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## 1) INTRODUCTION

*During 2018, trafficking in persons existed in Bosnia and Herzegovina, most commonly within the country's borders. Cases of cross-border trafficking in men, women and children, victims of trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation and forced labour, have also been reported sporadically. Adult and underage female persons from Bosnia and Herzegovina have been trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation within the country, in private apartments, accommodation and catering facilities and other places of concealment. Economically marginalised Roma children are subjected to forced begging, committing criminal offences, and serving in forced marriage households against their will. Victims from Bosnia and Herzegovina have been trafficked for sexual exploitation and forced labour in the construction sector and other sectors in other European countries.*

*According to data obtained from the Prosecutor's Offices, law enforcement agencies, Centres for Social Work and non-governmental organisations, for the period January - December 2018, a total of 36 potential victims of human trafficking/labour exploitation/incitement to prostitution and/or sexual exploitation/trafficking in persons for the purpose of begging/"selling, i.e. for the purpose of entering into forced marriage"/lewd acts, etc., were identified.*

*Of the total number of potential victims of human trafficking (36) during the period January - December 2018, 21 were female persons, and 15 were male, 12 were adults, and 24 were minors.*

*During the reporting period, the Prosecutor's Offices issued 41 orders to conduct investigations against 79 persons and brought 26 indictments against 37 persons, and decided to suspend investigations in 9 cases against 17 persons, which all concerned the criminal offences of trafficking in persons and related criminal offences.*

*In 2018, courts pronounced 48 convicting verdicts against 48 persons for the criminal offences of trafficking in human beings and related criminal offences. As regards the type of sentence imposed by the courts, the following sentences were pronounced: 24 prison sentences against 24 persons and 1 suspended sentence against 1 person, and 2 fines against 2 persons. Also, 2 acquittals were pronounced against 2 persons during the reporting period.*

*During 2018, of 80 activities planned by the Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2016-2019, competent institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and civil society organisations, in cooperation with international organisations and partner countries, managed to fully implement 63 activities, 12 activities were implemented in part, while the implementation of 5 activities did not start at all during the reporting period.*

## **Strategic Goal A**

### **IMPROVEMENT OF THE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**

#### **A.2. STRENGTHEN COORDINATION MECHANISMS OF COMPETENT INSTITUTIONS AND AUTHORISED ORGANISATIONS**

***A.2.2 Establish better coordination between the participants in the fight against trafficking in human beings, based on a comprehensive approach to the phenomenon, starting with a deeper knowledge of the phenomenon, characteristics of all forms of exploitation and continuous monitoring of trends.***

*(The principal bodies in charge of these activities: Directorate for Coordination, Task Force; all relevant institutions and authorised organisations cooperate among themselves)*

During the reporting period, the Ministry of Security of BiH, the Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, carried out activities to organise regular meetings with representatives of the regional monitoring teams of Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Tuzla and Mostar.

These activities were implemented in accordance with the Rules on Protection of Victims and Witnesses of Human Trafficking who are Citizens of BiH, Part Four - Coordination of Activities, Article 22, and in accordance with the Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH 2016-2019. Representatives of all relevant institutions and authorised organisations have been appointed to these teams, who, through their work, encounter anti-trafficking activities. Thus, apart from the representatives of the law enforcement agencies, the teams also include representatives of the relevant Prosecutors' Offices, Centres for Social Work, health and educational institutions, and non-governmental organisations.

During 2018, one meeting was organised for each of the teams in the period April-May 2018. In addition to regular capacity building activities and those for upgrading other required resources, and reporting, a series of activities related to the improvement of the Guidelines for the Treatment of Trafficking Victims in the Context of Migration, and the need to improve the capacity of the referral mechanism from the aspect of new trends and forms of trafficking were presented at the meetings. The need to improve the referral mechanism and therefore to improve the capacity of regional monitoring teams has been highlighted given the current migration flows, considering that a number of indicators have been identified that point to children on the move as potential victims of trafficking. In this regard, in cooperation with the International Organisation for Migration and the OSCE, it was agreed to improve the Guidelines for the Treatment of Trafficking Victims in the Context of Migration, and to prepare a draft that was discussed and commented on through the Regional Monitoring Teams. The need to improve the aforementioned was presented at the first validation workshop organised for the representatives of regional monitoring teams in the period January-February in cooperation with the IOM, and the appointed representatives were given the opportunity to forward their comments to the Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in order to present and finalise the text of the Guidelines through organised meetings. A special segment in this improvement refers to the indicators that indicate the cases and the possibility of identifying children on the move. It is planned that within the next activities which are being developed with representatives of partner organisations, the Guidelines for the Treatment of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings in the Context of Migration will be distributed to all representatives of the competent institutions and authorised organisations.

In accordance with the Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH 2016-2019, the recommendations of the Assessment of the Referral Mechanism for Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as at the initiative of representatives of competent institutions and authorised organisations appointed to the regional monitoring teams in the period April-May 2018, a need to improve the work on the assistance procedures for victims of trafficking in human beings was observed, with regard to identification, re-socialization, reintegration and rehabilitation of victims of trafficking in human beings. The planned activities have been implemented in Sarajevo Canton, Tuzla Canton, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, Una-Sana Canton, Central Bosnia Canton and Zenica-Doboj Canton, as well as in Republika Srpska and the Brčko District of BiH, with the aim of improving the work of representatives of competent institutions and authorised

organisations in the victim assistance procedures with regard to identification and re-socialization, reintegration and rehabilitation of victims of trafficking, and on the new trends in trafficking in the context of migration. In addition, one of the topics discussed was related to specific cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and actions taken in specific activities from the aspect of coordination in accordance with the competencies of the BiH Ministry of Security, the Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, and direct assistance and protection of potential victims of trafficking by the relevant representatives of the law enforcement agencies, custodial authorities, non-governmental organisations and other competent institutions in terms of re-socialization and rehabilitation of victims of trafficking in human beings. These activities have resulted in proposals for improving the activities of the regional monitoring teams and their appointed representatives in the forthcoming period, especially with regard to preventing violence against children through information and communication technologies and trafficking for the purpose of arranged marriages and begging.

#### **A.4. PROVIDE RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN AND OTHER ANTI-TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES**

***A.4.2 As much as possible, provide NGOs with long-term funding to ensure effective support to victims. Ensure that all assistance measures are guaranteed by law and that when assistance is delegated to NGOs the authorities are required to provide adequate financial support to guarantee the quality of the services provided by non-governmental organisations.***

*(The principal bodies in charge of these activities: MS, MHRR; all relevant institutions and authorised organisations cooperate among themselves)*

At the proposal of the Ministry of Security of BiH, the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at its 131<sup>st</sup> session held on 30 January 2018, adopted a Decision on awarding a grant for "*Accommodation and Legal Assistance to Aliens - Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings*" for 2017. The funds were allocated to non-governmental organisations - signatories to the 2017 protocol on co-operation and accommodation for foreign victims of trafficking.

The Law on the Budget of the Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Obligations of Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2018, approved the amount of BAM 90,000.00 in the budget of the Ministry of Security under the item Current Grants - Grants of Non-Profit Organisations - "*Accommodation for Foreign Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings*".

At its 143<sup>rd</sup> session held on 23 May 2018, the Council of Ministers of BiH adopted a Decision on the criteria for the selection of one or more non-governmental organisations to receive the current grant for "*Accommodation for Foreign Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings*" for 2018 ("*Official Gazette of BiH*" No. 41/18). Based on the Decision, the BiH Ministry of Security issued a Public Invitation for "*Accommodation for Foreign Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings*" for the year 2018, with the aim of selecting one or more non-governmental organisations to receive the funds from the stated grant. The Commission for Reviewing the NGO Application Forms received based on the Public Invitation for "*Accommodation for Foreign Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings*" for 2018 reviewed and evaluated the submitted NGO applications. At the proposal of the Commission, the BiH Ministry of Security concluded protocols on co-operation and on provision of accommodation for foreign victims of trafficking in Bosnia and Herzegovina with two non-governmental organisations.

The Council of Ministers of BiH, at its 158<sup>th</sup> session held on 13 November 2018, adopted the Information on the proposed solution for ensuring continuous protection and assistance to foreign victims of trafficking in human beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina and rendered a conclusion obliging the BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury to enter into the Law on Budget of the Institutions of BiH and International Obligations of BiH, under Article titled "Current Grants", a new paragraph under which the funds from the budget of the Ministry of Security intended for the current grant for "*Accommodation for foreign victims of trafficking in human beings*" shall be exempt from the decision to be issued by the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the allocation of these funds shall be made under the decision of the Minister of Security of BiH and the provisions of the Protocol on Cooperation and Provision of Accommodation for Foreign Victims of Trafficking signed between the Ministry of Security and non-governmental organisations. The aforementioned Information was prepared based on the conclusion of the

Council of Ministers of BiH rendered at its 124<sup>th</sup> session held on 12 December 2017 and the agreement reached by the Ministry of Security and the Ministry of Finance and Treasury.

The Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been providing in its budget a grant to fund the victims of trafficking for many years now. Funds were awarded on the basis of public calls to NGOs providing direct support to victims of trafficking. During 2018, the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH has provided a budget grant amounting to BAM 60,000.00 for the victims of trafficking in human beings who are citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Accordingly, a Decision was made on the criteria for awarding grants to non-governmental organisations providing direct assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings who are BiH citizens for 2017, which was adopted by the Council of Ministers of BiH on 28 March 2018. (*"Official Gazette of BiH"*, No: 34/18).

