State Administration provided a letter of support to the NGO “Territory of Success” regarding the implementation of the information campaign “Stop trafficking” to raise awareness of human trafficking and the basic rules of safe migration and employment among vulnerable groups of population.

In **Luhansk Oblast**, in 2019, no agreements/contracts for the provision of specialist assistance to victims of trafficking by specialised non-governmental organizations were concluded.

In *Lviv Oblast*, during 2019, the mechanism of ordering of budget funded social services by non-state entities was not implemented. At the same time, the Department of Social Protection of the Population of the Lviv Oblast State Administration held a competition to identify family policy projects (measures) by civil society institutions, which were funded in 2019. In particular, among winning projects of the competition, the Project “Know, understand, act” by the NGO “Centre Women’s Perspectives” received funding of UAH 13,388.

In *Mykolaiv Oblast*, during 2014-2019, the oblast organization, which operates in the anti-trafficking sector, has been implementing various projects funded by the International Organization for Migration in Ukraine. The Mykolaiv Foundation “Liubystok” offers legal assistance and renewal of documents, assists in inclusion of persons in the reintegration program and provides relevant services.

No NGOs applied for a social order for the provision of social services to victims of human trafficking.

In *Odesa Oblast*, the “Faith, Hope, Love” Public Movement concluded agreements on cooperation with Avangardivska, Bilyaivska, Dalnytska, Tairovska united territorial communities in 2019.

In *Poltava Oblast*, in 2019, social services for prevention of trafficking in human beings were provided among local pupils and students of Poltava in the second half of 2019, according to the Social Order Agreement for budget funding of social services for social prevention in the city of Poltava, concluded between Department for Family, Youth and Sports of the Executive Committee of Poltava City Council and “Light of Hope” Charity.

In 2019, “Light of Hope” Charity continued the implementation of the oblast project “Promotion of the National Mechanisms for Interaction of Agents for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Ukraine” in cooperation with the oblast state administration.

In *Rivne Oblast*, the cooperation on combating human trafficking has been carried out with the NGO Centre for Support of Public Initiatives “Chaika” (“Seagull”), whose specialists were part of the social support of 3 persons, who were granted the status of victims of trafficking, and 14 persons, presumed to be victims of trafficking.

In *Sumy Oblast*, the NGO “Professional League of Social Workers of Sumy Region” implemented the task in accordance with terms of the competition.

In *Ternopil Oblast*, the oblast state administration elaborated and has been implementing a mechanism of cooperation with NGOs, regional and international organisations, namely: The International Organization for Migration, the All-Ukrainian NGO “Council of Peace Initiatives”, Ternopil City Women's Club “Renaissance of the Nation”, Chortkiv Charitable Foundation “Caritas”, the Centre for Happy Funding of support to victims of trafficking provided from state, oblast and local budgets.

Non-governmental organizations funded the assistance to victims of trafficking, namely: provided informational, psychological, legal and other assistance as needed, paid for training courses, provided assistance to victims in the form of equipment for self-employment.

In *Kharkiv Oblast*, there has been a cooperation with “Charitable Foundation “Caritas Kharkiv” Charity, NGOs: “Way to Life” and Kharkiv City Organization of the “Women’s Community” International Organization, as well as Kharkiv Oblast NGO “Your right”.

In *Kherson Oblast*, cooperation has been established with the NGO “Kherson Oblast Centre “Successful Woman” cost free. Agreements and contracts will be concluded, if need be.

In *Khmelnyskyi Oblast*, cooperation with “Xena” Charitable Fund was established.

In *Cherkasy Oblast*, the Department of the Family, Youth and Sports of the Oblast State Administration holds an annual competition of projects by NGOs and initiative groups for the calendar plan of the Department in order to get NGOs and initiative groups engaged in informational, educational and preventive measures. In 2019, 25 projects were submitted to the Department’s Action Plan, of which 4 were on the implementation of the state policy of combating domestic violence and human trafficking for a total amount of UAH 24,277.00.

On 09 July 2018, the Department for Family, Youth and Sports of the Oblast State Administration signed an agreement with Cherkasy Charity “From Heart to Heart” on cooperation in combating human trafficking №231/03.

In *Chernivtsi Oblast*, the Department of Social Protection of the Population of the Oblast State Administration and the NGO “Suchasnyk Plus” (“Contemporary Plus”) signed a Memorandum of Partnership and Cooperation to consolidate efforts to effectively implement state policy of combating human trafficking in Chernivtsi Oblast and provide specialist assistance to victims of human trafficking.

In *Chernihiv Oblast*, during 2019, no agreements/contracts were concluded for the provision of specialist assistance by specialized non-governmental public organizations to victims of trafficking in human beings via public tenders and other relevant transparent procedures.

In *Kyiv*, victims and their needs were included in the rehabilitation programs of the International Organization for Migration in Ukraine and the international Organization “Campaign A21”. Owing to those programs, victims could rent housing, receive assistance in purchasing medicines and specialised medical care, and would have the opportunity to acquire new professional skills, and the like.

guarantee access to health care to all victims of THB, irrespective of their registered residence (paragraph 139);

In Vinnytsia Oblast, the health care to victims of human trafficking is being provided in accordance with requirements of current legislation.

In *Volyn Oblast*, during 2019, 5 persons with the status of the victim of human trafficking applied to health care institutions.

In *Dnipropetrovsk Oblast*, access to health care services for victims of human trafficking is provided, regardless of their place of registration. Thus, in October 2019, 20 persons, who were released from labour exploitation in Odesa Oblast, were provided

with a free medical examination in Dnipro. In addition to the examination, those, who required treatment, were prescribed it, and 1 person was treated for an open form of tuberculosis for 6 months in the oblast specialised medical institution of city of Dnipro.

In *Donetsk Oblast*, access to medical services for victims of trafficking is provided by health care institutions of all levels of medical care. Also, in order to provide quality medical services to victims of trafficking, heads of health care institutions have appointed a member of staff responsible for conducting and documenting results of medical examinations of victims of trafficking with further notification of authorised units of the National Police of Ukraine in accordance with applicable law. Health care professionals regularly participate in anti-trafficking trainings and seminars to improve their professional training.

Six specialised assistance offices for victims of sexual violence have been established in health care facilities of the cities of Pokrovsk, Mariupol, Bakhmut, Kramatorsk, Volnovakha district (rayon), with the support of the United Nations Population Fund.

The community health facility “Slovyansk Oblast Clinical Psychiatric Hospital” has a 10-bed day inpatient care facility for medical, psychiatric and psychological assistance to victims of trafficking and victims of gender-based violence.

In *Zhytomyr Oblast*, the assistance is provided to victims of human trafficking who need medical care. If necessary, regardless of the place of registration, a person in need of long-term treatment shall be admitted to a health care facility.

In *Zakarpattia Oblast*, the oblast state administration did not register any cases of restricted access to health care of victims of human trafficking.

In *Zaporizhia Oblast*, the health care to victims of human trafficking is provided in accordance with the requirements of current legislation.

In *Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast*, representatives of the Centre of Social Services for the Family, Children and Youth assess needs of presumed victims of trafficking, based on their age, gender and health. For persons, who were identified as victims of trafficking, rehabilitation plans were made and medical services were provided, if needed, regardless of their place of registration (examination and treatment).

In *Kyiv Oblast*, the health care to victims of human trafficking is provided in accordance with the requirements of current legislation.

In *Kirovohrad Oblast*, victims of human trafficking, if necessary, are provided with outpatient and inpatient medical care at the place of their admission in full and on a priority and free basis.

A psychologist of the Department of “Youth-friendly clinic” of the Municipal Non-Profit Enterprise “Oblast Centre for Family Planning and Human Reproduction of the Kirovohrad Oblast Council”, if necessary, provides psychological assistance to victims of human trafficking or other acts of violence.

