



Note for the File

Event	RRP Counter-Trafficking Working Group
Date and Place	28.06.2022, 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:

- Fill in the survey shared by Paweł to map existing efforts
- Explore the advocacy fora within voivodeship and the ministerial WG
- Next meeting – 12th of July 2022 with an intervention from a representative of the Ministry of Interior and IOM Ukraine colleague

Summary of Relevant information:

Paweł Barabasz's intervention on CT response by IOM Poland & SOPs

- Roll out of capacity building for Border Guards – last week we trained around 60 pax
- Challenge – travel of UA nationals and TCNs onward to other countries without having any relatives or friends there → IOM response: awareness-raising campaign in Ukrainian social media channels in cooperation with IOM Ukraine

Intervention by Natalie Payne on Rights of Identified VOTs

- The WG has so far discussed
 - Risks of trafficking for UASC
 - Polish legal framework around THB
 - CT in humanitarian and emergency settings
 - Overview of CT activities in neighbouring countries
 - Labour exploitation
 - CT activities and initiatives of Polish Police
- US Department of State CT report 2021 – the government demonstrated mixed protection efforts, revising SOPs to improve victims' identification, but identified fewer victims (82, in comparison 221 in 2019 and 162 in 2018)
- KCIK provided assistance to 166 potential victims (less than in previous years)
- VOTs are allowed to work while receiving assistance (social, medical, psychological and legal)
- Profiles of victims:
 - 16 non-EEA (assisted by KCIK)
 - VOTs from EEA had access to the full scope of services provided that they have proved habitual residency (nevertheless KCIK assisted Bulgarians and Romanians who couldn't prove habitual residency)
- Funding and challenges:
 - 1.1 mln PLN to two NGOs that run KCIK
 - 80k PLN on capacity building of personnel identifying victims and provide assistance to them
 - Insufficient shelter capacity for me
- Available support for VOTs
 - 24/7 helpline run by La Strada

- Counselling service centers for VOTs
- NFIs, medical help, transport, psychological support, assistance with legalization of stay
- Resocialization and reintegration – education, assistance entering the job market
- Residency in Poland and Voluntary Return
 - Three-month reflection period – to consider whether to assist in criminal process (11 VOTs used this in 2021 (120 in 2019)
 - Foreign victims eligible for residency permit with access to job market for up to 3 years
 - Legal basis – Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners – Art. 176 along with executive acts
 - Application for the residence permit – 0 PLN stamp duty, 50 PLN for the residence permit
 - Another option – applying for the visa
- AVRR for VOTs
 - In 2021 IOM Poland assisted 6 VOTs with AVRR to Bulgaria, Guatemala and Mexico. All movements were preceded with risk assessments carried out in the countries of return by IOM staff from local missions. All returnees were provided upon the arrival with re-integration assistance.
 - In the first 2 quarters of 2022, 6 persons (Columbian, Guatemalan and Mexican nationals) were assisted by IOM in AVRR. All of them were exploited in forced labour.

AOB:

Activities of A21:

- A21 is organizing trainings in reception points and railway stations in Polish, English, Ukrainians and Russians
- A21 is working on a 30-minute video in which they aim to teach refugees how to find a safe job. They are working with Ukrainian police and focuses on prevention of labour exploitation. They will include provisions of labour law in Poland and other countries in Europe.
- Roll out will include posters with QR codes linked to the video.
- Planning a training on CT for medical center for refugees in Kraków.
- Ready to assist in case VOTs are identified in terms of MHPSS support, safe shelter and counselling.

Activities of Plan International:

- Interested in 16-18 year olds situation – aims to start programming in this area and asks for cooperation initiatives

Activities of SIP:

- Provision of legal assistance – open to cooperation in this area

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](#)