

Male Trafficking in Serbia

From November of 2007th until November of 2009th, the VDS implemented the project Male trafficking in Serbia. The main aim of the study was to gather data on the distribution, structure and characteristics of trafficking in men, as well as the response of state institutions and non-governmental organizations to this problem.

In the December of 2007th, a seminar for researchers was organized. The seminar objectives were: acquiring the necessary knowledge about trafficking; meeting the objectives, goals, methods and instruments of research; acquire the necessary skills to work in data collection through: interviews with experts, victims and perpetrators, monitoring and questionnaires to collect data from the cases. The seminar was conducted by: Prof. Dr. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović, Dr. Biljana Simeunović-Patić and mr. Sanja Čopić. Seminar has passed 6 participants.

During the 2008th efforts were made to collect data in two ways:

1. Through interviews
 - a. with experts
 - b. with persons sentenced to imprisonment for the crime of human trafficking
 - c. with victims or potential victims of trafficking.
2. By monitoring the trial for the crime of human trafficking and illegal crossing of the state border and smuggling. Trials were monitored at the District Court in Belgrade, including the Special department for organized crime.

During the 2009th the work was done on the processing and analysis of data, writing of the report and the publication of a book called Male Trafficking in Serbia in Serbian and English. The research results were presented at a press conference held on 23rd of September 2009th, in Belgrade. At the press conference were: Prof. Dr. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović, Dr. Biljana Simeunović-Patić, mr. Sanja Copic, Marina Kovačević-Lepojević and Jelena Dimitrijević.

In the implementation of the project during the 2008th were directly involved Prof. Dr. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović, Dr. Biljana Simeunović-Patić, mr. Sanja Čopić, Jasmina Nikolić, Marina Kovačević-Lepojević, Sanja Tumbasević, Mirjana Tripković, Jelena Dimitrijević, Danica Radaković, Danijela Bjelić and Kate DeBusschere. In the 2009th year, in addition to the above, Ljiljana Stevković also participated.

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