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SUMMARY

ACTIVITY REPORT 2013

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National Toll Free Hotline on Safe Migration

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08.00-20.00/week-round, confidential

National Trust Line 0 8008 8008

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Full Name	International Center for Women's Rights Protection and Promotion "La Strada" (Moldova)
Founded	February 2001
Mission	International Center "La Strada" strives to assure protection of human rights and legal interests of women from the Republic of Moldova, at all levels - individual, legislative and executive - through awareness rising and training activities as well as through support and direct assistance
Thematic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of Trafficking in women • Prevention of domestic violence • Prevention of child sexual commercial exploitation
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risk groups - women and children vulnerable to violence and exploitation; • persons who have suffered from trafficking especially women; children vulnerable/ who have suffered from various forms of sexual abuse or exploitation; women who have suffered from gender-based/ domestic violence; • professional groups, state officials, international community.
Vision	The International Center "La Strada" strives to build a society based on the principle of respect for human rights, sensible to the issue of trafficking in persons and which makes available favorable conditions for the (re) integration of trafficked persons
Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for the human rights - we consider trafficking in persons and violence/abuse against women and children as a grave violation of human rights; • Holistic approach - from the grass root level - of the issue of trafficking in persons and national and international cooperation; • Respect for the beneficiary's decision; individual approach and treatment with dignity; • Team work, exigency and responsibility
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Resource Center for (potential) migrants</i> Prevention of trafficking in human beings and Domestic Violence; • <i>Drop-In-Centre for (presumed) victims of trafficking</i> Identification and assistance of trafficked persons, children victims of commercial sexual exploitation; • <i>Analytical and Lobby Centre</i> Technical support to policy makers, researches and studies, monitoring and assessment; Public Relations
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 full-time, 2 part-time, 25 volunteers
Memberships with non-state groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>La Strada International Association</i> • <i>National Alliance of Social NGOs</i> • <i>ECPAT Moldova</i> • <i>Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women</i>
Membership with state groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings in RM • National Council for the Protection of Children's Rights • National Steering Committee for the Elimination of Child Labor • Inter-ministry Coordinating Council on prevention and combating domestic violence • National Committee for the Child Rights Protection
Geographical coverage	Republic of Moldova
Donors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark • US Department of State • OAK Foundation • European Commission, etc.
Major State Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family; • Ministry of Internal Affairs/General Police Inspectorate/Center to Combat Trafficking in Persons/Cyber Crime Combating Center; • General Prosecutor's Office; • Ministry of Education; etc

ACTIVITY AREA I	COUNTER-ACTING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN
Strategic objective 1	To support the Government of RM in streamlining national AT policies and promoting good practices
Activity stream 1.1.	Provide expert support to the National Anti-Trafficking Committee (NC) in developing AT (policy) management system
Activity 1.1.2.	<p>Support to Permanent Secretariat (PS) of NC in developing the concept of state policies in AT policies management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “La Strada” expert has drafted the concept of AT state policy management handling it to the PS <p>Expert support in developing AT NAP 2014-2016 In 2013, “La Strada” offered expert support to the PS of NC in elaboration of AT NAP 2014-2016. Support in preparing NAP implementation Report for 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “La Strada” offered expert support to PS in elaboration of the <i>National Report on preventing and combating THB for 2012</i> by offering recommendations for methodology and structure for the national Report and elaboration of standard form for monitoring NAP 2012 implementation. The National Report for 2012 is available on: http://antitrafic.gov.md/lib.php?l=en&idc=30&t=/Reports/National-Reports/ <p>Drafting the amendments to the AT legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “La Strada” has drafted the amendments to the AT legislation (<i>Law on Preventing and Combating THB and NRS Strategy</i>) aimed to improve national AT policy. Specifically, the proposed amendments to articles 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 15, 19 and 20 of the <i>Law on Preventing and Combating THB #241 as of October 20, 2005</i>, has been elaborated, presented to AT community, all amendments being handled to PS/MJ. <p>Signing the MoU with the General Police Inspectorate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On August 08, a MoU was signed between “La Strada” Center and GPI. The main objective of MoU is to strengthen mutual cooperation of parties in prevention and combating trafficking in human beings, child pornography and child sexual commercial exploitation.
Activity stream 1.2.	Provide expert support for the integration of issues associated to THB into the AT policies development process
Activity 1.2.1.	<p>Conduct Independent Assessment on the national AT policies effect on the rights of trafficked persons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The published Assessment Report “<i>The impact of the Republic of Moldova anti-trafficking policy on the trafficked persons’ rights</i>” is based on analysis of information offered by victims and specialists in AT field, and also includes recommendations aimed at strengthening the human rights-based approach in development and implementation of the relevant state AT policy, ensuring a positive impact of this policy on protection of the rights and legitimate interests of VoTs and enhancing efficiency of measures taken. The findings and recommendations of the Report have been presented at the meeting of national AT actors with EU AT Coordinator, organized by the PS and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. The Assessment Report has been printed out in Romanian and English, 200 copies (available in English, Romanian and Russian at: http://www.lastrada.md/publicatii/ebook/var_engl_fomin.pdf)
Activity stream 1.3.	To promote better transparency of Government efforts against THB
Activity 1.3.1.	<p>To contribute to the international monitoring and evaluation mechanisms on prevention and combating trafficking in persons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the request from GRETA Secretariat and Committee of the Parties, “La Strada” has submitted its suggestions for the improvement of GRETA’s work including the mechanism of M&E of the CoE Convention on Actions against THB.
Activity stream 1.4.	To support MLSPF in developing and advancing NRS and associated regulatory framework
Activity 1.4.1.	<p>To provide Expert opinion on SOPs under National Referral System to Protect and Assist Victims and Potential Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings (NRS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “La Strada” has elaborated the first draft of <i>SOP/Regulation on multidisciplinary team (MDT) functioning in the framework of NRS</i> followed by series of work meetings among different actors - NRS participants. The draft regulation was submitted to the MLSPF and discussed with main AT actors. On completion of the work on draft Regulation it was submitted to the Government of the RM for official approval. The draft Regulation is available in Romanian at: www.particip.gov.md/public/documente/139/ro_1008_Regulament-EMT-final.pdf
Activity stream 1.5.	To promote good AT strategies and approaches within Moldova and in the region
Activity 1.5.2.	<p>To support identification and exchange of good practices on addressing THB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “La Strada” expert has conducted the assessment of currently existing THB data collection system in the Republic of Moldova and elaborated the report. This activity was implemented in the framework of the Project “Fight against THB - Phase 1 (THB/IFS/1)”, implemented in Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova and Turkey by ICMPP, Vienna, in cooperation with FEI and FIAPP. The Assessment Report provides an overview of the effective legal, regulatory and institutional framework and other practical information relevant the existing situation in Moldova in the field of THB data collection with focus on good practices, identified gaps and areas of improvement both with regard to victim-centered data and trafficker-centered/criminal justice data. “La Strada” shared its experience as related to victims identification and assistance process within 10

