

## EXPANDING AND CONSOLIDATING REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE TO FORMER VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN ALBANIA

# Human beings are not for sale

This project, (November 2004 – December 2006), was a continuation of the project Reintegration Assistance to Albanian Victims of Trafficking through Capacity Building of National Reintegration Support Network, which started in December 2001. The Reintegration Centre opened in mid-February 2002, to provide temporary protection, medical and psychosocial counselling, return and reintegration assistance to Albanian victims of trafficking.

The activities focused mainly on referral and screening of beneficiaries, short and medium-term accommodation in preparation of family reunification or independent living and reintegration assistance to victims, including education and training, as well as on employment placement assistance for them, and on capacity building of the local organizations working in the field.

IOM provided secondary trauma counselling by a trained psychologist. A job coordinator assisted the victims in vocational training and future job placements. In order to ensure the sustainability of assistance to victims IOM has handed over the day-to-day operations to a local NGO and to the Albanian government, as well. In this regard, IOM is also building the capacity of the National Reception Centre, a structure of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. The project was funded by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Tirana.

### KEY PROJECT DATA

**Project Type:** Counter Trafficking

**Partners:** National Reception Centre, a structure of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

**Geographical Coverage:** Albania

**Executing Agency:** IOM

**Project Duration:** November 2004 – December 2006