In *Luhansk Oblast*, persons who were granted the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings have expressed their interest to receive reintegration assistance from the NGO “Regional Human Rights Socio-Educational Centre “Women of Donbass”.

In Lviv Oblast, the health care to victims of human trafficking is provided in accordance with requirements of current legislation.

In *Mykolaiv Oblast*, victims of human trafficking are provided with comprehensive individual assistance, and consequences of physical, psychological and sexual health problems are being addressed. There were no complaints about the provision of medical care or incomplete provision from victims of trafficking.

In *Odesa Oblast*, victims of trafficking in human beings are provided with free medical care in health care facilities of Odesa Oblast.

In *Poltava Oblast*, the provision of medical care to victims of trafficking in human beings in health care facilities is carried out in accordance with the Law of Ukraine “On counteraction to trafficking in human beings”. Access to medical services for victims of trafficking is provided by health care institutions of all levels of medical care.

Health care professionals regularly participate in trainings and seminars to improve their level of professional training.

In *Rivne Oblast*, all victims, including presumed victims of trafficking, are guaranteed health care, regardless of their place of registration.

In *Sumy Oblast*, all victims of human trafficking are provided with medical services in full scope upon request.

There were 3 persons in the Sumy Oblast Centre of Social and Psychological Assistance, 2 victims were sent to the Centre for Reintegration of Homeless People in Sumy.

There are 6 “Youth-Friendly Clinics” in Sumy Oblast, where lectures, talks, trainings, etc., are being held.

7 victims of human trafficking are covered by services of Social Service Centres for Family, Children and Youth.

In *Ternopil Oblast*, an approximate calculation of the cost of providing social services to victims of human trafficking has been elaborated and provided. The order of the Department of Health № 171-од of 30.03.2017 approved a plan of measures, which instructed medical institutions to provide free medical care to victims of human trafficking, regardless of their place of registration.

In *Kharkiv Oblast*, victims of human trafficking are offered social support by specialists of Social Service Centres for Family, Children and Youth. Social support involves the provision of a variety of social services, including social and medical, in cooperation with representatives of health care institutions.

In case of severe neurotic disorders, victims of gender-based violence or human trafficking are referred to the neurosis departments of the Kharkiv Oblast Council “Municipal Non-Profit Hospital “Oblast Psychiatric Hospital № 1”, Kharkiv Oblast Council “Municipal Non-Commercial Enterprise “Oblast Clinical Psychiatric Hospital № 3”, State Institution “Institute of Neurology, Psychiatry and Addiction of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine”, where they are provided with specialised qualified medical care.

In *Kherson Oblast*, victims of human trafficking, in case of admission to health care facilities, are provided with medical care in accordance with medical standards on the basis of evidence-based medicine within the budget funding of the institution.

In *Cherkasy Oblast*, medical and preventive health care institutions of the oblast hold sanitary-educational activities for promotion of counteraction of human trafficking, ensuring a favourable climate in the family and raising awareness of consequences of the illegal migration and illegal travel abroad through videos and lectures via local radio, as well as group and individual consultations during doctor's appointments.

Healthcare professionals inform the Children's Service in a timely manner about the identification of families in difficult life circumstances, cases of child abuse, child homelessness and neglect. Parents of all children are made aware of consequences of such behaviour. Families are provided with medical and social support.

When necessary, children are being sent to the Cherkasy Oblast Specialized Orphanage Communal Institution of the Cherkasy Oblast Council for a temporary stay. Medical staff provides medical and advisory assistance to persons traveling abroad regarding necessary documents, in case of their application. Health care workers provide necessary medical and advisory assistance to victims of human trafficking, in the case of their admission.

In *Chernivtsi Oblast*, victims of human trafficking are provided with the guaranteed access to health care services, regardless of their place of registration. Medical care is provided to victims free of charge.

The Department of Health of the Chernivtsi Oblast State Administration discussed state guarantees and carried out explanatory work on the relevance of anti-trafficking issues at operational meetings of health care institutions and in the media (published 20 articles, prepared 11 radio- and 6 programs aired on television).

The Children's Service is also provided with methodological guidance on providing assistance and protection to children, affected by human trafficking.

In *Chernihiv Oblast*, the NGO “Chernihiv Public Committee for Human Rights Protection” provided access to health care services to 3 victims of human trafficking, regardless of their place of registration (2 persons were provided with health care, 1 person was bought medicines).

In *the city of Kyiv*, the assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings is provided in accordance with current legislation and within its remit. Any person, regardless of citizenship, gender, religion or nationality, who considers themselves as victim of human trafficking, may apply in writing to a district state administration in Kyiv at their place of residence and, if needed, receive a necessary urgent assistance, including medical care. Thus, in 2019, 1 victim of trafficking in human beings received emergency medical care.

5. GRETA urges the Ukrainian authorities to improve the identification and assistance of child victims of trafficking, and in particular to:

ensure that relevant actors take a proactive approach and increase their outreach work to identify child victims of THB, by paying particular attention to children in street situations, internally displaced children, children in or leaving institutions, and unaccompanied and separated foreign children;

In order to safeguard children from getting into human trafficking situations, the Ministry of Social Policy in cooperation with international civil society organisations held counter-trafficking awareness raising campaign.

In pursuance to the Order of the *Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine* of 08.04.2016 No. 405 “On Approval of the Action Plan of the Ministry of Education and Science to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings for the Period up to 2020”, in the framework of outreach activities aimed at raising awareness of the studying youth on countering trafficking in human beings, developing safe conduct skills and abilities to protect personal dignity at learners and preventing getting into labour slavery situations, regular awareness raising campaigns (on the occasion of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, the European Anti-Trafficking Day, the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, Human Rights Day etc.) are held in educational establishments, informational materials are produced, social studies of trafficking phenomena are conducted.

In 2019/2020 academic year events on the occasion of the European Anti-Trafficking Day, specifically, outreach campaigns, flash mobs, quest game, roundtable meeting for 9–11 grade students, communication hours for 5–11 grade students, role plays with 8–11 grade students, communication hours for 9–11 grade students, trainings for 10–11 grade students, meetings for parents of 5–11 grade students, drawing contests for 1–11 grade students, art-installation, exhibition of “Combat Human Trafficking” social cause advertisement, were held in every educational establishment.

Educational hours, communication hours, role plays with students, meetings, “brain rings”, trainings, outreach campaigns, flash mobs, quest games, poster competitions, social cause advertisement competitions, drawing contests, film and cartoon shows were held in training institutions during 2019.

10-11 grade students had an opportunity to pass an online-test on <http://www.stoptrafficking.org/> information platform and obtain certificates on completion of counter-trafficking in human beings test.

In the framework of general legal training issue-related meetings for parents were held.

“Neighbourliness Culture” sections containing counter-trafficking legal documents and guidelines were created in virtual training centres and at practical psychology and social work departments of oblast teaching staff postgraduate education institutes.

Scientific, methodological and informational support of organisation of educational process for development of healthy lifestyle, prevention of domestic and

children environment cruelty and violence, eradication of the worst forms of child labour under all-Ukrainian programs and projects, namely “Grow Up in Good Health” programme, “Creating Socialisation and Adaptation Service for Children Leaving Fostering Institutions”, was provided.

In order to protect children from sexual risks on the Internet, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine recommended general secondary education establishments to join the events on the occasion of European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse in 2019, in particular to hold quest lessons developed by Anastasiia Diakova, Coordinator of the national child abuse protection programs under the Ombudsman for Children with the President of Ukraine, in partnership with Ranok publishing house.

The lessons are recommended for 7–8 and 9–11 grade students. Available at: <http://interactive.ranok.com.ua/theme/contentview/ranok-yrok-stop-sexting/ranok-yrok-stop-sexting/ranok-yrok-stop-sexting/kvest>.