Based on the Decision, a Commission was set up to select the grant beneficiaries - non-governmental organisations providing direct assistance to victims of human trafficking - citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2018, composed of representatives of the BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, the BiH Ministry of Security and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. The public invitation was launched on 20 April 2018 and stayed open for 21 days. Once the public invitation was closed, the Commission met and proposed two non-governmental organisations to be awarded a grant of BAM 60,000.00. Based on the proposal of the Commission, a Decision on Grant Award was made, adopted by the Council of Ministers of BiH on 29 August 2018 and, on 5 October 2018, the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH and "Medica" Zenica, International Solidarity Forum - EMMAUS (MFS - EMMAUS), "Women from the Una River" Bihać and the "Woman of BiH" Mostar signed a Cooperation Agreement.

The grant beneficiaries have accepted that the available grant funds from the budget of the BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees will be received and spent for direct assistance and protection of victims of trafficking in human beings - citizens of BiH and for sustainability of safe houses.

#### **A.5. CONDUCT CONTINUOUS MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN AND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SITUATION**

In 2016, the Minister of Security of BiH rendered a Decision on establishing a Monitoring Team to monitor the implementation of the Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2016-2019). In early 2018, the Monitoring Team considered the draft Situational Report on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings as part of the activities accompanying the implementation of the Action Plan for 2017, which was unanimously accepted and adopted and forwarded to the Council of Ministers of BiH for adoption. The situational report on combating trafficking in human beings for 2017 was adopted in May 2018. Namely, one of the tasks of the Monitoring Team is to carry out a continuous monitoring and evaluation of all activities envisaged in the Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2016-2019).

#### **A.6 IMPROVE THE SYSTEM FOR COLLECTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION**

***A.6.2 Improve the system for collecting statistics on trafficking, taking the necessary personal data protection measures, including when NGOs, while working with victims of trafficking, provide information for official databases. Ensure that all data is gender-disaggregated.***

*(the principal body in charge of these activities: MS; cooperation among FMUP (Federation Ministry of the Interior), RMU (Republika Srpska Ministry of the Interior), PB (Brčko District Police), KMUP (Cantonal Ministry of the Interior), DKPT (Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies), SIPA, Border Police (BP), IO, NGO)*

In collecting and recording the reporting period data obtained from the Prosecutor's Offices, law enforcement agencies, Centres for Social Work and non-governmental organisations, which is required to compile information on the situation concerning trafficking in persons in BiH for 2018, the BiH Ministry of Security, Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, found that in that year a total of 36 potential victims of human trafficking/labour exploitation/incitement to prostitution and/or sexual exploitation / trafficking for the purpose of begging /"selling, for the purpose of forced marriage" / lewd acts and other, were identified/assisted.

Of the total number of potential victims of human trafficking (36) in the period January - December 2018, 21 were female and 15 male persons.

Of the total number of potential victims of human trafficking (36), in the period January - December 2018, 12 were adults (9 were female and 3 were male), and 24 were minors (12 were female and 12 were male).

Of the total number of potential victims of trafficking in human beings (36), in the period January - December 2018, the following forms of exploitation were recorded:

- 2 begging,
- 9 sexually exploited,
- 6 sales for forced marriage (combined with sexual exploitation or begging),
- 1 labour exploitation,
- 1 sexual intercourse with a child,
- 1 lewd acts,
- 6 others.

Of the total number of potential victims of human trafficking (36), in the period January - December 2018, 8 victims are foreign nationals and 28 victims are citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Concerning foreign nationals, of a total of 8 victims: 3 victims are Montenegrin citizens (2 minors/males, 1 minor/female), 2 victims are Afghan citizens (2 minors/males), 2 victims are citizens of Sri Lanka (1 adult/female, 1 minor/male) and 1 victim is a Macedonian citizen (adult/male).

During the referenced period of time, 10 potential victims of trafficking were assisted in safe houses/shelters, while 26 potential victims of trafficking were not assisted in safe houses/shelters.

During the reporting period, data provided by the organisations and associations administering, i.e., providing day-care services for children staying and working on the street, were collected and analysed. These data were provided by three day-care centres, namely:

Data provided during 2018 by the Association "Land of Children in BiH" regarding persons staying and working on the street, who were assisted, i.e. provided with assistance, indicate the following: during field activities and visits to begging sites, the total of 68 persons involved in begging were recorded, i.e. 44 minors (22 males/22 females) and 24 adults (16 females/8 males). There was also 1 case of a common law marriage with a minor (the case has been taken over by CSW Tuzla).

According to data provided by the "Otaharin" Association Bijeljina, 112 users (47 boys and 65 girls) were assisted through their day-care centre in 2018. These are mostly children exposed to begging.

According to data provided by the "New Generation" Association Banja Luka, 102 children used the day-care centre, while the reception station services were received by 14 children during 2018.

A mobile begging prevention team of the Public Institution Cantonal Centre for Social Work registered five cases of suspected trafficking. All cases were reported to the relevant institutions, i.e. the Prosecutor's Office of Sarajevo Canton and the Sarajevo Canton Ministry of the Interior.

During the reporting period, the Prosecutor's Offices rendered a decision to suspend investigations in 9 cases against 17 persons, issued 41 orders for investigations to be conducted against 79 persons and brought 26 charges against 37 persons.

In 2018, the courts pronounced 48 convicting verdicts against 48 individuals. Regarding the types of sentences imposed by the courts, the following sentences were pronounced: 24 prison sentences against 24 persons and 1 suspended sentence against 1 person and 2 fines against 2 persons. In addition, 2 acquittals were pronounced against 2 persons during the reporting period.

During 2018, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH did not conduct any investigation concerning the criminal offence of International Trafficking in Human Beings and International Incitement to Prostitution referred to in Articles 186 and 187 of the Criminal Code of BiH (CC BiH).

During the reporting period, the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Court of BiH) pronounced two convicting verdicts against 2 persons (sentence of imprisonment) for the criminal offences referred to in Article 187 of the CC of BiH (International Incitement to Prostitution).

In the Federation of BiH, for the criminal offence of "Incitement to Prostitution" referred to in Article 210 of the CC FBiH, the Prosecutor's Office issued an order to suspend 3 investigations against 4 persons. It ordered 6 investigations to be conducted against 12 persons and 3 indictments were filed against 6 persons. For the criminal offence of "Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography" referred to in Article 211 of the CC of FBiH, the

Prosecutor's Offices issued an order to conduct 8 investigations against 8 persons. An order to suspend an investigation against 1 person was issued. A total of 7 charges have been brought against 7 persons.

In FBiH, the courts have pronounced 25 convicting verdicts against 25 persons for the criminal offences referred to in the aforementioned Articles of the CC FBiH.

In Republika Srpska, the Prosecutor's Offices ordered 1 investigation against 1 person for the criminal offence referred to in Article 198 of the CC RS - "Incitement to Prostitution". One order to suspend 1 investigation against 1 person was issued. No charges were brought under Article 198 of the CC RS. Pursuant to Article 200 of the CC RS, the prosecution ordered 1 investigation against 1 person for the criminal offence of "Production, Possession and Projecting Child Pornography". For the same offence, 1 order was issued to suspend the investigation against 1 person. Charges have been brought against 1 person. For the criminal offence referred to in Article 199 of the CC RS "Abuse of a Child or a Juvenile for Pornography", the Prosecutor's Offices ordered 1 investigation against 1 person. For the said criminal offence, 1 order was issued to suspend the investigation and charges were brought against 1 person.

In Republika Srpska, the courts pronounced 2 convicting verdicts against 2 persons during the reporting period.

In the Brčko District of BiH, for the criminal offence of trafficking in human beings referred to in Article 207a "Child or Juvenile Neglect or Abuse" and Article 207 "Incitement to Prostitution" two orders were issued for investigation to be conducted against 3 persons. Two criminal charges were filed against 3 persons. For the criminal offence referred to in Article 208 of the Criminal Code of BD "Abuse of a Child or a Juvenile for Pornography", the Prosecutor's Office ordered 1 investigation against 1 person. For the criminal offence referred to in Article 209 of the CC BD "Introducing Pornography to a Child", the Prosecutor's Office issued 1 order to suspend the investigation against 1 person.

The Court of the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina pronounced 2 convicting verdicts against 2 persons for having committed the criminal offences referred to in the foregoing Articles.

***A.6.3 Conduct regular general and specific analyses of the phenomenon, supported by reliable statistics, to define appropriate policy measures, including in particular those concerning child trafficking, internal trafficking in persons and trafficking in groups especially vulnerable to trafficking.***

*(the principal body in charge of these activities: MS, cooperation among all relevant institutions and authorities, IO and NGOs)*

During the reporting period, the Association "New Road" implemented a project entitled "**Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings and Abuse of Children through the Internet in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and Sarajevo Canton**" funded by the State Secretariat for Migration SEM of the Swiss Confederation.

During the project implementation, a survey was conducted among 2,300 primary and secondary school pupils in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and Sarajevo Canton, with the aim of gathering information from the local population about the current situation regarding child abuse through the Internet and human trafficking.

The Prevention and Education Team delivered 100 lectures for about 2,300 pupils and teachers so as to raise awareness about ways of protection from online child abuse and human trafficking, lectures and workshops for pupils, parents, teachers and the general public with the aim of raising awareness about the ways of protection from child abuse through the internet and from human trafficking.

