

Strengthening National Mechanisms and Capacities for Elimination of Trafficking in Children in Ukraine



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Ukraine

Project is implemented by:
NGO Suchasnyk

Project implementing partner:
International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

Project Objectives and Tasks:

Overall objective:
To contribute to the eradication of trafficking in children in Ukraine by strengthening national mechanisms and capacities of respective organizations and collaborating with them in the following three areas:

- Protection and Reintegration;
- Judicial and Criminal Persecution;
- Prevention, Lobbying and Capacity Development.

Specific objectives:

- To provide for a sustainable restoration of lives of child victims of trafficking in humans through rendering multifaceted and professional reintegration assistance;
- To develop mechanisms of referring for assistance and building capacities of institutions providers of such assistance;
- To enhance judicial and criminal persecution for trafficking in children by developing potential of, and strengthening cooperation between, law enforcement agencies;
- To broaden State’s involvement in combating the trafficking in children in Ukraine through lobbying, training, and participation in development of respective professional networks.

Project Activities:

Activity 1. Protection and Reintegration

- 1.1. Reintegration assistance to child victims of trafficking in humans (150 persons est.).
- 1.2. Comprehensive medical assistance to child victims of trafficking in humans (70 persons est.).
- 1.3. Building capacities of institutions providers of such services.

Activity 2. Judicial and Criminal Persecution

- 2.1 Building capacities of respective law enforcement agencies and enhancing their cooperation in the area of combating the trafficking in children.
- 2.2. Institutionalisation of best practices of interviewing child victims of trafficking in humans within the scope of the system of judicial persecution of crimes related to trafficking in humans.
- 2.3. Public monitoring of public reception centres.

Activity 3. Lobbying and Capacity Development

- 3.1. Activation of existing mechanisms of protection and reference for assistance for child victims of trafficking in humans.
- 3.2. Analysis of legislative framework on protection of child victims of trafficking in humans.
- 3.3. Development and implementation of the case conference mechanism.
- 3.4. Project monitoring and evaluation.

Expected results:

- Strengthening of cooperation between civil society and public authorities in combating trafficking in children;
- Providing rehabilitation assistance to 150 child victims of trafficking and medical assistance to 70 children;
- Improving skills and capacities of civil society practitioners.

Note: The issue of trafficking in children remains a serious, under-addressed challenge for Ukraine. Children are trafficked for sexual and labour exploitation; participation in criminal activities; begging; and sometimes illegal transplantation of organs. The consequences of trafficking in children are particularly severe for its survivors, who require long-term rehabilitation and careful monitoring of their situation upon completion of reintegration courses. Child victims of trafficking face a wide range of medical, psychological and social problems. Many of them are unable to communicate and establish contacts with their peers, fear adults, and lack elementary life skills and age-appropriate education; some children succumb to substance abuse.

Project Objectives and Tasks:

Overall objective:
To enable key state bodies and social partners to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the world of work by developing, implementing and monitoring gender-sensitive employment policies and programmes.

Specific objectives:

- Enable governmental authorities and social partners to promote, implement and monitor relevant international commitments, national legislation, policies and programmes aimed to secure gender equality and women's empowerment in the world of work;
- Improve the capacity of labour market institutions and social partners in developing and implementing gender-sensitive labour market policies, programmes and services;
- Build the capacity of the Labour Inspection Service and trade unions to effectively monitor gender equality provisions at the workplace and redress rights violations;
- Contribute to women's economic empowerment, in particular through support for women's entrepreneurship.

The project will employ awareness-raising activities, communicate information, and support the development and implementation of locally adapted tools and pilot interventions so that Ukrainian actors are able to accumulate hands-on experience of gender-sensitive policy development and implementation.

The project will have an important activity segment dealing with women's economic empowerment, in particular through support of women's entrepreneurship.

The Project also aims to build the capacity of Ukrainian authorities and social partners for ensuring compliance with national and international commitments as to gender equality in the world of work, for progressively eliminating gender bias in employment policies and sexual harassment at the workplace, and for creating a supportive environment for women's economic empowerment and women's entrepreneurship.

Project’s Achievements to date:

A participatory gender audit training was organized by the Project on 22 June 2009. The training targeted the main partner organisations and the associations of employers’ and employees’. The gender audit seeks to promote learning at the individual, work unit, and organisational levels on how to mainstream gender practically and effectively in the policies, programmes and structures of the partner organisations. The gender audit also aims to establish monitoring and accountability mechanisms on gender within the partner organizations.

The training participants learned through the four day training process how to conduct gender audit within their own respective organizations. Findings collected from the audits carried out after the training will provide baseline data on gender mainstreaming in the Project partner organizations. The audits will help promote organizational learning at all levels on how to integrate gender in the organizations’ policies, programmes and structures in a systematic and sustainable manner.

Note: Over the course of recent years, Ukraine has established core elements of a legal and institutional framework for promoting gender equality and addressing gender-based discrimination. At the international level, Ukraine is a party to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Optional Protocol thereto. The country has ratified all core ILO Conventions, including the Equal Remuneration Convention (No. 100) and the Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention (No. 111) as well as the Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention (No. 156).

Gender Equality in the World of Work



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International Labour Office (ILO)

Key Project Partners and Beneficiaries:

- Interagency Council for Family, Gender Equality, Demographic Development and Counteraction to Human Trafficking
- Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine
- Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports of Ukraine
- Public Employment Service
- State Labour Inspection
- State Statistics Committee of Ukraine