In October 2019, a counter-trafficking week was held in educational establishments, in the framework of which preventive events, informational spots and communication hours were held, practical psychologists held thematic sessions with training elements; 8–11 grade students were surveyed to define their awareness on countering trafficking in human beings; 4–5 grade students were surveyed; video clips on countering trafficking in human beings was shown with following discussion; meetings with representatives of Regional Centres for Free Secondary Legal Assistance were held in oblasts, in the framework of which topical issues like “Rights of underage in employment” were discussed and, in the end, pamphlets with contact details and information on free secondary assistance were distributed; meetings of historical and jurisprudential study clubs were organised.

Also, details and contact telephones of academic staff of educational establishments, to whom students and their parents may refer for assistance in settling issues related to life and health protection, as well as safeguarding rights and interests of a child, were placed on information boards at educational institutions. Moreover, there are “trust boxes”, through which children may report maltreatment cases. What is more, information and digital banners of the National Childhelp Hotline are placed on information boards at and websites of educational institutions.

In view of the potential threats inherent to trade in human beings, in order to raise awareness of the population on the means and methods used by the criminals, *the Security Service of Ukraine* regularly reports on its efforts and results of its activities in the aforementioned area.

provide further training to relevant stakeholders (police, NGOs, child protection authorities, social workers) as well as tools and guidance on the identification of child victims of THB for different purposes, including the exploitation of begging and the exploitation of criminal activities;

In order to promote identification of victims, the Ministry of Social Policy in cooperation with international partners actively worked on improving HRM policy for the staff of local state administration directly contacting with victims in 2019.

E-course on countering trafficking in human beings developed and presented in the Ministry of Social Policy in cooperation with the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency in 2018, was efficiently implemented during the reporting period. In particular, 389 persons registered for the course, of which 192 persons (50%) get the passing score and received a certificate.

In the framework of joint projects of the Ministry of Social Policy and the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency 1500 representatives of field executive authorities received training at a local level during 09.2019-2019. During 2019 436 students of vocational training schools and 242 employees of specialised establishments became anti-trafficking trainers (including under the peer-to-peer method).

During 2019 with technical support of the Ministry of Social Policy the following trainings were held:

On 25 February 2019 the Ministry of Social Policy in cooperation with the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency conducted a training on “Consular staff activities for identification of and assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings” for the staff of the Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine.

On 26–28 March 2019 “Countering trafficking in human beings” short-term workshop for representatives of local state administrations responsible for carrying out the procedure of granting the status of a victim of THB was held by the Ministry of Social Policy with technical support of the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency. 23 persons participated in the workshop;

A training on countering trafficking in human beings for labour inspectors (120 participants in total) was held by the Ministry of Social Policy with technical support of and in cooperation with the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency.

Also, a training on combating trafficking in human beings for representatives of the entities of the National Mechanism for Interaction of Agents for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings was held on 08–12 July 2019 and 28–31 October 2019 in Kyiv by the Ministry of Social Policy with support of and in cooperation with the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, Strategic Police Matters Unit of the OSCE Transnational Threats Department and in cooperation with INTERPOL. Representatives of the Ministry of Social Policy, INTERPOL and the Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine were the main speakers and moderators of the training. In the end of the training the participants were issued corresponding certificates. Totally 50 staff members participated in the training.

Workshops for representatives of law enforcement authorities and structural subdivisions of oblast state administrations responsible for carrying out the procedure for granting the status of a victim of THB in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts were held by the Ministry of Social Policy with technical support of and in cooperation with the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency, on 08–09 October 2019 in Mariupol (Donetsk Oblast) and on 13–14 November 2019 in Sumy (Sumy Oblast).

Also the Ministry of Social Policy held 8 workshops for the managers and staff of services for children’s affairs of oblast and Kyiv City state administrations, including those coordinating activities aimed at creating conditions for respect of children’s rights in amalgamated territorial communities. 240 staff members of services for children’s affairs received the advanced training.

The managers and staff of services for children’s affairs were informed on the amendments to the legislation in force concerning social protection of children, who are the victims of domestic violence and maltreatment, including concerning interviewing of a child victim.

According to local state administrations, 10,123 actors in the area of countering trafficking in human beings received training in 2019 at the local level.

In 2019 *personnel of the of the State Border Guard Service* of Ukraine participated in advanced training programs on countering trafficking in human beings for the staff of law enforcement authorities, in particular:

- in distance learning training course on: “Combating trafficking in human beings: Interactive training course for law enforcement officers in Ukraine” organised in the framework of “Countering Trafficking in Persons in Ukraine” Project with the assistance of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (on 10 May — 10 July 2019).

- in “Identification of child victims of trafficking in human beings” training under the auspices of FRONTEX (on 19–20 November 2019 in Kyiv).

- in the study visit of representatives of counter-trafficking NGO network of Uzbekistan organised by La Strada Ukraine civil society organisation in cooperation with IOM (on 10 December 2019 in Kyiv).

Representatives of *the Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine* participated in 6 workshops and trainings for the law enforcement officers, including the prosecutor’s office staff working in the aforementioned area, during January — June 2019.

Specifically, the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency involving a representative of the Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine held trainings on combatting trafficking in human beings for the law enforcement officers, including for the prosecutors of Volyn, Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv and Rivne Oblasts on 10–11 April 2019 in Ivano-Frankivsk and for the prosecutors of Ternopil and Khmelnytskyi Oblasts on 15–16 May 2019 in Ternopil.

Also the IOM Mission in Ukraine — the UN Migration Agency in cooperation with the Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine developed an interactive training course for law enforcement officers in Ukraine on combatting trafficking in human beings, which is implemented with support of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The training was delivered from 25 March 2019 to 14 May 2019 on the Internet on <http://www.leel.org.ua> platform on the job.

Moreover, the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine in cooperation with the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine initiated a training for the prosecution officers in the framework of "Strengthening Criminal Prosecution of Human Traffickers Using Information Technologies in Ukraine" project, which was held on 11–15 February 2019 in Kharkiv for representatives of Kharkiv, Sumy and Poltava Oblasts' prosecutor's offices.

Also the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine in cooperation with the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine held "Exploitation as a component of trafficking in human beings: dimensions, trends and ways for counteracting" roundtable on 06–07 June 2019 in Lviv.

Representatives of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine took part in the development of "Combating human trafficking along migration routes" international simulation-based training, which took place on 24–28 June 2019 in Nur-Sultan (the Republic of Kazakhstan) with support of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe involving representatives of social security services, Ukrainian law enforcement officers, labour inspectors and international organisations.

Development of similar national simulation-based training is planned in the first half year 2020.

Moreover, the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine in cooperation with the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine held training for the prosecution officers of all the oblasts in the framework of "Strengthening Criminal Prosecution of Human Traffickers Using Information Technologies in Ukraine" project on 08–09 October 2019 in Kyiv.

Also Strategic Police Matters Unit of the OSCE Transnational Threats Department in cooperation with International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) held two trainings involving representatives of 04/21 Department in Kyiv on: "Interviewing victims trafficking in human beings" for Lviv, Odesa, Kharkiv Oblast and Kyiv City prosecution officers (on 08–12 July 2019), as well as for Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia and Luhansk Oblast prosecution officers (on 28–31 October 2019).

According to Article 33 of the Law of Ukraine "On Prosecutor's Office" of 14 October 2014 No. 1697-VII and a curriculum for special training of candidates to the prosecutor's post approved by Decision of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors of 11 April 2019 No. 74ДК-19, "Legal Assessment" course is envisaged for the students of the National Prosecution Academy of Ukraine (hereinafter — the Academy), in the framework of which practical training on "Assessment of acts containing elements of criminal offences against the will, honour and dignity" was held in May 2019, which addressed the problems of assessment of acts containing elements of criminal offences related to trafficking in human beings (Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine).