During local campaigns, information and promotional materials were distributed in cities and rural communities during street campaigns, as well as to representatives of relevant institutions. During the project implementation, the helplines were used to report actual and potential cases of trafficking in human beings, to provide initial psychological assistance and further referral, as well as to provide information on safe migration

**STRATEGIC GOAL B.**  
**EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND RELATED CRIMINAL OFFENCES**

**B.1. STRENGTHEN UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND STANDARDS OF PROOF TO UNDERSTAND THE QUALIFICATION OF TRAFFICKING-RELATED CRIMINAL OFFENCES**



Within the activities of the Resource Centre for Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings and Other Forms of Exploitation (EURC), trainings in prevention of trafficking in human beings were held for the representatives of the EMMAUS Migration and Human Trafficking Collective in Banja Luka on 4 May 2018, and in the period 20-22 June 2018 in Sarajevo, Doboj Istok and Osijek, Republic of Croatia. Participants in the training were representatives of the EMMAUS communities in BiH, Croatia, France, Italy, Germany, Romania and the United Kingdom. Three sets of English-language Trafficking Training Materials were finalised, to be distributed electronically to the stakeholders across Europe and available on the EURC web site at [www.eurcenter.net](http://www.eurcenter.net).

## **B.2. TO PROVIDE RELEVANT SERVICES WITH ADEQUATELY SKILLED STAFF, TRAINED AND QUALIFIED TO PREVENT AND FIGHT AGAINST TRAFFICKING AND TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL VICTIMS**

### ***B.2.3 Conduct training for front-line officers focused on early identification of victims***

*(the principal bodies in charge of these activities: MS, MUP, RMUP, PBD, KMUP; cooperation among all of the relevant institutions and authorised organisations of IO)*

Capacity-building activities formed a significant part of the OSCE's work. In particular, the Mission supported the activities of the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centres (CEST). In this context, the Mission, in cooperation with the CEST of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, organised training on 1 February 2018 with a focus on the distinction between the criminal offence of trafficking in persons and the criminal offence of a child or juvenile neglect or abuse. More than 30 prosecutors and judges from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina attended this training, which aimed to enhance participants' practical and theoretical knowledge of the elements of the criminal offences related to trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced begging (child).

As part of the PRM project in November 2018, IOM organised training in "Checking, identifying and referring potential victims of trafficking and vulnerable migrants in mixed migration flows" for participants active in the current migration response from the area most affected by recent migration flows (entrance, exit points and communities receiving reception centres). These include social workers, heads of state reception centres, representatives of the Service for Foreigner's Affairs (SFA), IOM mobile teams, border police officers, representatives of the State Investigation Police Agency (SIPA), NGOs, etc. Participants were introduced to the newly adopted P/VOT Protection Guidelines and tools for reviewing and identifying P/VOTs and assistance mechanisms.

The training served to familiarise the participants with the new VOT Identification, Protection and Assistance Guidelines, which include TIP indicators and define the functioning of four regional trafficking monitoring teams, which make the BiH referral mechanism. Regional teams are not fully operational, but their revitalization is ongoing through the joint efforts of the state coordinator for combating trafficking in human beings and IOM. During the training, attention was paid to the procedures and requirements for interviewing and assisting minor migrants, especially those unaccompanied or separated. In addition to the RS Ministry of the Interior, other competent institutions from Republika Srpska and competent institutions from all levels of government in BiH are involved in the process of reorganisation of non-functional regional monitoring teams.

## **STRATEGIC GOAL C. PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS BY REDUCING RISKS**

### **C.1. LIMITING THE CAUSES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

#### ***C.1.1 Strengthen efforts to address the causes of all forms of trafficking in human beings, including poverty, unemployment, domestic violence, discrimination and violence on grounds of gender and ethnic or national minorityorigi, violence against children...***

*(the principal body in charge of these activities: MHRR; all relevant institutions and authorised organisations of IO cooperate among themselves)*

Since 2009, the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH has been providing approximately BAM 3,000,000.00 for solving Roma problems in the field of employment, housing and health care. The funds are allocated through public calls for members of the Roma ethnic minority in order to reduce poverty and improve the position of Roma in BiH.

## **C.2. PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING IN MIGRANT WORKERS**

### ***C.2.2 Expert support to NGO initiatives aimed at helping potential migrants make informed decisions about safe and legal migration options and issues regarding workforce recruitment services.***

*(the principal body in charge of the activities: Labour and Employment Agency; cooperation among all relevant institutions and authorised organisations of IO, NGO)*

The “New Road” Association has a helpline to provide initial assistance to potential and actual victims of trafficking, further referrals and information on safe migration, screening for suspicious ads. Due to poor political and economic situation in the country, the number of calls increased with the aim of seeking information on employment abroad.

## **C.3. PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN WHO STAY AND WORK ON THE STREET**

### ***C.3.1 Ensure that all child victims of trafficking are provided with access to justice and legal remedies, including the possibility of obtaining compensation, ensuring the protection of children's rights, promoting access to education and health care for vulnerable children, and developing and implementing appropriate programmes and measures taking into account the best interests of the child.***

*(the principal bodies in charge of these activities: Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MZSZ), Ministry of Education and Culture of RS (MPKRS), Ministry of Culture and Sport (MSKFBIH), Ministry of Education of FBiH (MOFBIH), the Brčko District Government (VBD); cooperation among all relevant institutions and authorised organisations of IO, NGO)*

Within the project “Promoting the importance of girls' education” funded by Rotary International, the Association “New Road” implemented a project in 2018 in Sarajevo Canton, which included, among other things, a 12-month literacy course for Roma girls not included in the mainstream education system. The aim of the project was to empower Roma girls and their families so that in the future, all Roma children, especially girls, would be included in the mainstream education system, thus reducing their vulnerability to various forms of trafficking. Within the project, workshops for Roma were organised with the aim of presenting the importance of education and integration of Roma children into the mainstream education system.

## **C.4. RAISING THE GENERAL PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION**

### ***C.4.1 Promote targeted awareness and public education campaigns to ensure respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons vulnerable to trafficking, including campaigns aimed at promoting gender equality and preventing and combating violence against women and gender based violence. Particular attention should be given to children in Children's Homes/orphanages, children in alternative care, unaccompanied and separated children, children with special needs, children belonging to ethnic minorities, stateless children, children not registered in Vital Records, children - international protection seekers - asylum seekers, refugees and internally displaced children, and children abandoned by parents who are in the process of migration.***

*(the principal bodies in charge of these activities: MS, SIPA, FMUP, RMUP, Cantonal Ministries of the Interior (KAN-1), Brčko District Police (PBD); cooperation among all relevant institutions and authorised organisations of IO, NGO)*

The Ministry of Security of BiH, Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, in accordance with the Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH 2016-2019 and the Programme for Marking Significant Dates in the Field of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2018, is responsible for marking the EU Anti-Trafficking Day, on 18 October. To mark the EU Anti-Trafficking Day on 18 October, the Ministry of Security of BiH allocated BAM 10,000.00 from its budget.

In marking 18 October, the EU Anti-Trafficking Day, the Ministry of Security of BiH/Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, in cooperation with the "Lara" Foundation from Bijeljina and members of the RING Network, organised on 18 October 2018 a press conference aimed at presenting the current situation, activities and challenges in the prevention of trafficking in human beings, and cross-sectoral cooperation of relevant institutions and organisations in the field of combating trafficking in human beings.

Representatives of the BiH Ministry of Security/Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), MFS-EMMAUS and the "Lara" Foundation were presenters at the press conference. A large number of representatives of the non-governmental sector and institutions working on the prevention of trafficking in human beings and migration were also present at the press conference and offered the answers to various security risk issues in the situation of mass migration across the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a focus on vulnerability of child and youth.

This event was part of the campaign "CHILDREN ON THE MOVE, UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN - Respond and Prevent Child Trafficking!" which is jointly implemented by the "Lara" Foundation as a coordinating organisation of the RING Network and the BiH Ministry of Security. The campaign is aimed at increasing information and mobilization of citizens, civil society organisations and the general public to engage in the prevention of human trafficking risks and criminal activities in the context of migration. In addition to the press conference in Sarajevo, public meetings with the same purpose and thematic framework will be organised in Banja Luka, Mostar and Tuzla, by the members of the RING Network: the Foundation "United Women", "Woman of BiH" and Association of Roma Women "Better Future".

For the prevention purposes and with the aim of raising public awareness, as well as of having a wider coverage and accessibility to all target groups, MFS-EMMAUS implemented various informative and promotional activities during 2018: a significant number of educational activities, as well as guest appearances in the BiH and regional media, including distribution and promotion of previously developed information materials. MFS-EMMAUS participated in marking the EU Anti-Trafficking Day (18 October 2018) and organised the presentation by a representative of the Sarajevo Office at a press conference held to mark this day and organised by the BiH Ministry of Security, IOM and the Ring Network on 18 October 2018 at the UN building in Sarajevo. Also, the activities of MFS-EMMAUS were presented on the same day at a public forum organised on the occasion of the 18 October by the Police of the Brčko District of BiH, at the Cultural Centre in Brčko. In cooperation with partners from the non-governmental sector active in this field, the activities on raising public awareness of the human trafficking problem were implemented through the distribution of a promotional poster specially created to mark this day.

To raise public awareness of trafficking in human beings and victims' rights, as well as of highlighting the existing tools that can help the state authorities with effective combating trafficking in human beings, the OSCE Mission organised a media campaign on the Mission's official Facebook and Twitter page from 28 July to 30 July 2018 to mark the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. A similar campaign was organised to mark the 18 October, i.e. the EU Anti-trafficking Day.

Owing to the support of the Federation Ministry of Education and Science, the Association "New Road" implemented a project entitled "**Protection of the Rights of Children Victims of Abuse, Paedophilia and Begging in HNC, WHC and Sarajevo Canton**" through the programmes realised based on BiH Lottery turnover in 2018.

The objectives of the project were: to educate children about their rights in accordance with the Convention and to empower them to seek help and protection in the event of a violation of these rights, provision of pedagogical, psychological and counselling assistance to children victims of abuse and to witnesses of violence and their parents/guardians, directly and through the help line, protection of the rights of child victims and their parents/guardians by referring them to free legal aid, and raising public awareness of the presence of all forms of child abuse, the effects they have on children and their environment, and how they can be identified to be responded on in a timely manner. The target groups of preventive educational activities were children at risk age from 11 to 15 years of age, their teachers, pedagogues, educators, parents as well as the general public who were

informed about the ever increasing presence of child abuse in BiH through the prevention and awareness raising campaign, as well as through the web pages and frequent appearances by PR associations in the media.

