

Investigating "The human rights-based approach to rehabilitation of victims of trafficking in human beings" (Rights based approach on rehabilitation of victims of trafficking)

The research was conducted in collaboration with the Sør-Trøndelag University College (Faculty of Health and Social Care Professions, Department of Social Work Programme) and Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies, Norway.

The main objective of this study was to gain the knowledge of victimization and the needs of women who have been trafficked for sexual exploitation in Serbia. In addition, the objectives of the research were obtaining the information which should serve as a basis for creating policy and prevention programs, victim assistance and rehabilitation of victims. This is one of the few studies that provide detailed insight into the experiences of victims of trafficking in women for sexual exploitation, the effects of victimization on the victims, and the difficulties and challenges faced by those who protect victims and provide them with help and support.

During the 2004th, through interviews with the victims and the people that victims come in contact with after they leave the trafficking chain, as well as by monitoring the testimony of victims in court and rehabilitation process in Serbia, the data were collected. Also, the analysis of the collected data and written research report were performed.

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