Aiming at developing capacities and upgrading professional skills the Academy's teaching officers took part in "Capacity building of law enforcement

agencies for combatting trafficking in human beings” workshop, materials of which are also used in special training of candidates to the prosecutor’s post.

Moreover, in the framework of curriculum of “Case law of the European Court of Human Rights in prosecution activities” course trainings on “Prohibition of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: international standards and case law of the European Court of Human Rights” were envisaged. In course of such trainings the issue of countering trafficking in human beings and standards for efficient investigation of such cases was addressed.

Peculiarities of investigative (search) activities in the framework of investigation of crimes related, inter alia, to trafficking in human beings were considered during “Use of special knowledge when carrying out investigative (search) actions” practical training in course of advanced training for prosecutors of local prosecutor’s offices.

Academics in cooperation with prosecutors of the Chief Military Prosecutor’s Office and representatives of international organisations prepared “Prosecutor’s activities during special period” workbook, Section 5 of which addresses protection of victims of armed conflicts and trafficking in human beings.

The staff of the Academy together with representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross and officers of the Military Prosecutor's Office of the Central Region of Ukraine participated in “International legal protection of human rights in armed conflicts” roundtable on 05 March 2019. The aforementioned event and the I International Scientific and Practical Conference “Human Rights Protection: International and Ukrainian Experiences” held on 16 May 2019 were hosted by the National Prosecution Academy of Ukraine. Issues related to combatting trafficking in human beings were proposed for discussion to the participants.

Also students of the Institute of Advanced Training of Prosecutors have “Prosecutor’s activities during special period” course. In course of the lessons the issues related to countering trafficking in human beings in temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and in the areas of Joint Forces Operation are discussed with students, in particular military prosecutors.

According to the Law of Ukraine “On the National Police”, expenditures related to professional training of police officers, specifically postgraduate education, i.e. advanced training of police officers, are covered by the State Budget.

In 2018 web-based Education Portal was created within the police officers’ official training system. Functional training of police officers also addresses peculiarities of detection and investigation of crimes related to trafficking in human beings.

The use of “Fundamentals of Combating Trafficking in Human Beings” e-learning course, which is permanently available on the Internet at: www.ctcourse.org.ua by the officers of operative and investigation units of the National Police of Ukraine is ensured.

In 2019 normative part of the plans for advanced training and specialisation of police officers envisaged learning topics concerning safeguarding human rights and

freedoms; tolerance and non-discrimination in the work of police officers; trafficking in human beings etc.

During 2019 56 officers of the units of the National Police of Ukraine for combatting human trafficking related crimes received advanced training and specialisation on the aforementioned topics.

Also “Combating trafficking in human beings” and “Safeguarding human rights and freedoms” courses were included to the curriculum of the primary training of all categories of newly recruited police officers.

In the framework of joint projects the practice of holding trainings and workshops, using modern training formats based on interactive and distance learning courses involving police officers and other representatives of public authorities with support of partner governmental and non-governmental organisations was continued.

According to the Order of the National Police of Ukraine of 07.12.2018 No. 1135, in 2019 training for 2 groups of police units for combatting human trafficking related crimes was organised and held (in February and in July) in the National Academy of Internal Affairs in the framework of short-term advance training system (covering 55 officers in total).

In the framework of joint projects with support of international partners training sessions, trainings, workshops are held, modern training formats based on interactive and distance learning courses are used, participation in roundtables and working meetings is ensured.

In 2019 representatives of police units for combatting human trafficking related crimes participated in the following events:

1) *with support of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine:*

- in the training in the framework of “Strengthening Criminal Prosecution of Human Traffickers Using Information Technologies in Ukraine” project on 11.02–15.02.2019 in Kharkiv (in Kharkiv National University of Internal Affairs);

- in “Human trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation: Holistic approach to the problem” international workshop on 19.02–20.02.2019 in Kyiv;

- in the working meeting with INTERPOL representatives in the framework of “Combating Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants in Ukraine” project on 07.05–08.05.2019 in Vienna (Austria);

- in the study visit on the delegation of the National Police of Ukraine to learn from the experience of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in detection, prosecution and ceasing human trafficking crimes committed using information technologies on 26.05–01.06.2019 in Ottawa (Canada);

- in the training for representatives of the institutions working in the area of combatting trafficking in human beings on 08.07–12.07.2019 in Kyiv;

- in the training in the framework of “Strengthening Criminal Prosecution of Human Traffickers Using Information Technologies in Ukraine” project on 25.09–27.09.2019 in Odesa;

- in the working session of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights concerning combatting trafficking in human beings on 20.09.2019 in Warsaw (Republic of Poland);

- in the conference in the framework of “Extending the National Mechanism for Interaction of Agents for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings” project on 09.10.2019, 23.10.2019 and 30.10.2019 (in Khmelnytskyi, Kramatorsk and Rivne);
- in the workshop entitled: “Topical issues of preventing and combatting trafficking in human beings for the purposes of labour exploitation” on 17.10–18.10.2019 in Lviv;
- in the training entitled: “Interviewing victims of trafficking in human beings” on 28.10–31.10.2019 in Kyiv;
- in “Experience and best practices in implementation of the National Mechanism for Interaction of the Agents for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Kyiv Region” regional conference on 06.12.2019 in Kyiv;
- in the regional workshop on: “Prevention and combatting trafficking in human beings and illegal migration, multidisciplinary approach and multilevel cooperation” on 09.12–10.12.2019 in Kyiv.

2) *with support of the IOM Mission in Ukraine:*

- in the international high-level meeting on agreement and validation of the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) for Ukraine on 13 March 2019 in Kyiv;
- in the training in the framework of “Capacity Building of Law Enforcement Agencies of Ukraine for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings” project on 15.05–16.05.2019 in Ternopil;
- in “Combating trafficking in human beings: Interactive training course for law enforcement officers in Ukraine” learning course that started in May 2019;
- in the training on combating trafficking in human beings for labour inspectors (with participation of the Counter-Trafficking Department) on 20.06–21.06.2019 in Kyiv;
- in “Combating trafficking in human beings: Interactive training course for law enforcement officers in Ukraine” workshop on 03.09–04.09.2019 in Odesa;
- in the working meeting of “Support for Migration and Asylum Management in Ukraine (IMMIS)” project on 11.09–12.09.2019 in Kyiv;
- in “Capacity Building of Law Enforcement Agencies for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Protecting Victims” workshop on 08.10–09.10.2019 in Mariupol;
- in “Capacity Building of Law Enforcement Agencies for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Protecting Victims” on 13.11–14.11.2019 in Sumy;
- in the Second International Conference on “Securing protection of rights of sailors working on marine crafts and yachts” on 12.12.2019 in Kyiv.

3) *with support of the Embassy of the United States in Ukraine:*

- in “Combating human trafficking and child exploitation” advanced training course on 30.09–04.10.2019 in Budapest (Hungary);
- in the working meeting with E. Pfender, representative of the U.S. Department of State’s bureau for justice and combatting trafficking in children on 21.10.2019 in Kyiv;

4) *with support of the British Embassy in Ukraine:*

- in the training course on children protection system on 05.11–07.11.2019 in Kyiv.

