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SUMMARY

ACTIVITY REPORT

on counteracting THB

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National Toll Free Hotline on Safe Migration

0 800 77777 – nationally, (+373 22) 23 33 09 – from abroad

08.00-20.00/week-round, confidential

National Trust Line on Domestic Violence issues 0 8008 8008

24/24, confidential

National Child Help Line 116 111

24/24, confidential

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| ACTIVITY AREA I | COUNTER-ACTING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS (THB), ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN |
| Strategic objective 1 | To support the Government of RM in streamlining national anti-trafficking (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>Expert Support in preparing NAP implementation Report for 2013</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 2013</i>. The National Report for 2013 is available on: http://antitrafic.gov.md/public/files/NAP_Report_final_ENGL.pdf <p>Promotion of the amendments to the AT legislation (follow up of 2013 activity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As in previous year, “La Strada” experts provided expert advice and took part in the public debates as related to amendments to the Law on Preventing and Combating THB Nr. 241 as of 20.10.2005, NRS Strategy, Criminal and Criminal Proceedings Codes <p>Expert support to the PS in developing NAP 2014-2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “La Strada” expert provided support to PS in drafting NAP 2014-2016, later on approved by the Government on June 26, 2014, under the Government Decree Nr. 484 <p>Elaboration of the independent report on comparative analysis of two NAP implementations (2010-2011 and 2012-2013)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “La Strada” expert provided support to PS in elaboration of the first comparative reports of the implementation of NAP (2010-2011/2012-2013). The report is available on http://www.antitrafic.gov.md/lib.php?l=ro&idc=31 <p>Improvement/finalization of the AT Policy M&E concept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2014, “La Strada” continued providing support to PS in final adjustment of the AT Policy M&E mechanism. The chapters concerning the evaluation were enlarged and sent to the PS for final adjustments. <p>Elaboration of La Strada Express “Coordination as a new style of policy management in anti-trafficking filed” La Strada expert has elaborated the new issue (#6) of its thematic periodic publication “La Strada Express” this time dedicated to the topic of coordination of AT policy. The publication is available on www.lastrada.md in Romanian, Russian and English versions.</p> |
| Activity stream I.2. | Provide expert support for the integration of issues associated to THB into the AT policies development process |
| Activity I.2.1. | <p>Support for CCTP in data collection& analysis of the THB phenomenon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “La Strada” provided expert support to CCTP in the elaboration of the 1st Analytical Report of CCTP on THB phenomenon “<i>Monitoring of THB situation in the Republic of Moldova. Analysis of status and dynamics of THB crimes for 2013</i>” “La Strada” has elaborated for CCTP the <i>Methodology for THB data analysis on a periodic basis</i> (once/twice a year), with the aid to the central database of the Integrated Data Collection System of Law Enforcement Authorities. <p>Both documents were presented and validated by AT community during the International Workshop “Combating THB – approaches and tools for monitoring a and strategic analysis”, organized by CCTP in July 2014. Then methodology was approved by the order of the General Inspectorate of Police.</p> |
| Activity stream I.3. | To promote better transparency of Government efforts against THB |
| Activity I.3.1. | <p>To contribute to the international monitoring and evaluation mechanisms on prevention and combating THB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2014, “La Strada” submitted to GRETA some comments to the <i>Draft Framework for Joint Action</i>, and to the <i>Report on implementation of the Recommendation on AT measures (adopted at the 8th meeting of the Committee of the Parties of the CoE AT Convention on 11 June 2012)</i> drafted by Permanent Secretariat of the NCCTP; “La Strada” NGO has been officially invited by GRETA to participate in the second evaluation round of GRETA in Moldova and provide GRETA directly with relevant information in February 2015. |
| Activity stream I.4. | To promote good AT strategies and approaches within Moldova and in the region |
| Activity I.4.1. | <p>Shearing of good practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “La Strada” representative provided expert support and participated into advancing Moldovan good practices incorporated into the <i>Manual on VoTs re-integration in the Western Balkan region</i> developed within the 5th ARIADNE project; “La Strada” expert provided support, via IOM Mission in Turkmenistan, to the government of Turkmenistan, in elaboration of the first NAP in AT field including by means of a specialized trainings for the officials – members of especially created working group. |
| 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 provide individual case-based counseling via National Tool Free Hotline 0 800 77777</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of 10 605 total calls counseled, 9351 are safe migration tips calls and 260 SOS calls were related to |

