

## **NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTION AND COUNTERACTION TO TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND PROTECTION OF THE VICTIMS FOR 2005**

Trafficking in human beings worldwide is a serious violation of human rights. It offends victims' dignity and in some cases upon their right of life.

As a form of organized crime trafficking in human beings undermines the main principles of legal order and democratic standards of the society.

Trans-national character of this phenomenon requires the united efforts of all institutions on national, regional and international level engaged with the problem. The National Program for Prevention and Counteraction to Trafficking in Human Beings and Protection of the Victims for 2005 is adopted as an implementation of the Combating the Trafficking in Human Beings Act and in conformity with the international standards and engagements of Republic of Bulgaria concerning its EU accession.

### **CHAPTER I "INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES"**

#### **Basic objective:**

Developing of administrative structures provided by the Law Against Trafficking in Human Beings on national and local level.

#### **Activities:**

1. Structuring the administration of the National Commission against Trafficking in Human Beings

**Responsible institution: NCTHB**

**Financing: the NCTHB budget**

**Deadline: March, 2005**

2. Establishing of local commissions for combating the trafficking in human beings in Pazardjik, Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Sliven, Dobrich and Targovishte.

**Responsible institution: NCTHB**

**Financing: the budgets of relevant local authorities; project resources**

**Deadline: May, 2005**

3. Structuring the local commissions.

**Responsible institution: municipal mayors in p. 2**

**Financing: the budgets of relevant local authorities; project resources**

**Deadline: June, 2005**

### **CHAPTER II "PREVENTION"**

#### **Basic objective:**

Raising the public awareness on the problem of trafficking in human beings and on the mechanisms for its restriction and developing social intolerance towards that phenomenon.

#### **Activities:**

1. Covering the risk groups (children, women and representatives of ethnic minorities):

1.1. Widening the coverage of child rights and human rights education in all types of educational institutions using the possibilities of the educational curriculum and extracurricular activities (schools, kindergartens, Homes for upbringing and education of children deprived of parental care / HUECDPC/, EBS, SPBS and reformatories)

**Leading institution: MES**

**Partners: SACP, CCCABMA, MC, NCTHB, NGO, etc.**

**Financing: MES, SACP, CCCABMA, MC, NCTHB budgets, NGO, sponsorship, etc.**

**Deadline: permanent**

1.2. Elaboration of modules in the curriculums of all types of educational institutions (schools, kindergartens, HUECDPC, EBS, SPBS and reformatories), including the problems from the area of sexual exploitation, trafficking in human beings, gender education and other types of education.

**Leading institution: MES**

**Partners: MH, MC, SACP, CCCABMA, NCTHB, MI, NGO, IOM, etc.**

**Financing: MES, MH, MC, SACP, CCCABMA, NCTHB, MI budgets, NGO, IOM and other institutions; sources from projects and sponsorship**

**Deadline: permanent**

1.3. Enlisting children at risk within existing programs for counteraction to involving them in trafficking.

**Leading institution: MES**

**Partners: MH, MC, SACP, CCCABMA, NCTHB, MI, NGO, (IOM), etc.**

**Financing: within the framework of approved projects**

**Deadline: permanent**

Distribution of informational materials designed for children, pedagogues and parents in all types of educational institutions (schools, kindergartens, HUECDPC, EBS, SPBS and reformatories)

**Leading institution: MES**

**Partners: MH, MC, SACP, CCCABMA, NCTHB, NGO, IOM, etc.**

**Financing: MES, MH, MC, SACP, CCCABMA, NCTHB budgets, NGO, IOM, etc.**

**Deadline: permanent**

1.5. Including NGOs in explanatory activities among representatives from Roma population.

**Leading institution: NCTHB and NGOs**

**Partners: SACP, IOM, MES, MFA, MI**

**Financing: SACP, IOM, MES, MFA and MI budgets; sources from sponsorship**

**Deadline: permanent**

1.6. Active use of NGOs opportunities for work with women who are victims of trafficking in human beings.

**Leading institution: NCTHB and NGOs**

**Partners: relevant state institutions**

**Financing: within NGOs programs**

**Deadline: permanent**

1.7. Explaining the victims of trafficking their rights and the possibilities of providing support.

**Responsible institution: MI and MFA**

**Financing: within the framework of the official duties or campaigns**

**Deadline: permanent**

2. Preparation and training of personnel and carrying out research work:

2.1. Training of social workers from the Child protection departments in the municipalities, where local commissions after the Law against Trafficking in Human Beings will be developed for the purposes of working with victims and cooperation with the institutions.

**Leading institution: MLSP – ASA**

**Partners: SACP, MES, MC, CCCABMA, NCTHB, NGO, UNICEF, etc.**

**Financing: MLSP-ASA, SACP, MES, MC, CCCABMA budgets, NGO, UNICEF, sources from sponsorship**

**Deadline: one month after building of the local commissions after the Law against Trafficking in Human Beings**

2.2. Proceeding with the education of magistrates in the field of prevention and counteracting trafficking in human beings.