The activities carried out within the campaign included about 345 direct, i.e. more than 1000 indirect beneficiaries and contributed to raising awareness in primary school pupils, their teachers and family members, friends, and the general public in the area covered by the project implementation. Within the project, 13 lectures were held for 264 primary school pupils. The project implementation enabled continued functioning of a counselling centre for children - victims of any of the abovementioned forms of abuse with the aim of empowering children pedagogically and psychologically, those who contacted the New Road team for help, and who faced a problem of abuse through social networks. More than 50 pupils sought help, instructions and guidance in obvious personal situations of abuse. Counselling services and the existence of a helpline were promoted through the media, campaigns and the preventive educational lectures. Within the project, a free SOS online request for help was functional and it also served for reporting the cases of child pornography, paedophilia and abuse cases, and for providing information to children and parents through the association's existing website. The existence of the helpline was promoted in promotional materials distributed to this project target groups, with the website updated in accordance with the plan of implementation of the activities.

During 2018, a project and awareness-raising campaign on trafficking in human beings were implemented in Sarajevo Canton and in Zenica-Doboj Canton, supported by Swiss Caritas. Activities included the implementation of a campaign to raise awareness of trafficking and lectures among pupils in selected primary and secondary schools in Sarajevo Canton and Zenica-Doboj Canton for a total of 113 pupils, 190 parents, teachers, school councillors and social workers. Two seminars were held for 50 primary and secondary school staff. The project implementation ended with marking the EU Anti-trafficking Day and a street campaign in Sarajevo. All project activities have been designed and implemented to raise awareness and inform the project beneficiaries of the human trafficking issue, traffickers' recruitment methods, methods of protection and empowerment of victims to seek assistance in the event of exposure to any form of trafficking. All project activities were presented in many electronic and print media.

## **C.5. BUILDING CAPACITY OF INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS INCLUDED IN PREVENTION**

***C.5.1 Encourage the development and introduction of training programmes on trafficking issues for: social workers, labour inspectors and other governmental institutions providing services; personnel employed with commercial carriers, in particular personnel in air and other modes of land and water transport, aimed at identifying trafficked persons and introducing measures designed to prevent trafficking in human beings, including coordination between commercial carriers and law enforcement agencies and other appropriate mechanisms; media professionals, including through models of using non-discriminatory vocabulary and combating stereotypes and understanding the impact of trafficking news reports on victims of trafficking; medical professionals, targeted at assisting victims of trafficking, including victims of organ harvesting, and on ethical principles related to organ transplants and trauma suffered by victims of trafficking; staff working in the tourism and hospitality industry; staff of human resources management services in private companies. (the principal body in charge of these activities: MS; cooperation among all relevant institutions and authorised organisations of IO, NGO)***

As part of the activities of the European Resource Centre for the Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings and other forms of exploitation, MFS-EMMAUS continued to provide useful and up-to-date information to all interested parties through the web portal for the prevention of trafficking in human beings [www.eurcenter.net](http://www.eurcenter.net). As part of the Resource Centre's activities, the electronic library has been supplemented with new content, researches and publications. Also, they have been continuously promoted and updated with new promotional materials from the site: web [www.sigurnodijete.ba](http://www.sigurnodijete.ba), [www.eurcenter.net](http://www.eurcenter.net), [www.mfs-emmaus.ba](http://www.mfs-emmaus.ba) ; and the Safe Child Facebook and Twitter pages, and the EURC Facebook page.

During the implementation of the third phase of the "Balkans ACT Now!" Project, in cooperation with partner organisations in the region, MFS-EMMAUS participated in the implementation of two workshops for representatives of partner organisations: 25 - 27 March 2018 in Tirana, Albania, and 30 October - 1 November 2018 in Sarajevo, BiH, with the aim of building capacity of civil society organisations in the field of objective and

responsible monitoring of the quality of assistance services and protection of victims of trafficking and strengthening of cooperation with institutions.

***C.5.2 Adoption of anti-corruption plans - integrity plans in all competent institutions and authorised organisations (NGOs) and narrowing of space for corruptive practices related to human trafficking.***

*(The principal body in charge of these activities is the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of the Fight against Corruption of BiH (APIK) for the state-level bodies, anti-corruption bodies of the Entities and Brčko District for institutions and local governments at the entity and BD levels; cooperation among all relevant institutions and authorised organisations of IOs, NGOs)*

The Border Police of BiH, the Court of BiH, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, the State Investigation and Protection Agency - SIPA, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies and the Police Support Agency have developed and adopted integrity plans. The Agency for the Prevention of Corruption gave a positive opinion to them. Each year, the aforementioned institutions submit reports on measures implemented with the aim of improving integrity to the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption. Civil society organisations in BiH do not have integrity plans in place.

The Republika Srpska Anti-Corruption Strategy 2013-2017, and the related Action Plan, stipulate the obligation for all state bodies, local self-government units, public services, public companies and all other entities established in accordance with the Constitution or laws of RS to have integrity plans in place.

In accordance with the Rules for the Development, Introduction and Implementation of Integrity Plans in Republika Srpska, adopted by the former RS Government Commission for the implementation of the anti-corruption strategy, the integrity plans were adopted by all ministries, independent Republic administrations, public services, public enterprises, local self-government units, and other entities established in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of RS.

The Strategy Implementation Commission adopted the Rules for the Integrity Plans Development, Introduction and Implementation in Republika Srpska, and rendered a Decision on identification of entities obliged to adopt the Integrity Plans in Republika Srpska (No: 08.021/052-270/15 of 16 December 2016).

## **STRATEGIC GOAL D**

### **EFFECTIVE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**

#### **D.1. IMPROVE MECHANISMS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PERSONS AT RISK TO BECOME VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THEIR REFERRAL TO HELP AND SUPPORT MECHANISMS.**

In cooperation with CEST of Republika Srpska, the OSCE Mission organised training for judges and prosecutors in Banja Luka on 28 February 2018. During this training, some 20 judges and prosecutors have improved their knowledge of the differentiation between the criminal offence of trafficking in persons and other criminal offences with similar elements, such as offences involving sexual abuse and/or sexual exploitation. These trainings were positively evaluated by participants and the Mission. The Mission, together with the NGO Atlantic Initiative, organised a panel on human trafficking and gender-based violence at the Annual Prosecutorial Conference. The panel was held in the form of a workshop within which a case-study presentation and discussion was held. The workshop was attended by 30 prosecutors and other professionals who upgraded their knowledge and skills to work with victims of trafficking and on cases of gender-based violence.

During 2018, the Mission held capacity building trainings in Tuzla, Livno, Bijeljina and Banja Luka, where more than 80 law enforcement officers have upgraded their knowledge and capabilities in identifying and investigating trafficking-related criminal offences more effectively. In its broader efforts to advocate for a victim-centered approach to child trafficking cases, the Mission supported the efforts of relevant authorities aimed at addressing the widespread problem of child begging on the streets of the BiH capital. This activity resulted in drafting the first Protocol in the country, which clearly defines the steps the relevant authorities should take in

cases involving child victims of criminal offences and other illegal activities. The Protocol was signed by representatives of five relevant ministries and seven institutions of Sarajevo Canton on 2 October 2018 in the presence of the Head of Mission. In addition, the Mission supported the authorities of Bosnia-Podrinje Canton and the municipalities of Žepče, Maglaj and Zavidovići in their efforts to develop similar protocols.

During the reporting period, due to the increase in child begging and exploitation of children through the Internet, the "New Road" initiated the meeting of the RMT Mostar. Apart from the association "New Road", the meeting was also attended by representatives of SIPA, CSW, the Prosecutor's Office of the HNC, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of HNC, NGO Altruist, NGO Women of BiH, OSCE. The meeting discussed the situation with regard to trafficking in human beings in HNC, as well as new phenomena. It was concluded that in terms of trafficking in human beings and recruitment of young people via the Internet in 2018 in particular, the situation was worse than in the previous period.

***D.1.3 Conduct targeted campaigns for the general and professional public to reduce prejudices about the problems concerning arranged marriages, domestic slavery, forced labour and the sale of children and other non-traditional forms of human trafficking.***

*(the principal body in charge of these activities: MS; cooperation among all relevant institutions and authorised organisations, IO, NGO)*

The "New Road" association has been implementing a project titled "Prevention of Gender-Based Violence and Empowerment of Potential Victims" since September 2018, funded by the US Embassy. Given the increase in the number of victims of trafficking in BiH, the project activities are aimed at preventing trafficking in human beings and gender based violence against girls and women in HNC. The activities are also being implemented in the Roma communities, with the aim of preventing gender-based violence and trafficking of Roma girls and women for forced begging, early marriages, and sexual and labour exploitation. In addition, the project aims at assisting all victims of trafficking and gender-based violence in order to empower and protect them from further exploitation. Ongoing street campaigns are aimed at raising awareness of and sensitizing the public in HNC on the problem of trafficking in human beings, as well as at gathering information on human trafficking trends and the latest methods of recruiting girls and women. The implementation of these activities will contribute to reducing the number of victims of human trafficking in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton.

