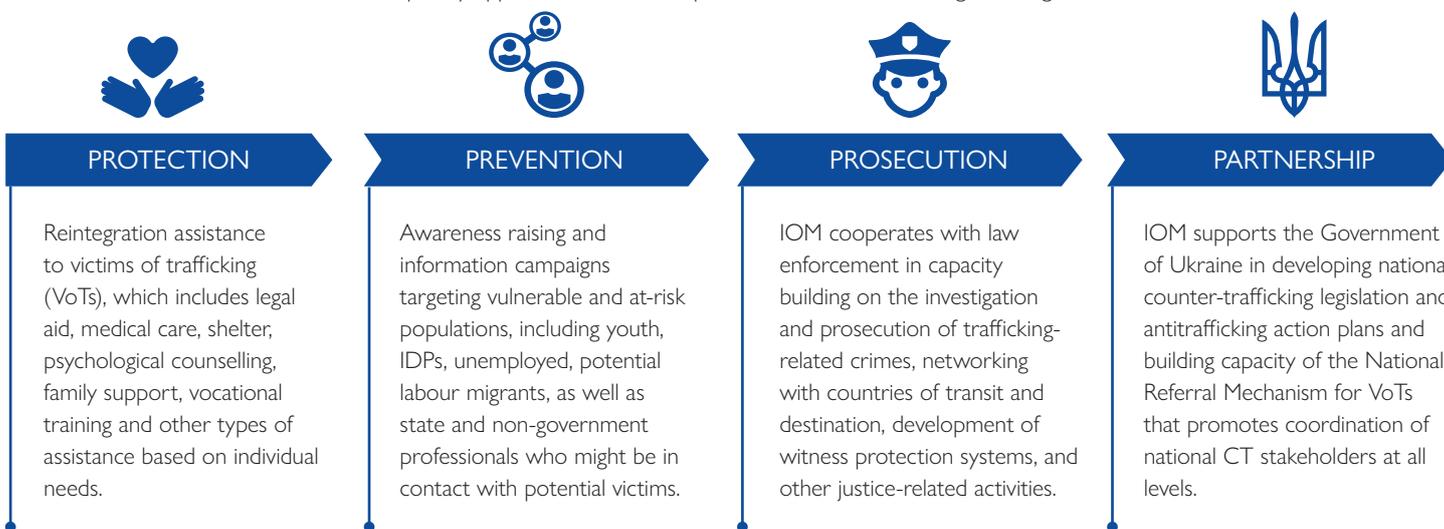


IOM UKRAINE COUNTER-TRAFFICKING PROGRAMME SNAPSHOT

➤ The **IOM Ukraine Counter-Trafficking (CT) Programme** was launched in **1998** to support government and civil society efforts to combat trafficking in human beings and to ensure victims' access to assistance and justice at the community, regional and national level. The programme follows a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to tackle the problem of human trafficking, working in four interrelated areas:



KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CT PROGRAMME

- Since 2000, IOM has provided comprehensive protection assistance to **over 16,300 men, women and children**, who were trafficked for sexual and labour exploitation, slavery or practices similar to slavery and servitude. Among assisted VoTs 89 per cent have successfully reintegrated into society.
- Since 2006, IOM has been operating the National Toll-Free Counter-Trafficking and Migrant Advice Hotline with the mobile free-of-charge number 527 working all over Ukraine on a daily basis and assisting up to **20,000 people annually**.
- Since 2002, IOM has been operating a Medical Rehabilitation Centre, which has provided free-of-charge comprehensive medical care to **over 3,600** victims of trafficking.
- **Over 1,000** former victims of trafficking have been assisted within IOM's Economic Empowerment Programme. They have created hundreds of new jobs and contributed tens of thousands of hryvnias in taxes to local budgets.
- **Over 6,000** state and non-state service providers in **12 regions of Ukraine** were capacitated to identify possible victims of trafficking, provide them with relevant referral pathways and protection services on a local level.
- IOM supports a robust partnership network of over **30 local civil society organizations** in all regions of Ukraine with experience in advocacy and capacity building, awareness raising, identification of victims of trafficking, rehabilitation and reintegration, and monitoring of VoT's access to services.
- A variety of IOM's human trafficking prevention activities reach over **10 mln people annually** to address vulnerable and at-risk population, including youth, IDPs, unemployed, potential labour migrants as well as state and non-government professionals, who might be in contact with potential victims.
- **1,923 different educational establishments** overall Ukraine have included the CT educational programme into their curricula, having already reached over 142,000 students.
- IOM has been building resilience of Ukrainian **local communities** to human trafficking, supporting local initiatives that create job opportunities and alternatives to unsafe migration. IOM also assists newly-established amalgamated communities to establish well-operating protection mechanisms to assist VoTs.
- IOM supported national **law enforcement agencies**, such as the Ministry of the Interior, National Police and Prosecutors Office, to establish specialized CT departments and train officers, including provision of technical assistance and continuous capacity building for the staff.
- IOM raised awareness on trafficking in human beings among **front-line border guards** and equipped them with the special skills needed to identify and interview potential victims and perpetrators.
- Victim and witness protection systems have been installed by IOM in **14 regions of Ukraine** to ensure confidentiality in court hearings on human trafficking.
- IOM supported criminal justice and enhanced VoTs access to justice in criminal proceedings related to trafficking in human beings with over **1,500 judges** getting respective training.

PARTNERS:

IOM enforces partnerships with governmental, civil society stakeholders and UN agencies on national and local level. IOM's CT projects have been implemented in partnership with the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, La Strada Ukraine, A21, Child Well-Being Fund Ukraine, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Committee, National Red Cross Society, the International Women's Club of Kyiv, Orthodox and Greek Catholic churches, and others. Input of the private sector partners is crucial to sustain the counter-trafficking efforts in Ukraine. IOM enjoyed cooperation with Robert Bosch Ltd, Coca-Cola, Kyivstar, Lifecell, Vodafone, Western Union, Ukraine International Airlines, Ernst and Young LLC, Microsoft Ukraine, Leo Burnett and other socially responsible businesses in Ukraine.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs):

IOM, the Government of Ukraine and their partners work together to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ensure that no one is left behind. All IOM CT projects are aimed towards the achievement of following SDGs:



KNOWLEDGE-TO-ACTION APPROACH



IOM Ukraine counter-trafficking interventions are evidence-based and data-driven. Analysis of patterns in recruitment and exploitation through the assisted victims' caseload and gathered statistics is combined with data received through the qualitative and quantitative researches and studies.

RECENT STUDIES:



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE: SECTORS AND AREAS TO INCORPORATE CT INTERVENTIONS



REQUIRED KEY INTERVENTIONS:

Capacitating the community-based National Referral Mechanism (NRM) stakeholders for their proactive identification of and assistance to VoTs.

Socioeconomic support to VoTs and at-risk groups (i.e. youth, IDPs, unemployed, potential labour migrants).

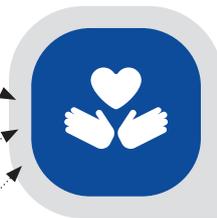
Protection support to vulnerable children and youth.

Targeted communication campaigns and awareness raising on human trafficking and safe migration for at-risk groups.

Building capacity of educators in schools to integrate safe migration and trafficking prevention into educational system.

Community development to provide alternative livelihood options to unsafe migration.

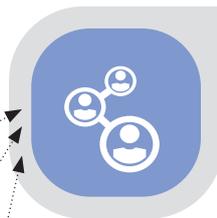
PROTECTION



PROSECUTION



PREVENTION



PARTNERSHIP



Supporting systematic reform in law enforcement, assisting with investigations of human trafficking cases and inter-agency cooperation for a better conviction rate.

Increasing access to justice for victims of trafficking.

Increasing detection and prosecution of trafficking in children.

Advocacy with national legislative and executive bodies branched to prioritize countering human trafficking and ensure social protection of victims to implement international commitments of Ukraine.

Advocating for the need to adopt counter-trafficking legislative changes and adjust the NRM operation in line with the ongoing decentralization reform.

Expanding the network of stakeholders for counter human trafficking.

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