	<p>international events organized in Ukraine, Estonia, Austria, USA, Czech Rep, Cyprus, Turkey, Romania, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and other countries organized by UNFPA/UNODC, OSCE/ODIHR, IOM and others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "La Strada" had also possibility to shear its experience in AT field in 37 events organized on the national level by international and/or national AT actors.
Strategic objective 2.	To contribute to reducing vulnerability of women and young persons to exploitation and trafficking
Activity stream 2.1.	To ensure availability of information and counseling on safe migration and dangers of trafficking and exploitation
Activity 2.1.1.	<p>To facilitate access to work migrants to official information on legal work opportunities abroad, specifically to Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "La Strada" conducted a series of activities envisaged in the framework of the Project "Implementation of the Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the RM regarding the Temporary Employment of Workers from the Republic of Moldova in Specific Sectors in the State of Israel" as a Contract party with Center for International Migration and Integration from Israel (CIMI), a project where Moldovan Government (being represented by the National Employment Agency) serves as a main project partner based on Bilateral Labor Agreement between Moldova and Israel. Thus, "La Strada" printed out 4000 Leaflets and 200 posters with its Hotline number targeting potential workers/interested candidates to be employed in Israel, organized training sessions with representatives of regional National Employment Agencies on implementation of Bilateral Labor Agreement between Moldova and Israel, offered phone counseling on the legal job opportunity in Israel to more than 3000 potential migrants, and offered logistical support to CIMI in organizing the professional examinations for the candidates, visa issuance, pre departure orientation sessions and assisting the workers up to their departure to Israel. <p>To provide individual case-based counseling via National Tool Free Hotline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of the total number of 5121 calls registered at Hotline operated by "La Strada", 4199 calls regarding safe migration tips have been addressed;
Activity 2.1.2.	<p>To organize awareness raising campaign to prevent THB and exploitation cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An awareness raising campaign was organized with the MCA Project and included developing and distribution of info materials, delivering seminars for the community population along the M2 national road. A total number of 303 adults and 402 school children from rural settlements along with M2 national road (Floresti, Telenești and Soroca rayon) have been participating in the thematic seminars aimed to prevent THB/exploitation and report eventual such cases. Additionally, 40 foreign workers from Criuleni rayon involved in construction of M2 Road, have been trained under MCA Project. A total number of 705 brochures and 200 posters have been placed/distributed to Project community population; • On October 20th, within national Campaign „Anti-trafficking Week”, under the auspices of PS of NC and ME, „La Strada” together with the Polish Institute from Bucuresti, arranged the projection of an archival silent movie, „Humiliating pathway” with live music played by contemporaneous Polish artists. The event was arranged in the capital city and was attended by 350 young people; • On December 10, as a member of LSI, "La Strada" Moldova took part in the LSI' Campaign launch "One story, Two Outcomes", the campaign urged European Governments to protect trafficked people rights; • On&around the European Anti-Trafficking Day celebrated on October 18th, "La Strada"s representatives organized, together with the PS of NC and "Terre des Femme" (Switzerland) a series of seminars for students of universities and professional schools where more than 400 students have been informed about THB issue. <p>To disseminate information via printed materials and media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15000 copies of the booklet "Useful to migrants" has been published, 4000 copies out of these distributed to potential migrants during awareness raising events; • One video clip on facilitation access of trafficked persons to justice have been elaborated and mediated through TV channels with coverage of 135 min; a video spot on legal opportunities in Israel for Moldovan workers have been mediated on TV channels during 53 minutes in total; • 507 printed materials (thematic Reports, posters, etc.) aimed at THB prevention, including via promotion of Tool free Hotline number, have been distributed on national and international levels; • 28 newspaper articles and web news have been written by staff for national press and web agencies primarily in the area of safe migration and prevention THB; • 34 media agencies, primarily national ones have been provided with thematic interviews on different aspect of "La Strada"s activities in anti-trafficking field; • The info on aspects of legal employment abroad have been placed online by means of in www.rabota.md, www.moldovajobs, www.munka.md, www.makler.md, etc