**D.4. BUILDING CAPACITY OF INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS INCLUDED IN ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

From 17 to 19 December 2018, on Jahorina, the State Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Immigration in BiH held a series of meetings with representatives of the Ministries of the Interior of the Federation of BiH, Cantons of BiH, Republika Srpska and the Police of the Brčko District of BiH. The topic of these meetings was the reorganisation and reconstruction of regional monitoring teams. As regional monitoring teams include representatives from all levels of government in BiH, over time, they have become overwhelming and thus dysfunctional, and there is a need to open discussions with representatives from all levels of government in Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding reorganisation and reconstruction of regional monitoring teams.

The OSCE Mission, together with the International Organisation for Migration, supported efforts to update the guidelines for the work of Regional Monitoring Teams for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (RMT), established to create additional capacity to enhance functional links between the relevant domestic institutions involved in the implementation of activities related to combating and preventing trafficking in human beings. This activity resulted in the publication of updated guidelines for the RMT operation.

During the reporting period, two lectures for 70 students of pedagogy at the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo were organised by the association "New Road" to inform them about the latest trends in child abuse.

"New Road" continuously distributed information materials in the Sarajevo Canton area, designed and printed for the project. Special attention was paid to Roma settlements in SC, with the aim of raising awareness of trafficking for forced begging, child marriages and debt slavery.

## **D.6 IMPROVE CHILD PROTECTION MECHANISMS AND PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN THROUGH INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES**

### ***D.6.3 Raising public awareness of the problem of violence against children through information and communication technologies***

*(the principal bodies in charge of these activities: MUPFBH, MUPRS, PBD; cooperation among all relevant institutions and authorised organisations of IO, NGO)*

MFS-EMMAUS participated in research conducted by partner organisations, some of which were: Assessment of the situation of migrant and refugee children, carried out at the request of international organisations working in the children's rights sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina; European Map of Supporters and Assistance Providers to Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings within the EU Project "SAFE!" in coordination with the Netherlands Anti-Trafficking Centre; Rapid assessment of educational needs of refugee and migrant children in Bosnia and Herzegovina performed by UNICEF and Save the Children; As a member of ECPAT, MFS-EMMAUS actively participated in collecting data and drafting ECPAT's National Report on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The report has been translated into the Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian language and published in electronic form.

Within its material and technical capacities, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs strengthens its consular offices in migrant destination countries.

In January and February 2018, in partnership with UNICEF and with the support of the EU Delegation, MFS-EMMAUS completed the final phase of the project "Development of Guidelines for the Prevention of Violence against Children in BiH tailored to the needs of children" as part of the Association's long-standing programme work on protection of children and young people from all forms of abuse and exploitation, including:

- finalised offline application "Be a Cyber-detective!", which is available at [www.sigurnodijete.ba](http://www.sigurnodijete.ba) for the use by educational professionals and other interested parties for educational purposes;

- printed publications and materials: poster "What Happens When Violence Occurs?" especially adapted for children - in 1000 copies and distributed to primary and secondary schools across BiH; the publication "Guidelines for the treatment of violence against children in the digital environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina" for professionals working with children - in 630 copies, in two editions; and a booklet entitled "Everything You Need to Know About Violence!" for children ages 6-11 - in 1000 copies, in two editions.

On 30 January 2018, MFS-EMMAUS also held a public promotion and presentation of the aforementioned activities and publications in the Info Centre of the Delegation of the European Union to Sarajevo, attended by more than fifty (50) people: children, media representatives and partner institutions and organisations, and which attracted considerable media attention and the general public and aimed at preventing violence against children in BiH.

As part of the activities on establishing a Safe Internet Centre, a Hotline Manual was developed in accordance with INHOPE standards, and a Helpline Manual. Also, on 9 November 2018, MFS-EMMAUS implemented the Helpline Training at the Hotel Sarajevo in Sarajevo. Twelve people attended the training: MFS-EMMAUS staff, as well as experts, partners and associates selected from the MFS-EMMAUS registry of experts and associates involved in the prevention and protection of children online.

As a full member, MFS-EMMAUS continued to operate in the INHOPE Association, in which 45 Hotlines from more than 40 countries worldwide work together to create a safer Internet. Through the Hotline - SOS Internet Abuse Reporting Line available at [www.sigurnodije.ba](http://www.sigurnodije.ba), from 2010 to the end of 2018, MFS-EMMAUS recorded over 910 reports of inappropriate content and various forms of child abuse through information and communication technologies.

During the reporting period, the Association "New Road" became a member of the #HOPEON regional network aimed at combating trafficking in human beings and child abuse. Within the #HOPEON campaign, a video was created illustrating all forms of human trafficking.



Within the activities funded by the Trag/Oak Foundation, the “New Road” Association has organised 30 lectures for at least 700 primary and secondary school pupils and teachers from the cantons of Sarajevo, Herzegovina-Neretva and Western Herzegovina with the aim of raising public awareness of the problem of violence against children through information and communication technologies.

## **STRATEGIC GOAL E**

### **STRENGTHENING OF PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN ACTORS INVOLVED IN COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**

#### **E.1. FURTHER DEVELOP A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

***E.1.1 Increase the number of bilateral agreements on judicial/police cooperation with the countries of origin / destination of victims/traffickers related to crimes investigated/prosecuted in Bosnia and Herzegovina and consider existing and agreeing upon additional non-binding instruments with relevant institutions involved in the fight against trafficking in human beings, especially upon the Transnational Referral Mechanism.***

*(the principal bodies in charge of these activities: MS, MPRBIH; cooperation between FMUP, RMUP, PBD, DKPT, SIPA, GP, KMUP)*

The Law on International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters provides for all forms of international legal assistance in relation to transnational organised crime, including trafficking in human beings. The possibility of sharing this information is also provided through INERPOL.

#### **E.2. INTENSIFY INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS AND COOPERATION**

By improving BiH's response to trafficking in 2018, the OSCE Mission continued to assist BiH in improving its response to trafficking in human beings. In this regard, the Mission financed the participation of the State Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Immigration (State Coordinator), as well as one representative of civil society, at the 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons in Vienna, organised by the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings. The conference was attended by internationally recognised experts and practitioners on behalf of domestic authorities, international organisations against trafficking in human beings, who also discussed modalities for more inclusive partnerships at different levels. Furthermore, the Mission assisted the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in finding the right person to speak about the role of religious organisations in combating trafficking in human beings in general and in the context of BiH. At the proposal of the Mission, the Director of Caritas in BiH briefed participants on the work of Caritas in the area of combating trafficking in human beings in BiH, with a special emphasis on training of religious teachers in combating human trafficking and in the civil society matters. At the plenary panels, the participants discussed various mechanisms for cooperation in combating trafficking in human beings. Namely, Caritas included 150 religious teachers working in 200 schools in training in the fight against trafficking in persons. In addition, the Mission also published an updated Training Module for judges and prosecutors, and provided a practical toolkit for the Tuzla Canton Police - a booklet with a brief description of the elements of crime and indicators of trafficking in human beings - for the purpose of strengthening their capacities in terms of identifying victims of trafficking in human beings and conducting human trafficking investigations.

***E.2.2 Improve participation of institutions from Bosnia and Herzegovina in international anti-trafficking forums.***

*(the principal bodies in charge of these activities: MS, MPRBIH; cooperation between FMUP, RMUP, PBD, KMUP, FMUP, RMUP, PKBD)*

In March 2018, a representative of the BiH Ministry of Security, Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, participated in a workshop in Skopje. The workshop was organised by the OSCE Mission. The



OSCE Mission, together with the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, the OSCE Office in Albania, the OSCE Missions in Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Skopje, organised a regional workshop to address the problems in identifying victims of trafficking in mixed migration flows. This workshop brought together individuals whose professional duties require daily contact with people on the move in the context of the current migrant and refugee crisis in the region. Discussion was held on how to implement the recommendations of the report of the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, entitled "From Reception to Recognition: Identification and Protection of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings in Mixed Migration Flows - Focusing on facilities for first identification and reception refugees and migrants in the OSCE region." This workshop was the first in a series of three OSCE workshops (the other two were held in Greece in June and in Italy in September 2018), organised to develop uniform guidelines for identification of trafficking victims among migrants and refugees in OSCE member states.

As in previous years, MFS-EMMAUS participated in the implementation of the Professional conference of Prosecutors in Bosnia and Herzegovina, organised by the Association of Prosecutors of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the support of the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centres of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska, USAID, the OSCE Mission to BiH, UNICEF and IOM, in Neum from 1 to 3 October 2018. The conference hosted more than 150 judges and prosecutors from judicial institutions in BiH, as well as guests from Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and Montenegro. MFS-EMMAUS, in co-operation and coordination with the OSCE Mission, held a presentation on Trafficking in Human Beings, and as part of the above mentioned conference, it also presented the work on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse of children in the digital environment in BiH.

Representatives of the BiH Ministry of Security, Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings actively participated in the transnational workshop "Improving Capacity and Cooperation in Addressing Trafficking in Human Beings in the Southeast Europe", which was held in Sofia, Bulgaria in October 2018. The workshop brought together participants from the countries of origin, transit and destination of trafficking from the wider region of Southeast Europe (SEE) and the European Union (EU). The workshop discussed current challenges in addressing the misuse of Internet technologies in the context of human trafficking, exchanged examples of good practices in detecting perpetrators of trafficking in human beings, discussed conducting parallel and joint investigations to strengthen cross-border cooperation, especially using digital forensics, electronic evidence, exchanging experiences on new trends in the recruitment of victims of trafficking through the Internet technology, as well as protecting victims of trafficking through access to victim-cantered investigations and prosecutions. The aim of the workshop was to raise awareness of the link between trafficking in human beings and the misuse of digital technologies and to outline specific actions for future engagement at the regional, sub-regional or bilateral levels, including regional and international organisations, private sector and academic community.

