

EC Partners

- ILO (International Labour Organisation)
- UNODC (United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime)
- Embassies of EU Member States
- Collective Security Treaty Organisation
- Partner NGOs

Facts and Figures

- **€4 million** granted for **2006- 2008**
- **500 victims** assisted
- A network of **20 NGOs** supported
- **120 mid-ranking officials** and front-line law enforcement personnel to receive specialized CT trainings
- **30 regional journalists** to receive media trainings
- A website created



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"Without the help I received at the Rehabilitation Centre I would have probably been a different person today; I would have not had the strength to start a new and better life."

Olga K. - Victim of trafficking assisted by IOM Moscow within the framework of the project



Context

Russia is a major origin, destination and transit country for victims trafficked for purpose of labour and sexual exploitation. Despite the increasingly growing efforts of the government to combat this, responses still need to be strengthened to improve the efficiency of both reactive and critically pro-active approaches. Governmental structures significantly need to improve the assistance provided to victims and foster measures for their successful rehabilitation and reintegration into society. The project aims to support the governmental and non-governmental structures to prevent and counter-act trafficking in human beings through a series of targeted activities which empower them with effective tools of prevention, protection and prosecution.

Objective: Strengthening responses to human trafficking and assisting victims rehabilitation

- Improving the legislative framework and state policies regarding human trafficking, including the national capacity to assess and measure the phenomenon in Russia;
- Strengthening the capacity of the relevant law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking, raising awareness among the risk groups, general public and relevant Russian authorities, NGOs and diplomatic missions of foreign states;
- Building the capacity of the national authorities and local NGO networks to protect and reintegrate victims of trafficking.

Impact: What has been achieved?

- The first and only Rehabilitation Center for victims of trafficking providing medical, psychological and social assistance in Russia has been opened;
- 90 victims of trafficking have received assistance;
- 3 Information Centers for migrants have been established;
- As standard THB research model helping to increase the capacity to combat trafficking has been drafted;
- Equipment for the investigation of trafficking crimes to the MoI has been purchased and delivered.

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Story of a victim of trafficking collected by IOM staff-CT team



Anna, a girl from Dagestan was living a normal life with her family in her native town in Dagestan before events took a dramatic turn. After working as a secretary in a technical school, she got a job at a computer firm.

At the age of 17 she was sexually abused. Some months later she discovered that she was pregnant.

When her mother learned about it, she advised Anna to leave the town or to give up the child. Anna decided to keep the child and to leave home but after the delivery she gave the child to her aunt.

During this time a friend of hers who knew about her complicated situation offered her work in Turkey as a waitress. Anna agreed because she needed to earn money for her child and after all the arrangements she traveled to Turkey. There she discovered that she had to work as a prostitute, without any remuneration and freedom of movement. As she was verbally insulted, abused and beaten by the trafficker, the girl gave in. Anna was rescued in December 2006 and identified as a victim of trafficking by IOM Turkey.

After that she was voluntarily returned to Russia and stayed in the IOM Moscow Rehabilitation Center for 3 weeks; here she was provided medical, social and psychological help.

When asked about reintegration plans, the girl expressed her wish not to be returned to her home region because of the problems that she would have had to face as well as the risk of being re-trafficked. In the framework of the IOM Moscow project "*Preventing human trafficking in the Russian Federation*", Anna was able to receive help and to relocate to a new region in Russia where she could start a new life.

Now with the help of a regional NGO, who is taking care of her, Anna is living in a new town, attending professional computer and English courses and looking for a job.

In the near future she plans to take her child to her new place of residence.