

STRENGTHENING ALBANIAN ANTI-TRAFFICKING CAPACITIES

Human Trafficking in the Western Balkans



The main objective of the project was to generate the necessary evidence to improve current legislation and programmes addressing the issue of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) in the Western Balkans (WB).

The project consisted in a needs-assessment of the current Counter Trafficking (CT) mechanisms in the region and evaluation of the current TIP situation in order to determine (1) which aspects of CT efforts throughout the region urgently need to be addressed and (2) possibilities for regional cooperation on CT issues.

The implementation of the project's activities led to the following outputs:

- A comprehensive final report analyzing existing CT mechanisms that each country already has in place and indicating needs and opportunities for regional collaboration to engage in CT activities (including an overview of recent changes in TIP trends in the region).
- A list of recommendations for policy makers to address the needs of, and gaps in, CT efforts identified by the research, as well as areas in which local and regional capacities may be developed to better engage in CT efforts.
- The presentation of a comprehensive final report and the list of recommendations to relevant stakeholders and policy makers at a regional validation workshop focused on stakeholders and policy makers' engagement and empowerment in further CT actions.

Project type: Counter Trafficking (CT)

Geographical coverage: Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), UNSC resolution 1244-administered Kosovo (Kosovo), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Montenegro and Serbia.

Executing agency: International Organization for Migration (IOM);

Management site: IOM Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Beneficiaries: Victims of Trafficking in the Western Balkans, Governments in the Western Balkans, Civil Society/NGOs assisting Victims of Trafficking in the Western Balkans

Partner(s): USAID, U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP), EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Council of Europe (Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, GRETA).

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