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| | <p>trafficking/exploitation cases with different type of assistance being requested;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of above mentioned 260 SOS calls, 215 calls were related to adults' cases (reflecting cases of 92 presumed THB cases) and the rest 45 calls – to minors' cases (20 cases of presumed child victims). Among mentioned presumed trafficking/exploitation cases, 3 children were victims of CSCE (involving children in pornography and prostitution), 6 children victims of trafficking, 2 children victims of online bullying, 7 children victims of various forms of sexual abuse and 2 children were found missing presumed victims of CSCE/sexual abuse. <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 RM in Specific Sectors in the State of Israel" as a Contract party with Center for International Migration and Integration (CIMI) from Israel. Moldovan Government (being represented by the National Employment Agency/NEA) serves as a main Project partner based on Bilateral Labor Agreement between Moldova and Israel. Thus, "La Strada" printed out 4000 Leaflets and 100 posters with its Hotline number targeting potential migrants/interested candidates to be employed in Israel, and offered phone counseling on the legal job opportunity in Israel to more than 8000 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. During 2014, a total number of 777 workers from Moldova have been selected and allowed with working placed in Israel as a result of the bilateral interstate agreement implementation, all with info support on behalf of "La Strada" Moldova |
| 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 <i>MCA Project</i> and included developing and distribution of info materials, delivering seminars for the community population along the M2 national road. A total number of 305 employees hired for the rehabilitation of M2 national road have been trained to prevent THB; A total number of 30 medical workers have trained on the aspects of prevention of THB including cases of trafficking in organs; "La Strada" experts took part in training on Identification of THB victims organized for the 25 consular affairs representatives A total number of 40 soldiers within the military unit and control 1001 of the Ministry of Internal Affairs have been trained by "La Strada" staff within specialized seminars; As a member of LSI, "La Strada" Moldova took part in the LSI Campaign launch "Used in Europe", the campaign launched on European Anti-Trafficking Day (Oct 18th) paying attention to the need to protect migrants rights and prevention of labor exploitation; <p>To disseminate information via printed materials and media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 000 copies of booklets "Learn your rights" targeting potential migrants and victims of trafficking in exemplars (in Romanian and Russian) have printed and among these 7000 distributed through the border police of foreign Embassies in Moldova and through Moldovan Bureau for Diaspora Relations; 5000 copies of Block Note promoting www.migratiesigura.md and Hot Line services for potential migrants has been printed and partially distributed during trafficking activities; Two video clips on prevention of child trafficking /exploitation, promoting national Hot Line from Moldova, have been elaborated with support of "Smile of the Child" NGO (Greece) to be further mediated through TV channels and used during anti-trafficking activities; Two leaflets – one on Trafficking in children and another on Trafficking in persons, both promoting national Hot Line from Moldova, have been elaborated with participation of "La Strada" and printed by "Smile of the Child" NGO (Greece) so that a total number of 3000 copies that have been distributed during awareness raising activities conducted by "La Strada" and its partners. <p>To disseminate the information by means of info portal for migrants www.migratiesigura.md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In June, the informational portal on migration issues www.migratiesigura.md has been launched, addressing the potential migrants and informing them about their rights and ways to protect themselves from various forms of exploitation as well as informing/counseling victims of trafficking and stranded migrants, by the means of informational, legal and psychological support online. In 2014, the website was accessed 5787 times; The banners promoting info portal www.migratiesigura.md has been produced and promoted via Internet sites such as: www.odnoklassniki.ru, www.rabota.md, www.forum.md, www.999.md, www.mama.