5) *with assistance of the Europol:*

- in EMPACT platform plenary meeting on 03.06–05.06.2019 in the Hague (Kingdom of the Netherlands);

- in “Human trafficking and smuggling of migrants” training course on 30.09–11.10.2019 in Caserta (Italy);

- in the conference in the framework of SOC AP “Phoenix” project on countering trafficking of non-EU nationals on 17.10–18.10.2019 in Lisbon (Portuguese Republic);

6) *with assistance of the Government of Canada — the Canadian Police Mission in Ukraine (hereinafter — the CPMU):*

- in the working meeting with representatives of the CPMU for sharing interviewing and interrogation experience “Step-by-step interview (interviewing and interrogation techniques) on 26.09.2019 in Kyiv;

- in the working meeting with representatives of the CPMU on countering trafficking in human beings, sexual exploitation of children, in particular on combatting distribution of child pornography on 15.10.2019 in Kyiv;

7) *with assistance of the American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS):* in a visit to the US in the framework of “Open World” project on 27.03–07.04.2019.

As a basis for ensuring the efficient implementation of defined objectives in combatting trafficking in human beings, *the Security Service of Ukraine* established close cooperation with law enforcement and other concerned public authorities of Ukraine, as well as interaction with special services of foreign countries, civil society and international organisations and foundations. In addition, in the framework of development of international partnerships, officers the Security Service of Ukraine regularly participate in international workshops, roundtables, conferences, trainings on combating trans-border crimes, including countering trafficking in human beings.

Cooperation with INTERPOL, Europol, Frontex, embassies and consulates is established on the aforementioned issues, continuous interaction, exchange of experience with law enforcement authorities of foreign countries, especially the neighbouring countries, is ensured through working meetings with foreign liaison officers, active participation in international projects, relevant meetings, continuous maintenance of working contacts, organisation of joint investigations.

Officers of the Main Directorate for Combatting Corruption and Organised Crime of the Security Service of Ukraine are members of the Working group for improving laws and regulations in the area of combatting trafficking in human beings under the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the working group established in pursuance to EU-UNODC initiative for preventing and addressing human trafficking and migrant smuggling (GLO.ACT).

Also a representative of the Main Directorate is a member of the working group under the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Social Policy, Employment and Pension Provision, which directly reviews (finalises) the draft Law of Ukraine “On

Amending Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine as regards Economic Activities of Facilitators of Employment Abroad” (register. No. 6275-Д).

Taking into account the urgency of the issue of countering trafficking in human beings, as well as aiming at promoting the efficiency of combating the aforementioned illegal actions, the unit ensures continuous exchange of information on criminal offenses related to trafficking in human beings, persons involved in human trafficking and human trafficking victims.

strengthen the capacity of the State Migration Service to detect victims of trafficking among unaccompanied and separated foreign children, including by providing adequate interpretation services;

In order to strengthen its capacity in receiving and processing applications of foreigners and stateless persons for recognition as a refugee or a person in need of subsidiary protection, *the State Migration Services of Ukraine* constantly cooperates with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (hereinafter — UNHCR Ukraine) Representation in Ukraine, which facilitates relevant trainings for officers of the State Migration Services of Ukraine.

In 2019 UNHCR Ukraine supported a range of trainings for officers of the State Migration Services of Ukraine concerning: interviewing techniques (including for vulnerable categories of people), procedures for establishing the refugee status, fundamentals of interpretation as a part of international protection procedures etc.

In order to provide adequate interpretation services when working with foreigners and stateless persons a reference interpreters register was created in the State Migration Service of Ukraine according to the Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine of 11.03.2013 No. 228 “On Approval of the Procedure for Maintenance of the Reference Interpreters Register by the State Migration Service of Ukraine” registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 22.05.2013 under the No. 801/23333 (hereinafter — the Procedure).

The aforementioned Register is a web page of the official website of the State Migration Service of Ukraine, which contains information on interpreters, who may be involved by public authorities to provide interpretation services during the processing of applications and holding interviews with refugees and other categories of migrants, during detention thereof, providing them with legal assistance, consideration of cases concerning refugees and expulsion of foreigners and stateless persons from Ukraine by administrative courts, conducting pre-trial investigations and consideration of criminal proceedings and cases on administrative offenses committed by refugees and other categories of migrants in Ukraine by courts.

According to the Procedure, the State Migration Service of Ukraine shall populate and maintain the interpreters register, take measures for protection and processing of the interpreter’s data, as well as ensure protection of such data from unauthorised processing, including from unauthorised access.

Territorial bodies of the State Migration Service of Ukraine, on an annual basis, make provisions in budgets of the general fund of the State Budget for the

corresponding year to purchase translation and interpretation services in order to adequately arrange the work with refugees and other categories of migrants.

Also the Ministry of Social Policy in cooperation with the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine held the training on “Interviewing victims of human trafficking” for representatives of departments for the social protection of the population, migration service, prosecutor’s office, police, judges, labour inspectors etc. on 08–12 July and on 28–31 October 2019.

set up sufficient shelters with qualified staff and assistance services for presumed child victims of trafficking, for different forms of exploitation, and provide these shelters with sufficient funding;

A network of public institutions for assistance to victims, including human trafficking victims, is established in Ukraine.

As of 01.01.2020 79 shelters and centres for social and psychological rehabilitation of children work in Ukraine.

During 2019 13 children were granted the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings and social assistance set out in the Law of Ukraine “On Combating Trafficking in Human Beings”.

ensure long-term assistance for the integration of child victims of trafficking;

As of 01.01.2020, 31,186 troubled children, including 3,625 children subjected to different forms of violence and abuse, were registered with services for children’s affairs of city councils and raion state administrations.

In 2019, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine granted the status of victim of trafficking in human beings to 13 children, including 3 boys and 10 girls:

2 boys suffered from labour exploitation, 1 boy suffered from sale to third parties;

7 girls suffered from sexual exploitation, 3 girls were involved in porn industry.

All children were granted the status and social assistance set out in the Law of Ukraine “On Combating Trafficking in Human Beings”.

In *Vinnytsia Oblast*, in 2019, 98 children, including 2 children who suffered from trafficking in children were registered in the oblast services for children’s affairs on the ground of child abuse.

As of 31.12.2019, 79 children who suffered from child abuse were registered in the oblast services for children’s affairs. The children were provided with integrated support based on individual work plans.

In *Volyn Oblast*, services for children’s affairs carried out 809 prevention activities (raids) “Dity Vulytsi” (Street Children, “Vokzal” (Station), as a result of which 231 children were identified.

A total of 220 children were taken, including: 97 — from streets, 123 — from families. Out of the total number of children, 42 were returned to their families, 8 were

returned to educational institutions, 154 were placed in the orphanage of the service for children's affairs of the oblast state administration and in the centre for social and psychological rehabilitation of children, 16 children were placed in healthcare facilities.

In ***Dnipropetrovsk Oblast***, long-term assistance for the integration of child victims of trafficking was ensured.

In the oblast, there are 42 centres of social services for family, children and youth (hereinafter referred to as the "CSSFCY"), engaging (as of 01.05.2020) 254 social work specialists (total number of the CSSFCY employees is 434). The manning table of 47 amalgamated territorial communities includes 158 positions for the purpose of provision of social services to vulnerable population categories, including 37 positions of social work specialists and 121 positions (head of department, head of sector, executive committee specialist, social inspector, social employee, social worker, psychologist) that perform both functions related to providing social services to families and other functional duties that do not fall within the competence of a social work specialist.

The manning table of Communal Institution "Dnipropetrovsk Centre for Social and Psychological Assistance" of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Council includes 2 positions of a social care teacher and 1 psychologist.

For the purpose of prompt resolution of issues, including issues related to providing assistance for the integration of child victims of trafficking, the Coordination Council for Family and Gender Policy, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, involving representatives of all actors that must provide assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings, was established under the oblast state administration.

In 2019, in the territory of the oblast, assistance for the integration was provided to 3 children (2 girls and 1 boy) from Dnipro, Kryvyi Rih and Nikopol.

In ***Donetsk Oblast***, there are 6 centres for social and psychological rehabilitation of children, which are accessible to children who may be victims of human trafficking. During the reporting period, no child victims of trafficking in human beings were identified.

