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Trafficking in Human Beings: Data Collection and Harmonised Information Management Systems (DCIM-EU)

Background and Justification

One of the main obstacles to the implementation of anti-trafficking policies is the lack of reliable statistical data related to trafficking in persons. The main gaps are a lack of common definitions within existing data sources; a general lack of data concerning other forms of trafficking besides trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation; fragmented data collection systems; as well as double counting within existing data collection systems (by state and non-state actors).

Building on previous efforts, such as the indicators on sexual exploitation proposed in the course of the initiative "Headway - Improving Social Intervention Systems for Victims of Trafficking" funded by the EU, and the models for efficient data management developed in the framework of the project "Data Collection and Information Management" implemented by ICMPD, this project aims at strengthening the capacities of participating countries to systematically collect and manage data relevant to trafficking in persons. In order to ensure sustainable results, the project foresees a strong emphasis on national ownership as well as the involvement of civil society actors.

The project responds to the provisions of the EU Action Plan on best practices, standards and procedures for combating and preventing trafficking in human beings, adopted in December 2005, which specifically mentions that in order to improve the knowledge of the scale and nature of this phenomenon, common guidelines on data collection need to be developed, including comparable indicators. In addition, a common research template for the EU Member States is envisaged in order to increase research in specific areas. Also, the recent 6th OSCE Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons Conference on "National Monitoring and Report Mechanisms to Address THB: the Role of the National Rapporteurs" highlighted the urgent need for data gathering and information analysis on trafficking in persons.

Funding and Implementing Partners

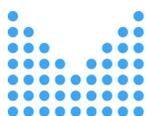
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Participating States

Czech Republic (Ministry of Interior), Poland (Ministry of Interior), Portugal (General Affairs Directorate, Ministry of Interior), Slovak Republic (Ministry of Interior).

International Partners

Bureau of the Dutch Rapporteur on THB (BNRM), Associazione On the Road and NEXUS Institute.



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Duration of Activities

May 2008- October 2009

Specific Objectives

- To create a transnational harmonised information management system, including the development of commonly agreed upon and comparable indicators to collect data and information on victims of trafficking and on data related to traffickers / criminal justice;
- Based on these agreed upon indicators, to offer the participating States a technical solution to collect THB Data by developing an innovative software and testing it in a pilot country;
- To create the basis for efficient data collection and analysis, involving relevant national institutions and NGOs working in the field of combating THB.

Outputs

- Handbook on harmonized criteria for collecting data on THB drafted and translated into the relevant languages;
- Software for the database developed and installed in the pilot country;
- Users' Manual for the usage of the software drafted;
- Users trained in the usage of the software;
- Report on results of the software test phase shared with all the participants and partners.

Main Activities

Assessment

- Desk research aimed at identification of existing data initiatives and good practices and mapping out of the current situation in each participating country in the field of data collection;
- Roundtable discussions/ fact finding missions
- Draft country reports based on the information gathered.

Development phase

- Development and translation into the relevant languages of the "*Anti-Trafficking Data Collection and Information Management in the European Union- a Handbook. The situation in the Czech Republic, Poland, Portugal and the Slovak Republic*".
- Joint Meeting with all participating countries for discussion of the Handbook with all participating countries (Warsaw);
- Revision of the draft Handbook based on the collected input.

Technical Implementation Phase

- Development of software for the database to be installed in the pilot country;
- Development and printing of the Handbook on database usage;
- Installation and training on database usage in pilot country.

Finalisation Phase

- Report on the Pilot phase shared with all participating countries.

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