

EU Partner

Center for International Migration and Integration Association (CIMI)

Facts and Figures

- EU contribution: € 500 000 (80% of the total)
- Duration: January 2009 – April 2012
- Beneficiaries: Vulnerable migrants, victims of trafficking, asylum seekers and refugees, governmental and non-governmental organisations



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The existence of voluntary human rights organisations acting against modern slavery, against human trafficking, against exploitation and humiliation is a moral phenomenon of the highest order. It is a mark of honour for our country to have within its midst these children of light who volunteer to fight against the children of darkness.

Shimon Peres, President of Israel, awarding a prize to CIMI



Context

Israel was established as a Jewish state that would provide a safe haven for Jews from all over the world. As a direct consequence, Israel's migration policies were focused almost entirely on Jewish immigrants and their integration. However in recent years Israel is increasingly facing migration management challenges similar to EU Member States. The project aims to improve capacity of the Israeli government and the civil society to fight against trafficking for forced labour and to protect refugees.

Objectives

- Increase the rate of identification of labour traffick victims and enhance the Israeli government's capacity to register asylum seekers and conduct refugee status determination
- Provide a voluntary return option for traffick victims and rejected asylum seekers and humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable asylum seekers

Impact

- 222 officials trained in government-endorsed identification procedures, 2000 handbooks on identifying victims distributed
- Almost 400 persons trained in better communication and cooperation between vulnerable migrants and government officials
- Study-visit organised for the government-supported shelter for trafficking victims. Equipment for recreation activities installed in the shelter.
- Refugee Status Determination Training and mentoring conducted for 35 Ministry of Interior Officials

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Jacob and Hannah came to Israel from Ghana after Jacob's father and brother were killed for political reasons. After four years in Israel, they decided to go home. As part of the project's assisted voluntary return component, they received plane tickets, € 100, medical insurance and help in their integration back home.



Seminar held in the framework of this project