Panel 3: Reducing Unaccompanied Minors’ Vulnerability to Human Trafficking

Croatian Red Cross Experience

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Croatian Red Cross migration work

- Red Cross/Red Crescent Fundamental Principles
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Migration Policy
- Agreements on cooperation:
  - Ministry of Interior
  - Ministry of Social Policy and Youth
  - UNHCR
Croatia - transit country

• The New International and Temporary Protection Act
• UAMs accommodated in the asylum reception centre for vulnerable groups or the socio-pedagogical facilities of the Social Welfare authorities

• High risk of disappearances
• On the move - risk of irregularity
• Lack of awareness on TiP
• Dependency on adults who might be involved in trafficking
CRC Main Activities – asylum reception centres

• Psychosocial support, social services

• Support to UAMs tailored to their needs and resources

• Empowerment: access to education and skills building

• Continuing care and follow up

• National Referral Mechanism
Unaccompanied minors

- Prevention and monitoring of safeguards for human trafficking and SGBV

- Trafficking prevention activities in the reception centres: information on TiP provided in appropriate way - individual talks, workshops, movies followed by discussion

- Identification: cooperation and referral in accordance with the National Referral Mechanism
Unaccompanied minors

• Raising awareness and enhancing cooperation amongst institutions and CSO: establishment of "Coordination for UAMs"

• Training of special guardians - UNHCR, Ministry of Social Policy and Youth
Unaccompanied minors

First and foremost children