In ***Zhytomyr Oblast***, 2 victims of child trafficking are registered as troubled children in the service for children's affairs of Ovruch Raion State Administration. According to their needs and identified issues, these children are receiving care and protection of rights and interests.

In ***Zakarpattia Oblast***, there is Zakarpattia Oblast Centre for Social and Psychological Assistance, which is a care-giving institution providing services to persons in hardship (due to disaster, crime committed against them, abuse (including family abuse) or justifiable threat thereof as well as due to other circumstances), the consequences of which they cannot handle on their own.

During the 1st half of 2019, in cooperation with the National Police of Ukraine and education authorities, 288 prevention raids were carried out, including the prevention raids "Vulytsia" (Street), "Vokzal" (Station) and "Pidlitok" (Teenager).

During the raids, 656 troubled families were inspected, 78 children were taken. 367 parents were served with a warning due to non-performance of parental duties; prosecution of 105 persons was initiated.

In order to prevent and cease the worst forms of child labour, especially that of babies used for begging, on 25 April 2019, the service for children's affairs of Zakarpattia Oblast State Administration and the Main Office of the National Police of Ukraine in Zakarpattia Oblast issued the Joint Order No. 28/850 "On carrying out the all-oblast prevention raid "Maliuk" (Baby)", in pursuance of which prevention operations "Maliuk" (Baby) took place during 13–17 May 2019.

In the course of these activities, 49 operations were carried out at railway and bus stations, on bus stops and in the main streets:

84 families were inspected, where parents or persons in loco parentis dodged their duties;

5 children living in 2 dysfunctional families were registered;

4 children were taken from dangerous environment and placed in healthcare facilities;

13 administrative protocols were executed against parents or persons in loco parentis under Article 184 of the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences (non-performance of child-rearing responsibilities by parents or persons in loco parentis).

Social protection of children who are deprived of family upbringing, who are in difficult living conditions, who left educational institutions and need social and psychological rehabilitation, is exercised via the network of child protection institutions.

In the 1st half of 2019, 146 children stayed at the orphanage (Batiovo); 38 children received social, psychological, medical and other assistance in Zakarpattia Centre for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation of Children (Svaliava).

In *Zaporizhzhia Oblast*, a child who was granted the status received social adaptation services from 22.01.2019 till 31.08.2019. The Centre's social work specialists monitored the child's physical and mental condition on a continuous basis. The centre's specialist cooperated with a social psychologist from the general education sanatorium boarding school. The Centre's lawyer provided consultations on the legal protection of the victim.

Carrier guidance consultations, engagement of the child in occupational choice trainings and development of interests took place. There was a continuous control over the child's social adaptation in a group of children of the same age during the educational process and during leisure hours.

Before the summer holidays, there was a conversation with the child as regards prevention of water recreation incidents and on-water code of conduct during their stay in State Enterprise "Children's Recreation and Leisure Institution "Sea Wave" (the child stayed in "Sea Wave" from 12.06.2019 till 13.08.2019).

Since 01.09.2019, the child has been studying in State Educational Institution "Zaporizhzhia Vocational Training Centre for Construction" and has been under the social management of the centre of services for family, children and youth for the purpose of providing a set of social services according to the needs.

In **Kyiv Oblast**, there are 5 centres for social and psychological rehabilitation of children, including oblast centres for social and psychological rehabilitation of children: “Otchyi Dim”, “Oberih”, “Pereyaslav”, “Sezenkiv” and the Centre for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation of Children in Kopyliv Village (355 places in total).

In **Ivano-Frankivsk, Kirovohrad, Luhansk, Lviv, Cherkasy and Chernivtsi, Sumy Oblasts and Kyiv City**, no child victims of trafficking in human beings were identified in 2019.

In **Mykolaiv Oblast**, specialists of the service for children’s affairs were given guidance materials: “Catalogue of Agents for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Mykolaiv Oblast” as provided by Mykolaiv Charity Foundation “Liubystok”.

In addition, representatives of services for children’s affairs and centres of social services for family, children and youth in the oblast underwent training on detection and identification of child victims of trafficking in human beings when performing their duties and on providing necessary assistance to child victims.

In **Odesa Oblast**, 2 child victims of trafficking in human beings were identified. Within the framework of implementation of rehabilitation plans, the child victims of trafficking in human beings and their parents were provided with legal advice (they got explanations on the rights of a victim of trafficking in human beings, the procedure for payment of one-time financial aid to victims of trafficking in human beings). The children received individual psychological counselling and underwent medical examination.

On 01 October 2019, the round table “Procedure for identification and providing protection and assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings, unaccompanied children, persons with children in a crisis and stateless persons” was held.

In **Poltava Oblast**, services for children’s affairs provide methodological recommendations on the protection of child victims of trafficking in human beings in case when they are identified according to the current legislation. They emphasise the need to strengthen their cooperation with centres of social services for family, children and youth, law enforcement authorities, educational institutions and healthcare facilities as regards the implementation of activities aimed at prevention of involvement of children in trafficking in human beings through early identification of children in need for special attention and support.

In the oblast, there are 2 centres for social and psychological rehabilitation of children, which are accessible to children who may be victims of human trafficking.

In **Rivne Oblast**, services for children’s affairs implement activities aimed at identification and registration of children involved in the worst forms of child labour and those who suffered from trafficking in children. In 2019, no children of those categories were identified.

In **Ternopil Oblast**, 26 specialists who provide social services to child victims of trafficking in human beings underwent training.

In **Kharkiv Oblast**, specialists of centres of social services for family, children and youth provide social support services to victims of human trafficking. This activity

involves a long-term provision of a set of social services, including social and psychological services and assistance in the process of social integration of victims.

In *Kherson Oblast*, if there is the need for long-term social integration assistance to child victims of trafficking in human beings, it will be organized and provided by agents involved in interaction.

In *Khmelnytskyi Oblast*, an underage girl stayed at the Centre for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation for Children “Schaslyve Dytynstvo” (Happy Childhood) in 2019. She was bought glasses for vision correction, clothes and footwear and provided with a full package of social and psychological assistance. Since the 1st of September, the child started her cooking studies at Hrytsiv Higher Vocational School No. 38.

In *Chernihiv Oblast*, no human trafficking cases involving underages were identified in 2019. If needed, services for children’s affairs and centres of social services for family, children and youth will ensure providing long-term assistance for the integration of child victims of trafficking.

review the existing legislation and practice to ensure effective guardianship in cases of parental involvement in exploitation, or in cases of unaccompanied children (paragraph 152).

In order to strengthen the responsibility of enterprises, institutions and organisations, including charitable and civil society ones, which organise travelling of groups of children abroad for rest and recreation purposes, to protect children’s rights and create safe conditions for them abroad, the Ministry of Social Policy developed amendments to the Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 21.02.2005 No. 1251 “On approval of the Procedure for organisation of children’s travelling abroad for rest and recreation purposes” and of 27.01.1995 No. 57 “On approval of the Rules for crossing the state border by citizens of Ukraine”, which were approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 20.02.2019 No. 117.

The amendments provide for the following:

- establishing a list of documents for persons who accompany children (copies of the passport of a citizen of Ukraine, degree certificates, a certificate of compulsory medical examination that grants the right to work with children, a certificate of no prosecution, criminal record or restrictions provided in the criminal procedure legislation) as those persons are in a close contact with children;

- establishing additional requirements for the families of foreigners who will host a child/ children for rest and recreation purposes (no record of conviction of the host family members, absence of alcohol and drug addiction, mental and infectious diseases, as well as guarantees of children’s return to Ukraine);

- ensuring, by management and accompanying persons, compulsory periodical visits to host families and permanent communication with children to monitor the conditions of their stay.

