

# STRENGTHENING ALBANIA’S EFFORTS TOWARDS AN EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE RESPONSE TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

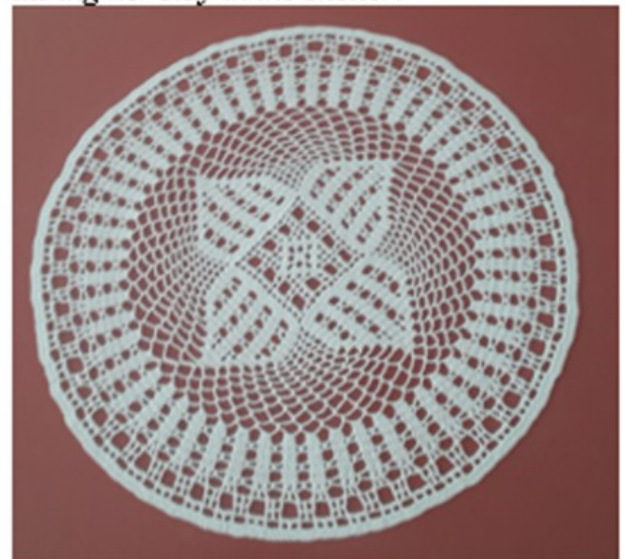
The overall project objective was to contribute to strengthening Albania’s efforts toward an effective and sustainable response to trafficking in persons (TIP). To achieve this goal the action will:

- Strengthen capacities of the law enforcement and the judiciary to effectively respond to TIP through the provision of trainings: The project will positively contribute to the enforcement of legislation by strengthening the capacities of law enforcement agencies and the judiciary to effectively respond to TIP.
- Strengthen Victims of Trafficking (VOT) identification and referral at the local level, through training of key actors involved (health care practitioners, State Labor Inspectors, private travel operators and Regional Anti Trafficking Committees (RATCs), and piloting of 3 Mobile Units (MU),
- Sustain VOTs reintegration through direct support to service providers to deliver tailored reintegration assistance and through capacity building actions for Shelter's Coalition to provide assistance to VOTs in a sustainable manner.

*“Now I can handle problems better. I’m working and I’m feeling very good”, M. says.*

M. is a 20 year old Albanian survivor of sexual exploitation. She was referred for assistance to the NGO Psycho Social Center VATRA from the Albanian State Social Service. The NGO provided her with counseling and vocational training that helped her find work as a tailor. Today her life is back on track and she is continually assisted by the case manager/ social worker.

*The below decoration was prepared by M. during her stay in the shelter.*



## KEY PROJECT DATA

**Project type:** Counter Trafficking (CT)

**Geographical coverage:** Albania

**Executing agency:** IOM Tirana

**Beneficiaries:** Victims of Trafficking; Potential Victims of Trafficking; Regional Anti trafficking Committees (RATCs); Government Institutions; Anti-trafficking organizations.

**Partner(s):** Ministry of Internal Affairs (Office of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator); Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth (State Social Service, Labor Inspectorate); Travel Agencies; Albanian Tourism Association; Ministry of Health; Other Anti-trafficking stakeholders.

**Duration:** October 2012 – September 2014