Osservatorio Tratta IT-S2-MDL-258
Osservatorio e Centro Risorse sul Traffico di Esseri Umani

Osservatorio Tratta:
The key role of anti-trafficking Ngos to monitor and assess the phenomenon, the policies and the interventions

Marco Bufo

Prague, 30 March 2009

A long journey

Osservatorio Tratta IT-52-MDL-258
Osservatorio e Centro Risorse sul Traffico di Esseri Umani

2005-2008 (Community Initiative Equal)

Soggetto Referente | Partner

On the Road

Azienda ULSS 16 Padova – Osservatorio regionale Veneto per la tutela e la promozione della persona

cnca – coordinamento nazionale comunità di accoglienza

Save the Children Italia ONLUS

Irecoop Veneto

Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale

Provincia di Pisa

Città di Venezia

Università degli Studi di Torino – Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali

ONLUS NOVA – Consorzio per l'innovazione sociale

CENSIS

On the Road via delle Lancette 27/27A-64014 Martinsicuro (TE) | Tel.(+39) 0861.796666 - 762327 Fax (+39) 0861.765112 | www.osservatoriotratta.it | info@osservatoriotratta.it

The partnership

- Associazione On the Road
- Azienda Ulss 16 - Padova
- Cnca
- Censis
- Irs
- Province of Pisa
- Save the Children Italia
- Municipality of Venice
- University of Turin
- Consorzio Nova
- Irecoop Veneto

Mission

- To contribute to a better understanding of the phenomenon and of the impact of the counter-THB system in place in Italy
- Positively influence the systems of investigation, intervention, monitoring, and networking in the anti-THB field.

Specific objectives

- Develop tools to study, gather and process data on THB
- Acquire a comprehensive and updated knowledge of the different forms of trafficking

Specific objectives

- Identify, analyse, and validate models of intervention already implemented
- Analyse the innovative professional profiles and their training curricula
- Develop systems of information, exchange, and operational coordination

Activities

Osservatorio Tratta IT-52-MDL-258
Osservatorio e Centro Risorse sul Traffico di Esseri Umani

- Research-action on the different forms of trafficking:
- sexual exploitation
- forced labour
- begging
- petty crimes & illegal activities
- organ transplant
- illegal international adoption

Activities

- Research on the national, EU and international legislation
- Evaluation research on the models of intervention in the anti-trafficking sector
- Evaluation research on the professional profiles and training curricula

Activities

Osservatorio Tratta IT-52-MDL-258
Osservatorio e Centro Risorse sul Traffico di Esseri Umani

- Observatory:
- Database on agencies and projects (I, EU, extra-EU)
- Monitoring system on the phenomenon
- Assessment system on the interventions
- Testing of a regional observatory

Activities

Osservatorio Tratta IT-52-MDL-258
Osservatorio e Centro Risorse sul Traffico di Esseri Umani

- Resource Centre on THB:
- Multi-disciplinary consulting and technical assistance for the development and management of anti-THB programmes
- Training

Activities

Osservatorio Tratta IT-52-MDL-258
Osservatorio e Centro Risorse sul Traffico di Esseri Umani

- Dissemination & mainstreaming:
- Publications
- Website
- Seminars & conferences

Why to collect data

Osservatorio Tratta IT-52-MDL-258
Osservatorio e Centro Risorse sul Traffico di Esseri Umani

1) To monitor the different forms of exploitation related to trafficking (prostitution, labour exploitation, begging, petty crimes, etc.):

- To update our knowledge on the phenomena
- To identify the changes and the trends that occur at the local level
- To identify the new needs of the target groups we address
- To identify new areas of research

Why to collect data

2) To assess the services provided to the assisted persons:

- To meet the needs of the assisted persons
- To ameliorate or re-orient the services when necessary
- To design and implement new activities/services
- To evaluate the performance of the multi-agency network

Why to collect data

3) To assess the anti-THB policies implemented at the local and national level:

- To measure the impact on the local and national territory of the policies implemented (e.g. local anti-prostitution regulations);
- To perform a watchdog function to ensure the respect of the human rights of the targeted groups

Why to collect data

4) To inform other key agencies and key stakeholders of the work carried out and the goals achieved:

- To raise awareness on the THB related-issues
- To establish links with potential partners
- To lobby the policymakers to formulate adequate policies and targeted responses

Why to collect data

5) To fulfil the reporting obligations to the funding bodies (Italian Department for Equal Opportunities, Inter-ministerial Commission on THB, Local Authorities…):

- To inform about the work carried out, the goals achieved, the number of persons assisted, the types of services provided, etc.

Thoughts from the field for researchers

It is always necessary to take into considerations the following elements:

- Culture of data gathering vs culture of doing
- “Waste of time” approach
- Data restitution
- Good data = regular training
- Bottom-up approach
- Definitions must be shared
- Data collectors = researchers with a healthy curiosity
- Funding

The work ahead

Osservatorio Tratta IT-52-MDL-258
Osservatorio e Centro Risorse sul Traffico di Esseri Umani

E-NOTES

European NGOs Observatory on Trafficking, Exploitation and Slavery

(European Commission
Prevention from and Fight against Crime 2008)

Partnership

- Associazione On the Road (I)
- La Strada International (NL et al.)
- Accem (SP)
- ALC/SPRS (F)

General objective

- Setting up a European NGOs Observatory (as an extensive and expandable Platform) based on a national and trans-national NGOs process of analysis, monitoring and observation aimed at connecting policies, strategies, programming and practices to enhance initiatives in response to trafficking, exploitation and slaveries by adopting a human rights centred approach.

Specific Objective

- Systematize the information on trafficking, exploitation and slaveries through the definition of a comparable set of indicators based on the principles stated in the above-mentioned documents and endorsed by the European Commission;
- Setting up a flexible and effective monitoring mechanism based on the identified set of indicators to, produce an annual report on policies, strategies and interventions in response to trafficking in human beings at the Member States and at transnational levels;
- Improve the NGOs' capacities of defining standards on practices, connecting their work and services, reporting and monitoring on trafficking and slaveries phenomena by adopting a multidisciplinary and human rights-centred approach.

Products

- Comparable set of indicators, clear methodology and tools to collect analyse and report on trafficking exploitation and slavery at national and transnational levels;
- Publishing of three National and Transnational Annual Reports based on a comparable methodology and framework;
- Protocol of cooperation among NGOs;
- Manual on standards for good practices;
- Production of a multidisciplinary and human rights-centred training tool for the NGOs and institutional professionals working on reporting and monitoring trafficking and slaveries phenomena in Europe.

Osservatorio Tratta IT-52-MDL-258

Osservatorio e Centro Risorse sul Traffico di Esseri Umani

Thank you for listening!