**Responsible institution: NCTHB, MJ, NIJ**

**Financing: MJ and NIJ budgets; sources from sponsorship**

**Deadline: permanent**

2.3. Improving the qualification of MI's personnel working on trafficking in human beings and in the Center for Specialized Police Training.

**Responsible institution: MI**

**Financing: MI budget**

**Deadline: permanent**

2.4. Training of the preliminary investigation mechanism by the methods of investigating crimes relevant to trafficking in human beings.

**Responsible institution: MI**

**Financing: MI budget**

**Deadline: permanent**

2.5. Training of consular personnel for trafficking in human beings cases of work (preparation for working abroad, regional seminars, etc.).

**Responsible institution: MFA**

**Financing: MFA budget**

**Deadline: permanent**

2.6. Organization and conducting of seminars for journalists working in the area.

**Leading institution: SACP**

**Partners: CEM, IOM, NGO and NCTHB**

**Financing: by sources from projects**

**Deadline: permanent**

2.7. Periodical conducting of researches for the risk groups children and families, the character and counteraction to the risk factors, the level of dissemination of the phenomenon, etc.

**Leading institution: NCTHB**

**Partners: all relevant institutions**

**Financing: the budgets of all relevant institutions and sources from projects**

**Deadline: permanent**

**3. Preparation and popularization of the informational products (printed materials, Internet products, TV and radio broadcasts) and conducting of informational campaigns:**

3.1. Popularization of SACP specialized Internet site <http://www.stopech.sacp.government.bg/> in all types of schools, kindergartens, HUECDPC, EBS, SPBS and reformatories

**Responsible institution: SACP and MES**

**Financing: SACP and MES budgets; sources from projects**

**Deadline: September, 2005**

3.2. Development of National Child Hotline.

**Responsible institution: SACP and NGOs**

**Financing: SACP and NGO budgets; sources from projects**

**Deadline: December, 2005**

3.3. Distribution of informational materials made by inter-government and non-government organizations with headquarters in the country and abroad.

**Responsible institution: relevant state institutions and NGOs**

**Financing: *not needed***

**Deadline: permanent**

3.4. Dissemination of informational materials made by NCTHB at border checkpoints

**Responsible institution: NCTHB and MI**

**Financing: MI budget; sources from projects**

**Deadline: permanent**

3.5. Distribution of informational materials about the rights of victims of trafficking among the concerned organizations and risk groups by Bulgarian diplomatic and consular delegations abroad.

**Responsible institution: NCTHB and MFA**

**Financing: MFA budget; sources from projects**

**Deadline: permanent**

3.6. Raising the public awareness by conducting of informational campaigns.

**Leading institution: NCTHB**

**Partners: SACP, MES, MC, CCCABMA, NGO, UNICEF, etc.**

**Financing: SACP, MES, MC, CCCABMA, NGO, UNICEF budgets, etc, sources from projects**

**Deadline: March – December, 2005**

3.7. Conducting of joint activities with the media for the purposes of reflection of the trafficking in human beings problems.

**Responsible institution: NCTHB and all relevant institutions**

**Financing: the budgets of relevant institutions**

**Deadline: permanent**

### **CHAPTER III "PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS"**

**Main objective:**

Providing help and support to victims of trafficking and protection of their rights.

**Activities:**

1. Finalizing and popularization of the Coordination mechanism for referral management of unaccompanied Bulgarian children, returned from abroad.

**Leading institution: SACP and MLSP-ASA**

**Partners: MFA, MI, IOM and NGO**

**Financing: SACP, MLSP-ASA, MFA, MI, IOM budgets and NGO; sources from projects**

**Deadline: December 2005.**

2. Finalizing of the Mechanism for consular protection abroad of Bulgarian citizens, victims of traffic.

**Responsible institution: MFA**

**Financing: MFA budget**

**Deadline: March 2005**

3. Distribution of the Handbook for best practices for police officers during proceedings with children, victims of sexual exploitation.

**Responsible institution: MI and NIO**

**Financing: from MI and NIO budgets**

**Deadline: December 2005**

4. Financing the returning of Bulgarian citizens, victims of trafficking.

**Responsible institution: NCATP and MFA**

**Financing: MFA budget**

**Deadline: permanent**

5. Creating shelters for temporary placement of victims of trafficking.

**Leading institution: NCATP**

**Partners: municipalities, NGO, etc.**

**Financing: municipal, NGO budgets etc., project resources**

**Deadline: permanent**

6. Creating centers for protection and support of victims of trafficking.

**Leading institution: NCATP**

**Partners: NGO**

**Financing: NGO budgets; project resources**

**Deadline: permanent**

7. Maintaining work contacts with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the country and abroad, working in the area of prevention of trafficking in Human Beings.