Activity 2.1.4.	<p>To facilitate access of public and professionals to information</p> <p>Running of the thematic website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 38 000 unique visitors have accessed "La Strada"s webpage www.lastrada.md <p>Provision of interviews to TV, radio and press agencies and articles arranged by „La Strada”staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 thematic interviews were given to 23 media agencies, primarily national; • 28 newspaper articles have been written for national press primarily in the area of safe migration and prevention THB; <p>Providing thematic information to professionals upon request</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more than 20 written requests of specific info on THB phenomenon in RM from researchers and students (mostly from abroad) have been answered during the reporting period; <p>Providing thematic information to young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group of Peer to Peers Educators organized 14 prevention seminars on THB prevention for 810 students and teachers of the lyceums, professional schools and universities from Moldova; <p>Media monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 national publications Newspapers (<i>Timpul, Ziarul de Gardă, Jurnal de Chișinău, Literatura și Arta, Adevărul, Panorama, Ziarul National, Evenimentul zilei</i>), 9 regional publications (<i>Cuvântul</i> from Rezina/Orhei/Soldanesti, <i>Unghiul și Expresul</i> from Ungheni, <i>Gazeta de Sud</i> from Cimișlia, <i>Observatorul de Nord</i> from Soroca, <i>Ora locală</i> from Ialoveni, <i>Cuvântul liber</i> from Cantemir, <i>Спрос и Предложение</i> from Bălți, 4 press agencies (<i>Info-Prim Neo, Infotag, Mediafax</i> and <i>Moldpres</i>) as well as 7 media portals (<i>UNIMEDIA.md, Realitatea.net, Noi.md, Kommersant.md, Publika.md, site of Free Europe, trm.md</i>) have been monitored as related to coverage of THB and related issues.
Strategic objective 3.	To increase accessibility to protection and support for (presumed) victims of trafficking and exploitation
Activity stream 3.1.	To ensure availability of information about trafficked persons rights and protection mechanism
Activity 3.1.1.	<p>Reports and provision of social/legal protection and mediation on presumed cases of trafficking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31 victims/witnesses of THB (26 children and 5 women) have been assisted by "La Strada" attorney participating in 102 court proceedings; 278 calls have been received (from 115 relatives, 97 professionals and 66 victims) and counseled resulting with identification of 83 cases of (presumed/real) trafficking/exploitation cases via SOS-Line (Hotline); 59 victims of trafficking (55 adults and 4 children) have been identified via SOS-Line (Hotline) being trafficked mostly to Russia, Turkey, Cyprus, Germany etc., among which 9 victims of trafficking have been facilitated rescuing and return to Moldova and 4 victims of trafficking (women trafficked to Turkey and UAE) have been provided, at the request of CCTP and Border Police, with mediation services during criminal proceedings; 10 missing persons (8 women and 2 men) identified as presumed cases of trafficking, have been registered and their relatives facilitated access to international search assistance; 66 calls on tertiary cases (domestic violence involving women and men) have been registered via Hotline and referred to either Trust Line of other competent agencies for assistance.
Activity 3.1.2	<p>Signing MoU with General Police Inspectorate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On August 8, a MoU has been signed between "La Strada" and GPI. The main objective of MoU is to strengthen the bilateral cooperation among parties in the filed of prevention and combating THB, child pornography and child sexual commercial exploitation
Activity stream 3.2.	To mobilize and enhance skills of front-line specialists effectively respond to the needs of trafficked persons
Activity 3.2.1.	<p>Expert and training support in capacity building events targeting front line specialists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The good practices applied by LS in THB victims' identification have been presented during 2 trainings co-organized by "La Strada" targeting 48 consular staff members from RM Consular Officers in foreign countries (July 2&December 12th).
Activity 3.2.2.	<p>Mobilize local communities to respond to victims needs avoiding marginalization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 164 local public administration representatives took part in 6 the debriefings organized by "La Strada" in <i>Hincesti, Nisporeni, Calarasi, Soldanesti, Telenesti and Causeni</i> aimed to aware on the existing protection mechanism for trafficked and exploited persons targeting & mobilizing professional groups to take a proactive response to possible cases of trafficking, encouraging reporting and info dissemination on local levels; 303 community members took part in seminars organized in 15 settlements, on THB and aspects targeting tolerant approach towards victims protection.