The OSCE Mission funded the participation of the State Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Immigration (State Coordinator), as well as one representative of civil society, at the 18th Conference of the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons in Vienna, organised by the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings. The conference was attended by internationally recognised experts and practitioners on behalf of domestic authorities, international organisations against trafficking in human beings, who also discussed modalities for more inclusive partnerships at different levels.

The second Regional Coordination Meeting of National Coordinators for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings was held in Budva on 26 April 2018, which was assessed by the participants as a great way to exchange information among TIP coordinators and officials representing six Western Balkan countries and to exchange information on TIP trends, enabling them to discuss ongoing changes in the migration situation in the Western Balkan countries, as part of their work on combating trafficking, and the ability to respond regionally.

Representatives of the "New Road" Association attended the NGO Platform meeting, the International Expert Meeting of the Platform and training on early recognition, protection and safe return of victims of human trafficking, held in Sofia, Bulgaria in October 2018.

The efforts of the "New Road" Association staff to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings and to promote fundamental rights and create a more just and inclusive society have been recognised worldwide. A representative of the Association participated in the World Summit of Human Rights held in Paris in October 2018.

A representative of the Association participated in the Trust Conference in London hosted by the Thomson Reuters Foundation in November 2018.

### **E.3. ADDITIONALLY DEVELOP PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION OF COMPETENT INSTITUTIONS AND AUTHORISED ORGANISATIONS WITHIN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

In December 2018, at the initiative of the Ministry of Security of BiH, Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, a Referral Meeting was held in Jahorina between the State Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and international and non-governmental organisations working in the field of combating trafficking in human beings. During the meeting, information on the projects that were run during 2018 was exchanged and the activities planned in the field of combating trafficking in human beings in 2019 were discussed. Also, the obligation to hold referral meetings at least once a year, and more than once if necessary, has been included in the annual work plan and programme of the Ministry of Security of BiH.

**Pursuant to the foregoing, it is proposed that the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, following consideration of the Situation Report on Trafficking in Human Beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2018, adopt the following:**

#### **CONCLUSION**

**The Situation Report on Trafficking in Human Beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2018 is hereby adopted.**

#### **ANNEX 1**

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 2016-2019**

In October 2016, the Minister of Security of BiH issued a Decision on the establishment of a Monitoring Team to conduct a continuous process of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH 2016-2019. The Monitoring Team consists of one representative each from the BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs, BiH Ministry of Justice, the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council, the Government of Republika Srpska, the Government of the Federation of BiH, the Government of the Brčko District, a representative of civil society organisations and two representatives from the Ministry of Security.

The task of the Monitoring Team is to take all measures and activities to ensure: the implementation of a continuous process of monitoring and evaluation of all activities envisaged in the Action Plan; where appropriate, and on the basis of relevant indicators, proposing amendments to the Action Plan; proposing measures to contribute to the implementation of all Action Plan activities under the acceptable international legal and professional standards; organising a sustainable support system for dealing with trafficking in BiH, secured through various system-oriented activities, the most important of which are: improving institutional frameworks and coordination, capacity building and securing the necessary financial resources.

The third report of the Monitoring Team for monitoring and evaluation of the Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH 2016-2019 covers the period from January 2018 to December 2018. The monitoring plan in the referenced period covered all five objectives and each of them contained the planned measures and related activities to be implemented to a greater or lesser extent. In the referenced period of time to which the monitoring relates, 80 activities have been planned to be performed.

When it comes to the structure of the relationship between the planned and implemented sample of institutions covered by the third phase of monitoring, it can be stated that the percentage of sent responses (about 80%) was very high. Within the planned sample in the Federation of BiH, as a rule, 80% of the institutions

submitted their replies. In the Republika Srpska sample, 80% of the institutions submitted their replies, while in the Brčko District of BiH, 90% of the planned sample responded.

In the response structure, it is notable in the Federation of BiH that there was no response from the **Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Health**. On the other hand, in Republika Srpska, there was no response from the **Prosecutor's Office and the Ministry of Justice**, while in the Brčko District of BiH there was no response from the **police**.

**Of 80 activities planned to be implemented in 2018, 63 were fully implemented, 12 were partially implemented and 5 were not implemented at all in the reporting period.**

The following is a tabular overview of the plan for the implementation of certain strategic activities for the referenced period of time, using the Action Plan matrix attached to this Report:

STRATEGIC GOAL A IMPROVEMENT OF THE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS		ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE			
No.	Strategic activity	Not started	Not implemented	Implemented in part	Implemented
1.	A.2.2.			I	
2.	A.2.3.			I	
3.	A.3.3.				J
4.	A.3.4.				J
5.	A.3.5.				J
6.	A.4.1.			I	
7.	A.4.2.			I	
8.	A.4.4.				J
9.	A.5.2.				J
10.	A.6.3.				J
STRATEGIC GOAL B EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND RELATED CRIMINAL OFFENCES					
No.	Strategic activity	Not started	Not implemented	Implemented in part	Implemented
1.	B.1.2				J
2.	B.1.3.				J
3.	B.1.4.				J
4.	B.2.1.				J
5.	B.2.3.				J
6.	B.2.4.				J
7.	B.2.5.				J
8.	B.2.6.				J
9.	B.2.7.				J
10.	B.2.8.			I	
11.	B.3.2.			I	

12.	B.3.3.				J
13.	B.3.7.			I	
14.	B.4.1.				J
15.	B.4.2.				J
16.	B.4.3.				J
17.	B.4.4.		•		
18.	B.5.1.				J
19.	B.5.2.			I	
20.	B.5.3.				J
21.	B.5.4.				J
<b>STRATEGIC GOAL C PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS BY REDUCING RISKS</b>		<b>ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE</b>			
No.	Strategic activity	Not started	Not implemented	Implemented in part	Implemented
1.	C.1.1.			I	
2.	C.1.2.		•		
3.	C.1.3.		•		
4.	C.1.4.			I	
5.	C.2.2.				J
6.	C.2.4.			I	
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8.	C.2.6.			I	
9.	C.3.1.				J
10.	C.3.2.				J
11.	C.3.3.				J
12.	C.4.1.				J
13.	C.4.2.		•		
14.	C.4.3.				J
15.	C.4.4.				J
16.	C.5.1.				J
17.	C.5.2				J
<b>STRATEGIC GOAL D EFFECTIVE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS</b>		<b>ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE</b>			
No.	Strategic activity	Not started	Not implemented	Implemented in part	Implemented
1.	D.1.1				J
2.	D.1.2.				J
3.	D.1.3				J
4.	D.1.5.				J
5.	D.3.1				J

6.	D.3.2.				J
7.	D.3.3.				J
8.	D.3.4.				J
9.	D.3.5.				J
10.	D.3.6.				J
11.	D.4.1.				J
12.	D.4.2.				J
13.	D.4.3.				J
14.	D.4.4.				J
15.	D.4.5.				J
16.	D.5.1.				J
17.	D.5.2.				J
18.	D.5.3.				J
19.	D.6.1.				J
20.	D.6.2.				J
21.	D.6.3.				J
<b>STRATEGIC GOAL E STRENGTHENING OF PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN ACTORS INVOLVED IN COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS</b>		<b>ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Strategic activity</b>	<b>Not started</b>	<b>Not implemented</b>	<b>Implemented in part</b>	<b>Implemented</b>
1.	E.1.1.				J
2.	E.2.1.				J
3.	E.2.2.				J
4.	E.2.3.				J
5.	E.2.4.				J
6.	E.2.5.				J
7.	E.2.6.				J
8.	E.3.1.				J
9.	E.3.2.				J
10.	E.3.3.				J
11.	E.4.3.				J

## **ANNEX 2**

### **REPORTS OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

#### **INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FORUM – EMMAUS (MFS-EMMAUS)**

In 2018, the MFS-EMMAUS organisation continued to fight against trafficking in human beings, and a number of activities consistent with the strategic goals and measures of the Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings 2016-2019 were carried out.

#### 1. Accommodation and care for victims of trafficking in human beings in BiH

One of the primary activities is accommodation and care of victims of trafficking in BiH, which is implemented in accordance with the following measures: B5. *Adequately protect victims of trafficking in human beings during investigations and prosecutions in cases of trafficking in human beings, especially child victims*; and D3. *Improve the scope and quality of assistance and support to victims of trafficking and at-risk victims*. The activities implemented within this project consist of assistance to victims in the shelter, and all supporting activities related to identification of victims, analysis of individual needs, solving the problem of necessary documentation for legal stay, i.e. documentation for assistance to victims who are BiH citizens, as well as all supporting activities on rehabilitation, repatriation and re-socialization of victims. During 2018, a total of seven (7) potential victims of human trafficking were assisted as part of the project, of which six (6) were BiH citizens and one (1) was a foreign citizen: out of six (6) BiH citizens, three (3) were minors and three (3) were adults, while one (1) victim was a foreign national - a minor. The accommodation and quality of services have been provided in accordance with the European Quality Standards and the ISO 9001:2015 certificate held by MFS-EMMAUS since October 2008, which guarantees the quality of services provided to all vulnerable categories, including victims of trafficking. MFS-EMMAUS recertified the said standard during 2017. Also, during 2018, the MFS Sarajevo Office successfully applied for funds from the line ministries for the aforementioned activities, and as a result of many years of successful cooperation, the following were signed: the Protocol on Cooperation and Provision of Accommodation to Foreign Nationals – Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH signed with the Ministry of Security of BiH on 24 August 2018; Cooperation Agreement with the BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of 5 October 2018.

By the end of 2018, through this project, MFS-EMMAUS provided housing and support to 289 victims of trafficking, of whom 188 were foreign nationals and 101 BiH nationals. Of the total number of assisted persons, 87 were children - minors, of whom 72 were BiH citizens. MFS-EMMAUS continued its engagement as an associate member of the Task Force Combating Human Trafficking in BiH, being the only non-governmental organisation in which such trust has been placed in BiH and worldwide; and also through the work of the Regional Monitoring Teams of Banja Luka, Mostar, Sarajevo and Tuzla.

