




Romanian Ministry of Health Concept for Prevention and Combat Trafficking



The Phenomenon of Trafficking an Important Health Issue

- Studied carefully in the last decade
- Hardly accepted, at the beginning, as a public health issue by the medical staff (same situation as in the area of domestic violence)
- MOH strategy development in concordance partners strategies (included in MOH National "Program 3" for Child and Family Health)



Health Problems in the Context of Trafficking

- Communicable diseases
- Physical trauma
- Mental trauma
- Violence including sexual abuse



Romania's Commitments

- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons (Palermo Protocol)
- Brussels Declaration on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- Budapest Declaration



Political Involvement

- Law 678/2001 on prevention and combat trafficking in persons
- Law 565/ 2002 to ratify United Nations Convention against trans-national organized crime

Governmental Vision

Short term

- Evaluation of the legislative frame in the area of Organized Crime, especially in the area of trafficking
- Reinforcement of administrative capacity to combat trafficking
 - Development of a Resource Center on trafficking
- Reinforcement of international collaboration

Governmental Vision

Medium term

- To complete legislative frame in the area of organized crime and trafficking
- To contribute to the regional cooperation effort for trafficking combating
- To improve the assistance for the victims of trafficking
- To develop a National System for prevention of trafficking

Trafficked victims returned to Romania , 2000-2003

Year	Number of cases	Age (%)		Nationality (%)	
		Minors	Adults	Romanian	Moldavian
2000	157	39	118		
2001	246	51	195		
2002	219	50	169		
2003	85	17	68		
Total	707	157	550	96%	4%



Interministerial Commission to Prevent and Combat Trafficking

Collaboration as equal partners

- Ministry of Administration and Internal Affairs
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Labor, Social Solidarity and Family
- Ministry of Education and Research
- National Authority for Child Protection and Adoption
- IOM
- Other Governmental Organizations
- NGOs

MOH General Objective

- To contribute to overall long-term management and planning of health care programs in Romania by addressing the imminent health needs of victims of trafficking thus contributing to the efforts of combating trafficking in Romania

MOH Specific Objectives

- To establish health services for victims of trafficking within the public health sector
- To train shelter health care providers and health care providers in the public sector
- To carry on awareness-raising campaigns on the health component of trafficking

Proposed Activities

- To develop public/private partnerships and interagency cooperation in provision of health care services
- To develop a plan of action for improved coverage and access to quality health care services for trafficked victims throughout Romania
- To estimate the funding needed and identify funding sources for the health services
- To develop standards for main health services and procedures, including standardized medical forms
- To develop awareness-raising campaigns



IOM International Organization for Migration
OIM Organisation Internationale pour les Migrations
OIM Organización Internacional para las Migraciones



IOM's International Dialogue on Migration
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Public health and trafficking, Dr Daniel VERMAN

