



Note for the File

Event	RRP Counter-Trafficking Working Group
Date and Place	10.05.2022, 15.30, Microsoft Teams
Attended by	IOM Poland, National and International NGO and IO actors (full list recorded)
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Follow up action points:

- Follow up on coordination of trainings at the border area
- Natalie to share information on IOM Ukraine Counter-Trafficking Hotline (attached to minutes)

Summary of Relevant information:

Intervention by Julia Sachenko, Country Manager for A21 Ukraine:

- Julia Sachenko, A21, Phone: +48 880 470 184, Julia.s@a21.org
- A21 – an international NGO, acting on counter-trafficking, 19 offices in 14 countries across the globe
- The nature of the THB is hidden and not obvious
- The situation from the 2014 is repeating to a bigger extent – back then there were rumors and talks, but no confirmed cases. After 1.5 years, first trafficking cases have arisen
- Fighting trafficking? → prevention and awareness raising to protect vulnerable groups from exploitation
- A21 focused on awareness raising and capacity building for professionals working with displaced population (production of leaflets) as well as distribution of information materials
- Information materials present in 3 points in Warsaw - East, West and Central train stations – contains European emergency THB line, hotline run by La Strada, hotline run by the National Center for Victims of Trafficking
- 88 billboard and city lights provided to A21 to display information
- Online campaign in partnership with Facebook on the territory of the EU, targeting UA nationals
- A21 has 3 directions of work: REACH (information campaign), RESCUE (cooperation with law enforcement) and RESTORE (working with VoTs to restore them to normal life)
- Messages in information materials: how does THB look like and what are the signs of THB – on UA side: what people need to know before crossing the border
- Trainings at the border – frontline professionals, security people, shelter officials, workers of the medical point
- Feedback from UA nationals on THB – UA nationals are in denial that they might be exposed to risks of trafficking in POL. They don't like to be labelled as refugees, as this has a negative connotation to them.
- Issues encountered in UA – lack of awareness on what THB is, lack of provision of detailed information by potential VoTs
- Possible case of THB in Red Cross managed shelter – multiple persons were loaded on buses, convinced by an unaffiliated woman

Intervention by Joanna from La Strada

- La Strada present at the beginning from the crisis through hotline assistance provision (24/7)
- The situation is changing, the problems and refugees' situation is changing
- At the moment, persons who came to Poland and decided to stay will come to us with different issues – labour exploitation will become the biggest risk
- Persons who are contacting La Strada are not only of Ukrainian origin, but also come from Middle East (Iraq) or African countries
- Concern – if a person doesn't take the illegal job, he or she will be deprived of employment
- VoTs or potential VoTs are in need of psychological assistance

AOB:

- Forced labour exploitation – outstanding problem with VoTs from Viet Nam
- Free2Link – online training on counter-trafficking – focus on raising awareness on recruitment of persons through the internet
- Training for Polish Territorial Army and US Army on PSEA on 14th of May – call for an organization to fill in the part on the CT (1-1.5 h)
- La Strada – offers training as well at any time of the day, tailored to the group

Important contacts and resources:

- For trainings: La Strada; Pawel Barabasz (IOM) pbarabasz@iom.int ; Julia Sachenko (A21 Ukraine) +48 880 470 184, Julia.s@a21.org
- 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](#)