



## Note for the File

<b>Event</b>	RRP Counter-Trafficking Working Group
<b>Date and Place</b>	19.04.2022, 15.30, Microsoft Teams
<b>Attended by</b>	IOM Poland, National and International NGO and IO actors (full list recorded)
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### Follow up action points:

- Finalized TOR to be shared after the meeting
- Jessica Caplin to share 'Do No Harm' guide by AAP working group when it is ready
- IOM Poland staff to reach out to representatives of the MHPSS working group to discuss issue of mental health support for volunteers
- Pawel to share IOM CT materials with interested participants

### Summary of Relevant information:

#### Action points from last week:

- Finalized TOR to be shared after the meeting and will remain living documents, which could be adjusted at a later stage

#### Intervention by PB on Polish counter-trafficking legislation:

- The presentation covered the following issues:
  - What is human trafficking
    - Definitions
  - Polish legal instruments
    - Polish Penal Code – art. 115, para. 22 – legal definition of trafficking in persons & art. 189a outlining criminal penalties
    - Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners – art. 170 regulates the instrument of a certificate issued for a potential victim of trafficking (VoT), art. 171, 172 and 176 refer to conditions for issuing a temporary residence permit for VoTs
  - Counter-Trafficking in an emergency
    - Emergency increases risk of trafficking due to increased vulnerability of potential VoTs.
    - The persons fleeing Ukraine consist mainly of women and children, elderly people as well as unaccompanied and separated children. The latter are in particular danger as they may not have the necessary experience to correctly identify risky situations.
  - What can volunteers do to help suspected VoTs:
    - Observe and look for signs of unusual behaviour
  - How to reduce the risk of trafficking at a site – SOPs to be shared separately
  - Basic principles of direct assistance as well as ethical principles
  - Referrals – whom to contact in case you suspect a case of trafficking
    - Police/Border Guard & KCIK (National Consultation and Intervention Center for Victims of Trafficking)

**AOB:**

- Participants exchanged on the trainings as well as SOPs and materials produced
- A21 to work together with NRC in Warsaw reception center
- Daniela Hoppe from Lighthouse intervened thanking for invitation to the WG and presented the actions of Lighthouse which include: assessment, raising awareness, cooperation with BG to provide information to persons crossing the border, dissemination of posters raising awareness on trafficking, cooperation with local authorities
  - Note: there is high awareness of volunteers and local population on possible trafficking cases
- Krzysztof Andrzejczak, UK Embassy (FCDO) – does not identify the need to enter with operations, remains in advisory and supportive role, plan to deliver CT trainings for staff members processing visa applications for UA citizens
- Rachele Morgante, Habitat for Humanity, shared information on the upcoming in-person training **“Protection and Safeguarding from Human Trafficking in the Ukraine Crisis (for Response Field Teams)”** which is organized by the European Freedom Network and sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. The training will take place on April 26th at the Mercure Warszawa Centrum, -ul. Złota 48/54, 00-120 Warszawa. The training is organized in two sessions, the first at 10:00 CET the second 14:00 CET, both are in Polish. Details and the registration link can be found [here](#).

**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](#)