#### 2. Education and capacity building in the field of prevention of trafficking in human beings in BiH

During the implementation of the third phase of the Project "Balkans ACT Now!", in cooperation with partner organisations from the region, MFS-EMMAUS participated in the implementation of two workshops organised for the representatives of partner organisations: 25 - 27 March 2018 in Tirana, Albania, and 30 October - 1 November 2018 in Sarajevo, BiH, with the aim of building the capacity of civil society organisations in the area of objective and responsible monitoring of the quality of assistance services and protection of victims of trafficking in human beings and strengthening of cooperation with institutions.

Within the activities of the Resource Centre for the Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings and Other Forms of Exploitation (EURC), trainings in prevention of trafficking in human beings were held on 4 May 2018 in Banja Luka for the representatives of the EMMAUS Collective for Trafficking and Illegal Migration, and also in the period 20-22 June 2018 in Sarajevo, Doboj Istok and Osijek, Republic of Croatia. Participants in the training were representatives of EMMAUS communities from BiH, Croatia, France, Italy, Germany, Romania and the United Kingdom. Three sets of English-language Trafficking Training Materials were finalised, to be distributed electronically to the stakeholders across Europe and available on the EURC web site at [www.eurcenter.net](http://www.eurcenter.net).

During 2018, the Association supported the realisation of a significant number of educational activities of partner institutions and organisations, and the representatives of the Association participated in more than 15 conferences, seminars and trainings as lecturers on the trafficking matters, of which, regional meetings on trafficking organised by OSCE, OPDAT, IOM, UNODC should be particularly emphasised as important, including the Validation Workshop on New Forms of Trafficking in Human Beings and the Use of Improved Guidelines for the Treatment of Victims of Trafficking in the Context of Migration, organised by the BiH Ministry of Security and held from 21-22 June 2018 in Sarajevo.

These activities contribute to the implementation of the following measures of the Action Plan: A.5. *Conduct a continuous process of monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the Action Plan and the human trafficking situation*; B.1. *Strengthen the understanding of trafficking in human beings and standards of proof to equalise the qualification of trafficking-related criminal offences*; D.2. *Improve the legal and regulatory framework for*

*the assistance and support to victims of trafficking and to ensure their effective implementation; E.1. Further develop the international cooperation legal framework; and E.2. Intensify international contacts and cooperation.*

As in previous years, MFS-EMMAUS participated in the implementation of the Professional conference of Prosecutors in Bosnia and Herzegovina, organised by the Association of Prosecutors of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the support of the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centres of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska, USAID, the OSCE Mission to BiH, UNICEF and IOM, in Neum from 1 to 3 October 2018. The conference hosted more than 150 judges and prosecutors from judicial institutions in BiH, as well as guests from Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and Montenegro. MFS-EMMAUS, in co-operation and coordination with the OSCE Mission, held a presentation on Trafficking in Human Beings, and as part of the above mentioned conference, it also presented the work on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse of children in the digital environment in BiH. This activity relates to measure A.1. of the Action Plan: Improvement of the legal and regulatory framework for combating trafficking in human beings.

### 3. Accommodation and care of illegal migrants in BiH

The activities contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan measure D3. *Improve the scope and quality of assistance and support to victims of trafficking and at-risk victims.* Based on the Agreement on Cooperation and Provision of Accommodation to and Care of Certain Categories of Illegal Migrants: Families staying in the country illegally, children accompanied by a single parent, unaccompanied minors and persons with mild intellectual disabilities, which MFS-EMMAUS signed in 2009 with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and, throughout 2018, the Association continued to provide assistance to illegal migrants. The services provided to illegal migrants are similar to those provided to victims of human trafficking, but the procedures for accommodation and the necessary documentation differ considerably. During 2018, twelve (12) illegal migrants were provided for as part of this project, of which eight (8) were juvenile illegal migrants, in cooperation with the competent Field Centre of the Service for Foreigners' Affairs, based on its Decision. In general, by the end of 2018, the aforementioned services were provided to seventy (70) illegal migrants, of whom fifty-nine (59) were minors. Employees of the MFS-EMMAUS Office in Sarajevo also established cooperation and obtained support of the Open Society Fund Soros in the implementation of two projects concerning support to migrants and refugees.

### 4. Accommodation and care of vulnerable categories of asylum seekers in BiH

It is implemented in accordance with measure D3. *Improve the scope and quality of assistance and support to victims of trafficking and at-risk victims.* In response to increased migrant flows through Bosnia and Herzegovina during 2018, and its commitment to supporting state institutions to adequately respond to the BiH migrant crisis, MFS-EMMAUS has intensified its efforts to support vulnerable categories of asylum seekers, especially unaccompanied minors, and cooperation and coordination with state institutions as well as international partner organisations in this field has also been intensified. The MFS expert and professional involvement has been recognised by most of the relevant institutions, which resulted in signing a Protocol on Accommodation of Vulnerable Categories of Asylum Seekers in the MFS-EMMAUS Reception Centre, with the BiH Ministry of Security and UNHCR (UN High Commissioner for Refugees) on 24 May 2018. Also, cooperation with the Bosnia and Herzegovina Women's Initiative Foundation (BHWI) was developed through an Agreement on Cooperation in Accommodating Vulnerable Categories of Asylum Seekers, with UNHCR's financial support. Services provided to vulnerable categories of asylum seekers (families with children, children accompanied by one or both parents, minors/unaccompanied children, pregnant women, breastfeeding women) include accommodation plus food, hygiene supplies, clothing and primary health care during their stay in the Centre. Also, the accommodation procedures are considerably different from those related to illegal migrants, and accordingly, special documentation has been produced to be used for accommodation of this category. During 2018, seventy one (71) asylum seekers were taken care of, of which thirty (30) were adults and forty one (41) minors.

### 5. Prevention of child abuse in the digital environment

In order to protect children from abuse in the digital environment, MFS-EMMAUS, with the support of the BiH Ministry of Security/Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, began the implementation of a three-year initiative in 2018 with the support of the Global Partnership Fund entitled "Stop Violence Against Children: Preventing and Working to Prevent Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Children in the Digital Environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina" as a member of the BiH Consortium for the Protection of Children, which, in addition to MFS-EMMAUS, also includes UNICEF BiH and Save the Children. The purpose of the initiative is to prevent violence against children in the digital environment by supporting BiH authorities, institutions and professionals to improve

existing and develop new mechanisms of work. Within this initiative, MFS-EMMAUS has intensified its work on establishing a Safe Internet Centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina with a new, innovative and upgraded web platform [www.sigurnodijete.ba](http://www.sigurnodijete.ba). The Safe Internet Centre (SIC) consists of: An information centre that offers useful resources for different age groups of children, and for parents and education professionals; Hotline for reporting inappropriate content online; and Helpline - a free counselling helpline for victims and all citizens to provide advice and support to children, youth and parents on how to handle harmful content, contacts and actions online. Recent activities are contributing to strengthening the existing child protection system in BiH in order to respond adequately to all known forms of violence, exploitation and neglect of children.

As part of the activities of establishing a Safe Internet Centre, a Hotline Manual was developed in accordance with INHOPE standards and a Helpline Manual. Also, on 9 November 2018, MFS-EMMAUS implemented the Helpline Training at the Hotel Sarajevo in Sarajevo. Twelve people attended the training: MFS-EMMAUS staff, as well as experts, partners and associates selected from the MFS-EMMAUS registry of experts and associates involved in the prevention and protection of children online.

As a full member, MFS-EMMAUS continued to operate in the INHOPE Association, in which 45 Hotlines from more than 40 countries worldwide work together to create a safer Internet. Through the Hotline - SOS Internet Reporting Abuse Line available at [www.sigurnodijete.ba](http://www.sigurnodijete.ba), from 2010 to the end of 2018, MFS-EMMAUS recorded more than 910 reports of inappropriate content and various forms of child abuse through information and communication technologies.

Safer Internet Day 2018 was marked on 6 February under the slogan "Create, Respect and Connect: Better Internet Begins With You!" at the initiative of MFS-EMMAUS and in cooperation with the SID Committee of BiH. MFS-EMMAUS marked the Safer Internet Day for the fifth consecutive year in cooperation with the Centre for Safer Internet Croatia - Centre for Missing and Abused Children (CMAC) Osijek, through an online internet safety competition for primary and secondary school pupils. The competition included more than 17,400 pupils from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, who have taken the quiz more than 44,600 times. The number of quiz accesses increased by 1.5 times compared to 2017, or by 15,600 more accesses (28,982 accesses were recorded in 2017), and compared to 2014 when the competition was first conducted, the number increased by as much as 7.5 times. The official announcement of the winner of competition organised on the Safer Internet Day and the awards ceremony was held on 20 February 2018 at Kulin Ban Primary School in Visoko.

Within the project "Prevention of Child Abuse in the Digital Environment", with the support of the Federation Ministry of Education and Science, two workshops were organised during November 2018 for representatives of parent councils, as follows: at the Bristol Hotel in Mostar, for seventeen representatives of schools and parent councils, and the Pedagogical Institute; and at the Opal Exclusive Hotel in Bihać, for eighteen representatives of schools and parent councils, and representatives of the Pedagogical Institute, the Cantonal Court of Bihać, OSCE, RTV of Una-Sana Canton.

These activities primarily contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan measure D.6: Improve child protection mechanisms and prevent violence against children through information and communication technologies, but also through measure D.1. Improve mechanisms for identification of victims of human trafficking and persons at risk to become victims of human trafficking and their referral to help and support mechanisms.

