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Event	RRP Counter-Trafficking Working Group
Date and Place	17.05.2022, 15.30, Microsoft Teams
Attended by	IOM Poland, National and International NGO and IO actors (full list recorded)
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Summary of Relevant information:

Intervention by Andia Kenney, IOM HQ on CT in Humanitarian Crises – Considerations for Protection Actors

- CT in development settings – arose through experiences of 2004 Tsunami, 2010 Haiti, Afghanistan leading to UNSC Resolutions (2388 (2017) and 2331 (2016) issuing a recommendation to create the GPC Anti-Trafficking Task Team (co-led by IOM and UNHCR)
- UNODC 2018 report on trafficking in persons in armed conflict
- Inclusion of trafficking in assessments and appeals while shaping emergency operations and across emergency interventions
- Anti-trafficking intersection with various sectors, e.g. (Children and Armed Conflict, Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, Women Peace and Security, Humanitarian-Development Nexus, GBV, Child Protection, Livelihoods, SMS or CCCM, Child Labour Task Force (CP in Humanitarian Action))
- Global operations including anti-trafficking group: sub-cluster task teams, working groups, short-term deployments, NGO coalitions, through existing GBV/CP interventions
 - Ukraine operations: CT operations in 8 oblasts already established – which had to switch to emergency operations
- Move to hold inter-country adoption from Ukraine– suggestion by intra-agency UN force, as we don't always have the possibility to confirm whether the children are orphaned
- From a legal point of view – this is not trafficking, as they are not adopted for the purpose of exploitation → the exploitation part is not clear here, hence it is not considered an instance of trafficking

What is trafficking?

- Act + Means + Purpose i.e. Exploitation
- International Model: the Three P's: Prevention, Protection, Protection + the occasional 4th P (Partnerships)

Counter-trafficking – national context:

Working within the Polish national system:

- Article 189a of the Polish Penal Code prohibits trafficking
- 2014 Act on Foreigners (3 month reflection period, 6+6 months temporary stay)
- Social services (help line, safe shelters x2, interpretation and legal consultation)

Ukraine Crisis:

- 6 million left the country; 8 million displaced internally
- Majority of those moving are women, children, elderly, disabled
- High mobility, high family separation
- Decreasing financial stability
- Support to mitigate vulnerabilities: information, shelter/NFIs

Challenges:

- Unregulated volunteers, services
- Language barriers, temporary protection confusion
- Onward movement, circular movement
- TCNs, discrimination, Roma populations
- Unclear national systems, referrals

Information management – CT in emergencies information guide:

- Not looking for prevalence
- Integrating protection indicators into existing Flow Monitoring Surveys
- Analysis from a CT perspective
- Know your reporting purpose
- Guidance from IOM HQ

Timeline suggestions:

- Setting up a shelter for VOTs in emergencies? → referring persons to structures which are in place already in the national system
- Put the topic on the table in the national context and link it to local actors (if possible)

Keeping operations in emergency – actors from neighbouring countries need to keep in mind that persons continue to operate even in active conflict zones

Transnational referral mechanism – the issue has been unofficially discussed between Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, but it hasn't been established and made operational.

Important contacts and resources:

- Police dedicated helpline: +48 47 72 565 02 (consultants speak Polish, English, Russian and Ukrainian)
- KCIK (National Consultation and Intervention Center for Victims of Trafficking) : +48 22 628 01 20
- La Strada (Foundation Against Trafficking in Persons and Slavery): +48 22 628 99 99, +48 605 687 750
- General Emergency Number: 112
- [Ukraine - Training - European Freedom Network](#)
- [E-campus: English \(iom.int\)](#)
- [Trafficking in Persons: Victim Identification and Assistance \(Training Guide – Region specific\)](#)
- [Community Engagement in Preventing and Responding to Gender-based Violence and Trafficking in Persons \(Training Guide – Region specific\)](#)



- [Investigating Human Trafficking Cases Using a Victim-Centred Approach \(Trainer’s Manual – Region specific\)](#)
- [Caring for Trafficked Persons: Guidance for Health Providers \(Trainer facilitator’s Guide\)](#)
- [IOM Handbook on Protection and Assistance for Migrants Vulnerable to Violence, Exploitation and Abuse](#)
- [IOM Guidance on Referral Mechanisms](#)
- [IOM Guidance on response planning for migrants vulnerable to violence, exploitation and abuse](#)
- [Migrants and their Vulnerability to Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery and Forced Labor](#)
- [IOM Handbook on Direct Assistance for Victims of Trafficking](#)
- [Caring for Trafficked Persons: Guidance for Health Providers](#)
- [Counter-Trafficking in emergencies: Information management guide](#)