These measures are, first of all, aimed at ensuring children’s security abroad and minimisation of risks as children stay in another country for a long period of time

in foreign families rather than in institutions that have licences and permits from competent authorities.

In addition, in 2019, for the first time in 8 years, the Ministry introduced the draft Laws of Ukraine “On Ukraine’s Accession to the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption” and “On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine in Connection with Ukraine’s Accession to the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption” for consideration of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. These draft Laws were approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 20.11.2019 and submitted for consideration of the President of Ukraine.

It is important to note that the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (hereinafter referred to as the “Convention”) is an international document adopted in 1993.

Around 100 states are signatories to the Convention, and they use a transparent mechanism for legal adoption of children by foreigners, thereby ensuring compliance with guarantees during the adoption process and protecting children’s rights thereafter, including preventing abduction, the sale of, or traffic in children.

An adopted child may be transferred to the Receiving State only if all requirements of the Convention and legislation of Ukraine are met, in particular:

- consideration has been given to the child’s opinion;

- central and competent authorities of the states have determined that the adoption of the child by this family is in the child’s best interests, and granted relevant consents, the family and the child have been informed of the effects of the adoption, the family is ready for the risks that may arise due to the child’s diseases, etc.;

- exclusion of private persons (intermediaries) from the adoption process;

- foreign agencies that will work in Ukraine will be subject to accreditation procedures in the Ministry of Social Policy and in the Central Authority of the Receiving State (under the procedure approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine);

- introducing criminal liability for illegal actions aimed at placement of orphan children and children deprived of parental care.

In addition, on 19 December 2019, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the Law of Ukraine “On Amending Certain Laws of Ukraine (As Regards Introduction of the Unified Register of Persons Convicted of Crimes against Sexual Freedom and Sexual Integrity of Minors and Strengthening Liability for Crimes against Sexual Freedom and Sexual Integrity of Minors)” (hereinafter referred to as the “Law”).

The Law provides for the implementation of medical measures in the form of voluntary chemical castration and establishing the Unified Register of Persons Convicted of Crimes against Sexual Freedom and Sexual Integrity of Minors.

The Law also provides for amending the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine by supplementing Chapter 1 with Article 6¹ to read as follows:

“6¹. Unified Register of Persons Convicted of Crimes against Sexual Freedom and Sexual Integrity of Minors.

The Unified Register of Persons Convicted of Crimes against Sexual Freedom and Sexual Integrity of Minors (hereinafter referred to as the “Register”) is an automated electronic database created to ensure collection, storage, protection, registration, search, summarising of data on persons who committed crimes against sexual freedom and sexual integrity of minors, including persons whose conviction of those crimes was expunged or removed from their criminal record under the procedure established by law.

The Holder of the Register shall be the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

The Regulation on Unified Register of Persons Convicted of Crimes against Sexual Freedom and Sexual Integrity of Minors, the procedure for its creation and maintenance shall be approved by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

The Register shall include the data on a convicted person’s surname, name and patronymic, date of birth, place of residence or stay, crime of which he/ she was convicted, type of criminal penalty imposed thereon, information on the sentence actually served and violation of the probation rules.

The information about a person shall be entered in the Register under the guilty court verdict that came into effect. In case when a person committed a crime against sexual freedom and sexual integrity of minors before the Register was established, the information on such person shall be entered in the Register under a court ruling delivered at the person’s place of residence or place of servitude on the prosecutor’s submission.

The information on a person shall be removed from the Register in case of rescission of the guilty verdict or court ruling.

The users of the Register shall include chiefs of prosecutors’ offices and pre-trial investigation bodies, prosecutors, investigators and other authorised persons of the National Police of Ukraine and the State Bureau of Investigations.

The following persons shall have the right to obtain information on a person’s registration in the Register:

village, settlement and city heads, heads of state administrations, other public authorities and local self-governing bodies — in respect of persons aspiring to the position of a head (deputy head) of a pre-school institution, secondary school, out-of-school education facility, health care facility or other institution, organisation that are charged with taking care of minors or providing healthcare, educational or social services to minors, and are under their management;

heads of pre-school institutions, secondary schools, out-of-school education facilities, health care facilities or other institution, organisation that are charged with taking care of minors or providing healthcare, educational or social services to minors to resolve employment issues;

any natural person — in respect of information about themselves;

any natural person — in respect of information about another person at the consent of the person about whom the information is requested as certified according to the requirements of the Law of Ukraine “On Notaries”.

In addition, the Law stiffens criminal penalties for crimes against sexual freedom and sexual integrity of minors by amending the Criminal Code of Ukraine (Article 152, Article 153).

6. GRETA once again urges the Ukrainian authorities to ensure that the recovery and reflection period, as provided for in Article 13 of the Convention, is specifically defined in law and that all the measures of protection and assistance envisaged in Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention are made available during this period to persons with regard to whom there are reasonable grounds to believe that they are victims of THB. It should be made clear that the recovery and reflection period should last at least 30 days and should not be conditional upon any additional requirement, beyond the existence of reasonable grounds (paragraph 161);

According to Article 15 of the Law of Ukraine “On Countering Human Trafficking” (hereinafter “the Law”), the total duration of the procedure for establishing the trafficking victim status may not exceed one month from the date of interviewing a person in a local state administration.

According to Article 14 of the Law, prior to a decision on the THB status is made, persons who applied for the status of victims of trafficking in human beings has the right to personal safety, respect and provision free of charge of:

- 1) information on their rights and possibilities in a language they can understand;
- 2) medical, psychological, legal and other assistance, irrespective of their residence;
- 3) temporary accommodation in assistance facilities for persons affected by trafficking.

A foreign national or a stateless person who applied for the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings on the territory of Ukraine, awaiting a decision on the status of the victim of trafficking in human beings, apart from the above rights is also entitled to the following:

- 1) interpretation services free of charge;
- 2) temporary stay in Ukraine on legal grounds.

A foreign national or a stateless person who applied for the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings on the territory of Ukraine, receives a certificate confirming the fact of applying for such status and opening a relevant procedure and is a basis for registration with the central executive authority responsible for the implementation of individuals’ registration policies.

It is prohibited to detain a person, who has applied for the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings, in temporary detention facilities, except in cases stipulated by law, and to expel a person from Ukraine prior to a decision concerning person's status of the victim of human trafficking.

7. GRETA urges the Ukrainian authorities to adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to ensure that a legal person can be held liable for a criminal offence established in accordance with the Convention (paragraph 189).

In connection with Ukraine's ratification of the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs, *the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine* developed the Draft Laws of Ukraine "On Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Trafficking in Human Organs" and "On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine in Connection with the Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Trafficking in Human Organs."

The Draft Law of Ukraine "On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine in Connection with the Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Trafficking in Human Organs" proposes to amend the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code with regard to Article 22 of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, in particular to add articles to the Criminal Code of Ukraine establishing criminal liability of a legal entity (amendments to Article 96-3 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine as regards the adding of Article 149 (Trafficking in Human Beings) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine to the list of crimes, under which a legal entity may be held criminally liable).

In connection with the formation of the new Government, these Draft Laws have been re-submitted for approval to the central authorities.

Officers of the Department on Combating THB of *the National Police of Ukraine* were among members of the working group set up at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine to develop the above Draft Laws.

8. GRETA once again urges the Ukrainian authorities to take additional measures to ensure compliance with the principle of non-punishment of victims of THB for their involvement in unlawful activities, including administrative offences, to the extent that they were compelled to do so, as contained in Article 26 of the Convention. Such measures should include the adoption of a specific legal provision and/or the development of guidance for police officers, prosecutors and judges on the scope of the non-punishment provision (paragraph 196);

Pursuant to Article 25 of the Law of Ukraine "On the National Police", the police carry out information, search and analytical activities, in the framework of which the Department on Combating THB and *the National Police of Ukraine* monitor data on the detection and termination of human trafficking-related criminal offences.

