

Human Trafficking for Sexual and Labor Exploitation
Training for Members of Parliament and Local Self Government

Kutaisi

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Organizers:

Office of the Special Representative of the Council of Europe Secretary General in Georgia
Council of Europe Information Office in Georgia (IOCE)
Legal Task Force (LTF)
Local Democracy Agency-Georgia (LDA)

Goal of the Program:

To familiarize the members of parliament and local self government with all aspects of the phenomena of human trafficking in order to build their knowledge and capacity concerning combating trafficking in human beings

Objectives:

By the end of the program the participants will be able to:

1. List the roles played by individuals, organizations, and legislation in various aspects of human trafficking.
2. Discuss the reasons trafficking occurs and problems in combating it.
3. Describe what happens physically and emotionally to victims of human trafficking and which effect has this phenomenon on the community.
4. Identify community actions to prevent human trafficking.
5. Define the role of the members of parliament and local self government in prevention of human trafficking and protection of victim of human trafficking.

PROGRAM

27th June

13:00 **Departure from Tbilisi (meeting point COE office)**

28th June

9.00 – 9.30 **Breakfast**

9.30 – 9.50 **Departure to the conference venue**

9.50 **Registration**

10:00 – 11:15 **Welcome and introductions**

Participants describe their background, their experience concerning human trafficking and expectations for the workshop

11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45 – 12:15 **Perceptions and knowledge of human trafficking**

Participants will work among themselves in 4 groups and discuss their perceptions of the victims, traffickers, and legal processes, and any experience related to human trafficking. Each group will present a brief report

12:15 – 12:45 **Each group presents its conclusions from previous activity**

12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:00 **Presentation of the “Process of Human Trafficking for Sexual and Labor Exploitation”**

15:00 – 15:30 **Read and discuss one of prepared cases based on Georgian experience**

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Presentation of a trafficking cases**

This session will begin with a brief discussion of presented cases (A Georgian woman trafficked to Turkey), causes of cases and how these cases were handled by police, prosecutor office and court. The group will be divided in 5 small groups to forge a report on trafficking cases and present to the larger group

17:30 – 17:45 **Conclusion**

19:00 - 20:30 **One hour video on human trafficking followed by discussion**

29th June

9:00 – 9:30 **Breakfast**

9.30 – 9.50 **Departure to the conference venue**

9.50 **Registration**

10:00 – 12:00 **Panel of experts: presentations and discussion**
Representative from NGO, International Organization, Legal Task Force;
Legal System

11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee Break**

12:00 – 13:00 **Role of the members of parliament and local self government in
consideration of the above presentation (discussion)**

13:00 – 14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 - 14:45 **Modalities of prevention and protection**

14:45 - 15:15 **Coffee Break**

16:45 - 17:00 **Conclusion**

30th June *Departure from Kutaisi*

Resource Packet:

- Handbook prepared by the CoE
- Georgian Laws Pertaining to Human Trafficking
- List of NGOs and International Organizations dealing with HT
- Other related materials

Background on Human Trafficking for Sexual and Labor Exploitation

Who is trafficked?

- *most vulnerable geographic areas
- *ages, education

Why are they vulnerable?

- *poverty
- *domestic abuse
- *family pressure – pushing factors
- *opportunities abroad – pulling factors

How are victims recruited?

- *family member – relative
- *friends – boyfriends, other acquaintances
- *advertisements for jobs abroad – domestic, work in bars, cafes,
- *elder and child care, prostitution
- *role of women in recruitment – sometimes former victims of trafficking

Who are the traffickers?

- *role of organized crime
- *involvement of officials

Process of moving from recruitment to trafficking

- *procurement of travel documents
- *payment for travel
- *seizure of travel documents
- *complicity of officials – police, border guards
- *transport of trafficked women and girls

Enslavement

- *women and girls sold and transferred to traffickers
- *auctions
- *where are they trafficked to?
- *conditions of life
- *imprisonment
- *physical and mental abuse
- *threats against victim's family
- *drug addiction
- *work conditions – numbers of clients, refusal
- *disease
- *financial aspects – demands for repayment from traffickers and pimps

‘Rescue’

- *going to the police
- *police raids

- *verbal and physical abuse of victims
- *assistance from NGOs and International Organizations
- *permit to stay in country
- *witness programs

Repatriation

- *programs to reintegrate
- *problems with family and community over stigma of prostitution
- *impact on the victim, family, and community
- *medical and psychological problems
- *potential for being re-trafficked

What happens to the traffickers?

- *laws against trafficking
- *prosecution
- *the victim as witness
- *sentencing
- *complicity of officials