

PROACTIVE IDENTIFICATION OF CHILDREN WHO SUFFERED FROM TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS: COOPERATION BETWEEN SOCIAL WORKER / PSYCHOLOGIST AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

ALLIANCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.

Child Trafficking: Responses and Challenges at Local Level

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- ◉ Victims identified and assisted - 450 (92 children);
- ◉ Cases in the process - 800
- ◉ Countries of destination of trafficked children: Russia, Ukraine, Poland, etc
- ◉ Child' profile: no education/primary school, abusive family environment, never been abroad.



PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED

- ◉ Explicit definition of identification of VT
- ◉ Lack/failure of knowledge of standards and techniques of conducting interviews with children
- ◉ Lack of coordination of actions in rendering specialized assistance to minors by social worker, psychologist, pedagogue, police officer, physician, etc.



PROBLEMS SOLVED

- ◉ Creating task force (psychologist, pedagogue and police officer)
- ◉ Making arrangements so as to obtain information from parents / relatives
- ◉ Coordinating efforts so as to obtain data from public authorities and NGOs



METHODOLOGY SELECTED

- ◉ Preparation
- ◉ Coordination of joint actions
- ◉ Interview (rather than interrogation!)
- ◉ Planning follow-up joint actions



DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

- ◉ Lack of specially adapted rooms / officers for interviewing children
- ◉ Lack of adequately qualified personnel
- ◉ Lack of coordination of action displayed by the professional groups at regional level



RECOMMENDATIONS

- ◉ Each member of the team shall be familiar with his mandate and be in possession of holding an interview with a child
- ◉ Preparing for an interview shall include mandatory exchange of information and viewpoints to interview between members of the team on the procedure as well as the need to coordinate the roles in the process of accumulating information and interventions in the course of interview
- ◉ During the meeting following the interview there should be mandatory exchange of viewpoints and information (collected during the interview)
- ◉ Cooperation between members of the team shall be structures in such a way as to guarantee observance of informational transparency
- ◉ Interventions required after the interview shall be also determined, agreed on and coordinated between members of the team.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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