According to the results of processing information on human trafficking-related criminal offences in 2019, the facts of punishment of THB victims for their involvement in unlawful activities, including administrative offenses, have not been recorded.

According to *the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine*, specialized prosecutors are focused on compliance with the requirements of this Article in THB criminal proceedings.

Furthermore, the Government of Ukraine will consider possible prospects for developing recommendations for police officers, prosecutors and judges regarding the scope of application of the principle of non-punishment of victims of THB, as provided by Article 26 of the Convention.

9. GRETA urges the Ukrainian authorities to strengthen their efforts to ensure that THB cases for different forms of exploitation are investigated and prosecuted proactively and lead to effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions, in particular by:

reviewing the legislation and the investigation/ prosecution procedure with a view to identifying and addressing gaps (e.g. in relation to trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation/ forced labour);

In October 2018, the Law of Ukraine “On Amending Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine As Regards Aligning with International Standards” introduced amendments to Article 149 (trafficking in human beings) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine as regards aligning with international standards, namely with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, thereby ‘human exploitation’ means all forms of sexual exploitation, use in pornography businesses, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude, involvement in debt bondage, removal of organs, experimentation over a person without his/her consent, adoption for commercial purposes, forced pregnancy or forced termination of pregnancy, forced marriage, forced begging, involvement into criminal activity, use in armed conflicts, etc.

In their practical activity, prosecutors use methodological guidelines entitled “Procedural guidance on pre-trial investigation and support of public prosecution in criminal proceedings in trafficking cases”, developed by the Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine jointly with the National Prosecution Academy of Ukraine and approved by the Prosecutor General of Ukraine in 2017.

In addition, during relevant trainings, prosecutors are provided with basic procedures to be followed when investigating these crimes, in particular depending on the type of exploitation of victims.

As for specialisation of prosecutors, it should be noted that, given the primary role of prosecutors in criminal proceedings, in 2015, heads of regional prosecutors’ offices, pursuant to the letter of Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine, introduced specialisation of prosecutors in this area in order to ensure high quality and professional approach to the implementation of procedural guidance in these proceedings.

ensuring that units investigating and prosecuting THB offences are properly resourced and that specialised anti-THB prosecutors are appointed in all regions;

Within the framework of the International Technical Assistance Project “Regional Programme for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings”, in September 2019, investigative units and anti-trafficking units of the National Police of Ukraine were provided with free material assistance in the form of computers and other equipment for the total amount of UAH 1,797,503.50.

In addition, in 2019, within the framework of this project, supported by adequate financing, representatives of anti-trafficking units of the National Police of Ukraine participated:

- in a training within the framework of the project “Capacity Building of Law Enforcement Agencies of Ukraine for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings” (Ternopil) during 15.05–16.05.2019, total number of participants is 5 police officers;

- in “Combating trafficking in human beings: Interactive training course for law enforcement officers in Ukraine” that started in May 2019, total number of participants is 26 police officers;

- in the training on combating trafficking in human beings for labour inspectors: Kyiv (20.06–21.06.2019), Lviv (09.07–12.07.2019), Kharkiv (06.08–09.08.2019), Odesa (15.08–16.08.2019), total number of participants is 6 police officers;

- in “Combating trafficking in human beings: Interactive training course for law enforcement officers in Ukraine”, 03.09–04.09.2019, Odesa, total number of participants is 9 police officers;

- in the workshop “Capacity Building of Law Enforcement Agencies for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Protecting Victims”, during 08.10–09.10.2019,

Mariupol, total number of participants is 4 police officers;

- in the workshop “Capacity Building of Law Enforcement Agencies for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Protecting Victims”, during 13.11–14.11.2019, Sumy, total number of participants is 4 police officers.

strengthening efforts to investigate and prosecute cases of trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation (paragraph 211).

In 2019, units of the National Police of Ukraine detected 135 (54 in 2018) episodes of human trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation, which accounts for 44% of 306 detected criminal offences under Article 149 (trafficking in human beings) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

According to the *State Judicial Administration of Ukraine*, in 2019, 44 persons were convicted of crimes under Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. As for the number of persons, the verdicts in respect of whom came into effect during the reporting period: under Article 149(1) — 1 person (1 person was convicted), under Article 149(2) — 30 persons (29 persons were convicted), under Article 149(3) —

9 persons (5 persons were convicted). As for persons on whom penalties were imposed: under Article 149(2) — 12 persons (1 person — up to 3 years, 5 persons — up to 5 years, 6 persons — up to 10 years). The number of released persons: on probation, under Article 149(1) — 1 person, under Article 149(2) — 17 persons, under Article 149(3) — 4 persons.

For the purpose of appropriate coordination of activity, study and summarising of issues related to pre-trial investigation in criminal proceedings involving trafficking in human beings, inter-agency working groups involving employees of regional prosecutors' offices, oblast apparatuses of the National Police of Ukraine, the Security Service of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, representatives of local self-governing bodies were established and operate within regional prosecutors' offices under the orders of oblast prosecutors. At the meetings of inter-agency groups, issues related to combating relevant crimes, ensuring cooperation and exchange of information that can facilitate appropriate investigation in these proceedings, etc. are considered.

In addition, it is important to note that during investigation in the proceedings of this category, the police must avoid repeated victimisation of affected persons. All bodies engaged in anti-trafficking activities should, first of all, aim at determining the needs of victims of these crimes and providing them with necessary assistance.

In order to ensure such inter-agency work, the Prosecutor General of Ukraine sent the letter to regional prosecutors' offices with a list of organisations that are members to the All-Ukrainian NGO Coalition for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

Those organisations have capacities and resources to support victims of trafficking in human beings, and adequate cooperation of law enforcement authorities with these organisations will have a positive impact on the outcomes of investigation in the relevant criminal proceedings.

10. GRETA urges the Ukrainian authorities to make full use of the available measures to protect victims and witnesses of THB and to prevent intimidation or retraumatisation during the investigation, as well as during and after the court proceedings, including through the use of video conferences and other suitable means to avoid face-to-face cross-examination of victims in the presence of the accused (paragraph 218).

During pre-trial investigation, if there are grounds set out in the Constitution of Ukraine, the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine and the Law of Ukraine “On Securing the Safety of Persons Participating in Criminal Proceedings”, the safety of persons who were recognised as victims of trafficking in human beings, witnesses and other persons participating in criminal proceedings is to be secured in the following ways:

- personal guard and protection of residence and property;
- provision of special means of individual protection and notification of danger;

- use of technical means of monitoring and wiretapping telephone and other conversations and visual surveillance;
- replacement of documents and change of appearance;
- change of the place of work or study;
- transfer to a different place of residence;
- placement in a pre-school education institution or social protection institutions and bodies;
- securing confidentiality of information about the person;
- closed court proceedings.

In accordance with Article 27(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine, criminal proceedings in courts shall be conducted openly. The investigating judge, the court may take a decision to conduct criminal proceedings in camera throughout the entire judicial proceedings or any part thereof, including in cases of trial in respect of a crime against sexual freedom and sexual integrity of a person; with a view to preventing disclosure of information on private and family life of an individual or circumstances which degrade human dignity, and if there is a need to secure the safety of persons participating in criminal proceedings, etc.

The Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine also provides for examination, identification through the use of video conferences during pre-trial investigation, in particular to secure the safety of persons or on other grounds recognized as reasonable by the investigator, public prosecutor, investigating judge. The same grounds enable to conduct court proceedings through the use of video conferences by means of streaming from other premises, including those located outside of the courthouse.

In their turn, representatives of the Prosecutor General's Office guide public prosecutors towards the implementation of those legal provisions in the course of procedural management in criminal proceedings of this category where reasonable and practicable.