

CENTRE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS' PROTECTION

IS A NATIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTION

SUPPORTING THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO RECOVER AND LIVE A FULFILLING AND DIGNIFIED LIFE AGAIN

WHAT DOES THE CENTRE DO

Protects the rights and interests of victims while fully appreciating their personalities, providing confidentiality, respecting rights and international and local standards of protection.

Assesses victims' needs and collects information on their exploitation situation. Based on this, it decides/ provides an opinion if a person is a victim of human trafficking.

Plans the required support and desired objectives for the improvement of the victim's situation with the victim and other associates, taking into consideration the opinion and capacity of the victim.

Monitors the engagement of everyone who implement support activities for victims and undertakes appropriate steps to achieve the planned objectives.

Coordinates the activities of institutions and organisations within the State system and civil society organisations in supporting victims.

Provides direct support in overcoming the traumatic experience.

Provides support to professionals and institutions through consultations, conducting training, and expert support.

Maintains records on victims and phenomenon of human trafficking.

Conducts analyses, publishes reviews, reports and studies.

Collects and stores data and documentation on victims.

Contributes to improving the capacity of the State to combat trafficking in human beings and enable recovery and good quality life to victims by engaging in relevant working bodies and groups.

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SERBIA IN THE PAST 6 YEARS?

323 victims in 6 years

Women 252

123 minor
129 adult

Men 71

20 minor
51 adult

157

Sexual exploitation

69 girls, 85 women, 2 boys, 1 men

31

Forced marriage

22 girls, 9 women

11

Coercion to commit crimes

2 girls, 2 women, 3 boys, 4 men

1

Illegal adoption

1 girl

Labour exploitation

5 girls, 6 women, 4 boys, 30 men

Begging

8 girls, 6 women, 5 boys, 5 men

Multiple exploitation

16 girls, 22 women, 5 boys, 9 men

Economic exploitation

2 men

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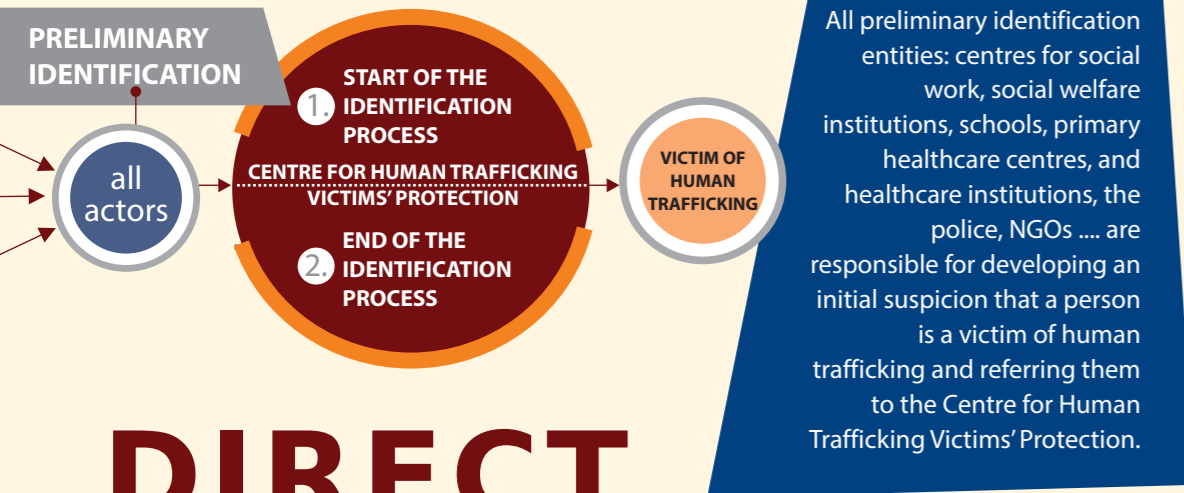
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INSTITUTION FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND COORDINATION OF SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFICATION AT THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS' PROTECTION

The Centre is the only institution in the Republic of Serbia that formally identifies the victims of human trafficking. The identification decision is rendered regardless of the initiation of any criminal proceedings and whether or not the victim participates in the criminal proceedings.



DIRECT SUPPORT

TO VICTIMS PROVIDED BY THE CENTRE

- ▶ Provides accommodation at the Shelter for women aged 16 and older and their children
- ▶ Finds safe and secure place for rest and recovery
- ▶ Support in making independent decisions
- ▶ Assistance in education and job training
- ▶ Support in finding employment
- ▶ Support in performing everyday activities and living in the community without isolation
- ▶ Support to the victim so that (s)he may believe in and appreciate her/himself as a human being again

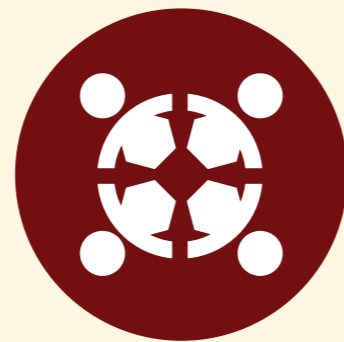
- ▶ Support by a psychologist and psychotherapist
- ▶ Providing legal counsel /lawyer to represent the victim in criminal proceedings
- ▶ Person of trust
- ▶ Empowerment for participating in the court proceedings
- ▶ Support to victim while giving testimony so that (s)he feels more secure and safe
- ▶ Return to her/his country and home in a safe, secure and dignified manner
- ▶ Support in resuming disrupted relationships with family

WHO

PROVIDES SUPPORT AT THE CENTRE



- ▶ Experts licensed for social welfare who have the necessary knowledge and skills.
- ▶ Professionals who know how to talk to rather than interrogate people.
- ▶ People with personal warmth and understanding for the persons that have experienced and suffered human trafficking.



PARTNERS OF THE CENTRE

- CENTRES FOR SOCIAL WORK
- POLICE
- PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES AND COURTS
- HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS
- NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
- LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS
- EMBASSIES
- CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS
- INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
- SERVICE PROVIDERS

TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

is a criminal offence. It involves using or intent to use children, women, and men by human traffickers for their personal gain.

MOST COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- ✗ The victims of human trafficking in Serbia are mostly foreign nationals.
- ✗ Every victim of human trafficking is aware of being a victim.
- ✗ A human trafficker is only the person who buys, sells, and/or exploits the victim.
- ✗ If a person consents to exploitation, (s)he is not a victim of human trafficking.
- ✗ Only traces of physical violence confirm that a certain person is a victim.
- ✗ A victim of human trafficking is most often abducted and then kept captive.
- ✗ Human trafficking victims are always poor people from substandard settlements.