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"> In 2014, "La Strada" continued running organizational webpage www.lastrada.md, placing the news items and also thematic reports as per each direction of activity <p>Provision of interviews to TV, radio and press agencies and articles arranged by „La Strada” staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 thematic interviews were given to media agencies, primarily national; 16 newspaper articles have been written for national press primarily in the area of safe migration and THB prevention; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 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"> 20 Peer to Peers Educators of "La Strada" have participated at the Flash Mob organized under auspices of PS on European Anti-Trafficking Day, in the central part of capital city of Moldova, distributing leaflets promoting Hot Line on safe migration issues; 5 seminars with a total number of 355 pupils have organized following the European Anti-Trafficking week initiatives and meeting the requests on behalf of pre-university educational institutions from Holercani, Cosnita, Dubasari, Straseni and Chisinau. <p>Media monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 national publications / newspapers (Timpul, Ziarul de Gardă, Jurnal de Chişinău, Literatura şi Arta, Adevărul, Ziarul National, Evenimentul zilei, Moldova Suverană, Glasul.md and Panorama, last three in online version), 10 regional/rayon publications (Cuvântul from Rezina/Orhei/Soldanesti, Unghiul şi Expresul from Ungheni, Gazeta de Sud from Cimişlia, Observatorul de Nord from Soroca, Ora locală from Ialoveni, Cuvântul liber from Cantemir, Glia drochiană from Drochia, Ecoul nostru from Sangerei, Спрос и Предложение from Bălţi), 4 press agencies (Info-Prim Neo, Infotag, Mediafax and Moldpres) as well as 9 media portals (UNIMEDIA.md, Realitatea.net, Noi.md, Kommersant.md, Publika.md, Jurnal .md, site of Free Europe, trm.md, viza.md) have been monitored as related to coverage of THB and related issues. Totally, 388 articles, interviews, reportajes and news have been monitored by „La Strada” Press Officer in 2014. |
| 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"> 92 cases have been identified by "La Strada" as THB/presumed THB/exploitation cases, among these 48 victims of trafficking, 28 missing persons or presumed victims of trafficking and/or exploitation and 16 (vulnerable migrants) victims of associated crimes smuggling, domestic violence, sexual abuse abroad etc. As for minors, a total number of 6 cases of trafficking in children have been registered by "La Strada" in 2014; 215 calls have been received and counseled regarding social assistance requested to victims of THB/exploitation as related to above 92 cases, among which 33 calls from victims, 138 from relatives and 44 from professional groups; Among 48 cases of victims of trafficking identified mostly via Hotline by "La Strada" in 2014, 28 were males and 20 females, trafficked mostly to Russia (27), Israel (4), Moldova (3), Qatar (2), and to other various countries one case per country (12); 26 children, victims of THB and sexual abuse and 3 adult victims of THB have been offered legal assistance and legal representation by "La Strada" lawyer; 31 cases of (presumed) THB cases have been referred to IOM, NRS Coordination Unit , CCTP; 28 missing persons (18 women and 10 men) identified as presumed cases of THB, have been registered and their relatives' facilitated access to corresponding search assistance. |
| 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"> 6 trainings Identification of the cases of trafficking in human being and operative investigation measures have been organized by "La Strada" in partnership with CCTIP, targeting 138 investigative officers and front line border guards from the department of Border Police in Edineţ, ŞtefanVodă, Ungheni, Cahul and Chisinau International Airport. One training session for the representatives of regional National Employment Agencies on Implementation of Bilateral Labor Agreement between Moldova and Israel on temporary employment of Moldovan workers in Israel has been organized. The training has been organized by the National Employment Agency in cooperation with CIMI, and "La Strada" Moldova and targeted 60 representatives of the Territorial Employment Agencies. 30 medical staff have been trained on identification of THB including for organ removal. The good practices applied by LS in VoTs' identification have been presented during a training co-organized by "La Strada" targeting 25 consular staff members from RM Consular Officers in foreign countries. |