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**SUMMARY OF THE**

**REPORT ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OBJECTIVES IN *THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN 2006-2007 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 2006-2010***

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The **National Action Plan 2006-2007** for the implementation of the National Strategy against Trafficking in Persons 2006-2010 contains **91** actions of which **27** are permanent, **8** annual, **6** half yearly and **2** quarterly.

**7** actions are scheduled for achievement in December 2006, **10** in March 2007, **8** in June 2007, **4** in July 2007 and **19** in December 2007.

Out of the total actions, 40 are the responsibility of NAATIP, 12 are the joint responsibility of NAATIP and various institutions working in the field and 39 are assigned to other institutions.

In relation to the activities set forth for 2007, mention is to be made that 86 were accomplished, 3 are in progress to be achieved and 2 were not finalized, as follows:

- In the area of the National Integrated System to Monitor and Assess trafficking in Persons, 9 actions were accomplished;
- In the Inter-institutional Cooperation field 16 activities were accomplished, and one was not materialized;
- In the area of Prevention of Trafficking, 23 were achieved and another one is in progress to be finalized;
- In the field of Victim Protection, Assistance and Social Reintegration, 24 were carried out, one is in progress to be finalized and another one was not materialized;
- In the area of Combating Trafficking, Investigation and Prosecution of traffickers, all 6 activities were carried out;
- In the field of International Cooperation, 8 were materialized and another one is in progress to be finalized.

In terms of the first area in the National Action Plan 2006-2007, the „**National Integrated System to Monitor and Assess Trafficking in Persons**”, mention should be made about the development of a centralized data system on victims of trafficking.

The methodology to supplement the indicators contained in the victim’s chart processed by the specialized police structures was also developed.

The methodology for the collation of all indicators regarding the status of victims of trafficking and the assistance provided to them was developed. All the indicators are also useful for the assessment of the reality of the trafficking phenomenon.

In the field of „**Inter-institutional Coordination**”, we must mention the periodical meetings of Inter-ministerial Working Group of and Thematic Working Group to coordinate, assess and analyze the activities developed by institutions with responsibilities to prevent and combat TIP and assist trafficked victims.

In the period of reference, there were implemented 11 collaboration protocols in 2006 and 55 collaboration protocols in 2007, at a central and regional level with public and private institutions working in the field. To improve collaboration, the inter-institutional anti-trafficking regional teams were set up at county level and their coordinators were appointed from within the ANITP Regional Centers personnel. Although, specialists who by nature of their work come into contact with victims of TIP, received initial and developmental training in this field.

In the area of **Prevention of Trafficking**, there were carried out four national campaigns with local or central partners, public and private institutions, NGO’s or IGO’s:

1. **“Watch out! There’s a price to pay!”**
2. **„Watch out for PERFECT opportunities for PERFECT Jobs!”**
3. **“18 October – EU Anti-Trafficking Day”**
4. **“Promises don’t count, but You!”**

The campaigns aimed to:

- raise the awareness of the public at large about trafficking issues;
- promote the toll-free number 0800 800 678;
- strengthen the self protection capacity against the threats of the trafficking phenomenon;
- reduce the vulnerability of groups at risk of being trafficked (particularly unaccompanied, unattended or institutionalized children, as well as women, persons with disabilities, old people , asylum seekers and persons to have benefited from any form of protection in Romania);
- reduce the demand for sexual exploitation of women;
- reduce the demand of labor exploitation, etc.

ANITP personnel carried out all the campaigns; NGO’s and other institutions joined the campaigns.

In the area of **Victim Protection, Assistance and Social Reintegration**, the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) and “**National standards for victim protection and specialized assistance services**” were developed. NRM provides a good

identification and referral of victims to specialized services. The project of developing national standards was made by ANITP and submitted for consultation to institutional partners and NGOs involved in providing assistance to victims of trafficking. The standards were designed to increase the effectiveness of actions in providing protection of and assistance to TIP victims.

In 2007, there were identified 1780 victims of which 207 were identified within the borders. 129 victims were minors, aged 6-17 and the gender distribution shows 118 girls and 11 boys. The number of adult victims exploited within the borders was 78 (63 women and 15 men).

Discussions and meetings were conducted and training was delivered for rural police officers (311) and proximity police officers (1911) in order to better understand and implement the provisions contained in the NRM and the National Standards.

In 2007, the Agency was granted 400,000 RON to finance the national interest program entitled "Improving the protection and assistance activities to victims of trafficking". The program aimed to support the victim recovery and socio-professional reintegration activities for a month period.

Out of the 837 victims initially evaluated by the ANITP Regional centers, 669 needed at least one form of specialized service for their reintegration.

Starting 1 August 2007, the **Help-line toll free number 0800 800 678** is operational 24 hours a day. According to the case, callers are provided support and the explanation that the competent structures are to initiate actions for their benefit

The area of „Combating Trafficking, Investigation and Prosecution of traffickers". In 2006, **217** joint investigation teams were set up resulting in 203 indictments on trafficking in persons and smuggling related offences, of which 183 TIP cases. In 2007, 223 joint investigation teams, comprising police officers and prosecutors) were established resulting in 160 indictments on trafficking related offences; 2235 persons were investigated under charges of trafficking offences. Of the total number of investigated persons, **398** defendants were referred to court and **152 persons** are under investigation while **in preventive custody**

Out of the **1,780** victims identified in 2007, **1,405** turned injured parties in trials, **271** were heard in their capacity as witnesses in trial and **98** did not get involved in criminal proceedings.

The **International cooperation**" both with EU and non-EU -member States and states on the trafficking routes (source, transit and destination countries) was enhanced in order to prevent and fight against trafficking and provide appropriate assistance to victims of trafficking through participation in regional and international activities and reunions.