**Responsible institution: all relevant institutions**

**Financing: budgets of all relevant institutions**

**Deadline: permanent**

8. Development of measures for limiting the Internet usage for recruiting of potential victims of trafficking.

**Responsible institution: MLSP and SACP**

**Partners: NCATP**

**Financing: MLSP and SACP budgets**

**Deadline: October 2005**

#### **Chapter IV "REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION OF VICTIMS"**

**Main objective:**

Overcoming of consequences of trafficking in Human Beings and reintegration of victims in the society.

**Activities:**

1. Providing qualified personnel for medical and psychological support in the shelters and centers under the LTHB.

**Responsible institution: all relevant institutions**

**Financing: budgets of all relevant institutions**

**Deadline: permanent**

2. Cooperation between the responsible institutions for the inclusion of traffic victims in relevant forms of education.

**Responsible institution: all relevant institutions**

**Financing: budgets of all relevant institutions**

**Deadline: permanent**

3. Participation of municipal administrations, the subordinate local commissions in the labor integration of traffic victims.

**Responsible institution: NCATP, the local commissions, municipal administrations**

**Financing: municipal budgets**

**Deadline: permanent**

4. Providing participation in projects, programs and measures under the Law for Encouragement of Employment.

**Responsible Institution: MLSP-EA**

**Financing: MLSP-EA budgets; projects and programs resources**

**Deadline: permanent**

**CHAPTER V "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION"**

**Main objective:**

Improvement of international cooperation and exchange of best practices in the area of combating trafficking in Human Beings.

**Activities:**

1. Presentation of Bulgarian legislation and practice in combating trafficking in Human Beings in the context of bilateral relations and in multi-country cooperation.

**Responsible institutions: MFA and all relevant institutions**

**Financing: MFA and all relevant institutions budgets**

**Deadline: permanent**

2. Collection, analysis and distribution of information about foreign legislation and good practices against trafficking.

**Responsible institution: NCATP**

**Financing: NCATP budget**

**Deadline: permanent**

3. Creation of a partners' network on international level for cooperation and interaction.

**Responsible institution: NCATP**

**Financing: NCATP budget and the budgets of all relevant institutions**

**Deadline: permanent**

4. Conducting a research about the possibilities of bilateral relations and in multi-country cooperation for financing of programs and projects against trafficking in Human Beings.

**Responsible institution: NCATP**

**Financing: NCATP budget and the budgets of all relevant institutions**

**Deadline: permanent**

5. Development and support of a specialized thematic website.

**Responsible institution: NCATP**

**Financing: NCATP budget**

**Deadline: permanent**

## **CHAPTER VI "LEGISLATIVE AND ORGANISATIONAL MEASURES"**

### **Activities:**

1. Adoption of Regulation on the Law of Protection of Human Beings, Threatened in Connection with the Criminal Procedure.

**Responsible institution: MJ**

**Financing: MJ and the relevant institutions budgets**

**Deadline: September 2005.**

2. Development of National plan for the implementation of the Framework decision of EU Concerning the Legal Status of the Threatened in Connection with the Criminal Procedure.

**Responsible institution: MJ**

**Financing: MJ and the relevant institutions budgets**

**Deadline: December 2005 .**

3. Elaboration of a mechanism for researching, analysis and compatibility of the statistical information about trafficking in Human Beings.

**Responsible institution: NCATP**

**Financing: NCATP budget**

**Deadline: September 2005 .**

4. Development of a manual with general information about the responsibilities and functional competence of all institutions in Bulgaria, working in the area of combating trafficking in Human Beings.

**Responsible institution: NCATP**



**Financing: NCATP budget**

**Deadline: December 2005**

**List of Abbreviations**

**EA** – Employment Agency

**ASA** – Agency for Social Assistance

**EBS** – Educational Boarding School

**BC** – Border Checkpoint

**SACP** – State Agency for Child Protection

**HUECDPC**– Homes for Upbringing and Education of Children Deprived of Parental Care

**LTHB** – Law against Trafficking in Human Beings

**MFA** – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**MI** – Ministry of Interior

**MH** – Ministry of Health

**MC** – Ministry of Culture

**IOM** – International Organization for Migration

**MES** – Ministry of Education and Science

**MJ** – Ministry of Justice

**MLSP** – Ministry of Labor and Social Policy

**NIJ** – National Institute of Justice

**NCATP** – National Commission against Trafficking in Human Beings

**NGO** – Non-Governmental Organization

**NIO** – National Investigation Office

**CEM** – Council for Electronic Media

**SPBS** – Socio-Pedagogical Boarding School

**UNICEF** – United Nations Children Fund

**CCCABMA** – Central Commission for Combating Antisocial Behavior of Minors and Adolescents