#### 6. Prevention of violence against children in BiH

In January and February 2018, in partnership with UNICEF and with the support of the EU Delegation, MFS-EMMAUS, completed the final phase of the project "Development of Guidelines for the Prevention of Violence against Children in BiH, Tailored to Children" as part of the Association's long-standing programme work on the protection of children and young people from all forms of abuse and exploitation, and the offline application "Be a Cyber-detective!" was finalized and became available at [www.sigurnodijete.ba](http://www.sigurnodijete.ba) to be used by educational professionals and other interested parties for educational purposes; printed publications and materials: poster "What Happens When Violence Occurs?" especially adapted for children - in 1000 copies and distributed to primary and secondary schools across BiH; publication "Guidelines for the treatment of violence against children in the digital environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina" for professionals working with children - in 630 copies, in two editions; and a booklet entitled "Everything You Need to Know About Violence!" for children aged 6-11 - in 1000 copies, in two editions.

On 30 January 2018, MFS-EMMAUS also held a public promotion and presentation of the aforementioned activities and publications in the Info Centre of the Delegation of the European Union to Sarajevo, attended by more than fifty (50) persons: children, media representatives and partner institutions and organisations, which



attracted considerable media attention and the general public and which directed such attention to the prevention of violence against children in BiH.

The implementation of these activities contributes to the strengthening of the existing child protection system in BiH, in order to respond adequately to all known forms of violence, exploitation and neglect of children; and the implementation of the Action Plan D.6 measures: Improve child protection mechanisms and prevent violence against children through information and communication technologies and D.1. Improve mechanisms for identification of victims of human trafficking and persons at risk to become victims of human trafficking and their referral to help and support mechanisms.

#### 7. Raising awareness and prevention of trafficking in human beings in BiH

For the prevention purposes and in order to raise public awareness and reach a wider coverage and accessibility to all target groups, MFS-EMMAUS implemented various informative and promotional activities during 2018: a considerable number of educational activities, as well as guest appearances in the BiH and regional media, while previously developed information materials were distributed and promoted. MFS-EMMAUS participated in marking the EU Anti-trafficking Day (18 October 2018) and secured the presentation of the Sarajevo Office representative at a press conference organised on the occasion of that Day by the BiH Ministry of Security, IOM and the Ring Network on 18 October 2018 at the UN building in Sarajevo. Also, the activities of MFS-EMMAUS were presented on the same day at a public forum organised to mark the Day on 18 October by the Police of the Brčko District of BiH, at the Cultural Centre in Brčko. In cooperation with partners from the non-governmental sector active in this field, the activities in raising public awareness of the problem of human trafficking were implemented through the distribution of a promotional poster specially created to mark this Day.

As part of the activities of the European Resource Centre for the Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings and Other Forms of Exploitation, MFS-EMMAUS continued to provide useful and up-to-date information to all interested parties through the web portal for the prevention of trafficking in human beings [www.eurcenter.net](http://www.eurcenter.net). As part of the Resource Centre's activities, the electronic library has been supplemented with new content, research and publications. Also, they have been continuously promoted and updated with new promotional materials at the site: web [www.sigurnodijete.ba](http://www.sigurnodijete.ba), [www.eurcenter.net](http://www.eurcenter.net), [www.mfs-emmaus.ba](http://www.mfs-emmaus.ba); as well as the Safe Child Facebook and Twitter pages, and the EURC Facebook page.

#### 8. Research and publications

Prior to participating in research conducted by partner organisations, of which we highlight the following: Assessment of the situation of migrant and refugee children, conducted at the request of international organisations working in the children's rights sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina; European Map of Providers of Support and Assistance to Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings within the EU Project "SAFE!" in coordination with the Netherlands Anti-Trafficking Centre; Rapid assessment of educational needs of refugee and migrant children in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented by UNICEF and Save the Children; as a member of ECPAT, MFS-EMMAUS actively participated in collecting data and drafting ECPAT's National Report on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The report has been translated into the Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian language and published in an electronic form.

### **„MEDICA“ ZENICA**

During the reporting period, a total of 2 potential victims of trafficking in persons of foreign origin (mother and her underage son) were staying at the "Medica" Safe House in Zenica. During the reporting period, there were no BiH citizens as potential victims of trafficking in human beings. The client and her underage son were placed in the "Medica" Zenica Safe House on 21 June 2018 at the request of the Service for Foreigners' Affairs - Sarajevo Field Centre, and they are still there.

In addition to safe accommodation, the client and her underage son have been provided with complete logistics support (food, beverages, basic clothing and footwear as well as basic hygiene items, and other stuff depending on their individual needs). After satisfying the basic needs, the client and her underage son were provided with medical services and check-ups at the Zenica Cantonal Hospital. After the phase of adaptation and psychological stabilization, the client and her underage son have been involved in continuous individual counselling and therapy work, and in occupational/creative therapy, depending on their own preferences and

desires (hairstyling and manicure course, tailoring/sewing/upholstery course, jewellery making, knitting, crocheting and embroidery workshops, and the decoupage techniques workshop).

In providing the Safe House accommodation for potential victims of trafficking, both BiH citizens and aliens, the procedures for the care were followed. When it comes to the treatment of aliens - victims of trafficking, "Medica" Zenica acts in accordance with the Protocol signed with the BiH Ministry of Security concerning foreign victims of trafficking, while for BiH citizens, it acts in accordance with the Protocol signed with the BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees and established practice based on the Rules of Treatment of domestic victims of trafficking, the established referral mechanisms in local communities, and also based on the signed Agreement and adopted Decision on cooperation with the FBiH Ministry of Labour and Social Policy about the "Implementation of the Law on Protection from Violence against Family Members", "Protocol on acting in cases of finding a minor in vagrancy and begging" signed with the City of Zenica and Centre for Social Work of Zenica, and based on the existing laws governing the said area. In this regard, "Medica" Zenica cooperates with the Ministry of Security of BiH – Immigration Sector, the Ministry of Security of BiH – Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, the Ministry of Security of BiH – Service for Foreigners' Affairs, SIPA, the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH, as well as with relevant Centres for Social Work and Police Administrations, Cantonal Hospital Zenica, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Zenica-Doboj Canton, Pedagogical Institute of Zenica, as well as with other institutions and organisations that need to work with clients/teams, shown in Table No.1.

**Table 1: Review of total number of assisted persons through the "Medica" Zenica services (Safe House, Children's Day Care Centre) in 2018**

Form of exploitation	Women	Children	TOTAL:
Unknown form of exploitation	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

#### **Individual therapy work with potential victims of trafficking:**

During the reporting period, a total of **71** individual counselling sessions were held with the client and her underage son, **36** of which with the client and **35** with the underage boy. The emphasis of individual sessions is on providing psychological support in meeting the basic psychosocial needs, overcoming the language barrier, establishing a sense of security and confidence, working out traumatic experiences, informing them about their rights, and other individually recognised individual needs. Individual work programmes have been developed for the client and her underage son, which are monitored and, if necessary, adapted with their active participation in the process.

**Table 2: Review of individual work with 2 foreign nationals - potential victims of human trafficking placed in the Safe House, 2018:**

	Women	Children	Total:
<b>Individual counselling</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>71</b>

#### **Medical assistance:**

During the stay of foreign nationals - potential victims of trafficking in a safe house, medical interventions are provided in accordance with individual needs. During the reporting period, the client and her underage son received a total of **62** medical services, of which **57** were medical interventions in the Safe House, **3** were referrals to specialist examinations and **2** referrals to laboratory diagnostics. The clients were taken to HIV testing and Hepatitis B and C. The findings were negative. The underage boy was taken to dermatological examination and laboratory tests for a noticeable skin rash and to the Emergency Medical Centre for stomach problems. The client was taken to have diopter established due to having evident vision problems, and it was found that she had glasses with wrong diopter causing her headache, and she received new glasses. The client and her underage son attended individual educational health talks, tailored to the needs identified and adjusted to their language abilities. Within the reporting period, the client and her underage son had a total of **20** individual educational health talks, **10** with the client and **10** with her underage son.

**Table 3: Tabular presentation of medical services provided in 2018:**

Type of provided medical services	Women	Children	Total:
Medical services in the Safe House	45	12	57
Specialist examinations outside "Medica " Zenica	2	3	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>62</b>

**Group educational-therapeutic work with potential victims of human trafficking:**

During their stay in the Safe House, in addition to counselling and therapeutic work, the clients/potential victims of human trafficking are also included in group workshops. Taking into account linguistic differences, group educational - supportive workshops (educational workshops on important information and topics, rights and ways of protection), relaxation sessions (relaxation techniques) are adjusted to clients/potential victims of trafficking, and workshops providing joint group fun activities once a week. During the reporting period, the client and her underage son were involved in **40** group workshops, **20** with the client and **20** with the underage boy. Upon reception, communication with clients was difficult, with the use of English, while during their stay in the Safe House, they improved their B/H/S language skills.

**Occupational therapy:**

During their stay in the Safe House, foreign nationals-potential victims of trafficking are involved in occupational therapies, i.e. they attend tailoring/sewing/upholstery or/and hairdressing and manicure courses, creative workshops for learning how to make jewellery, for knitting, crocheting and embroidery, and using the decoupage techniques. During the reporting period, the client and her underage son spent a total of **273** hours in occupation therapy. The client spent **208** hours in occupation therapy, of which the client spent a total of **37** hours attending the tailoring/sewing/upholstery courses and **78** hours attending the hairdressing and manicure courses. She spent **48** hours in the creative workshop for making jewellery, knitting, crocheting and embroidery, and **45** hours in the workshop for learning how to use the decoupage techniques. During the reporting period, the underage boy spent a total of **65** hours in occupation therapy, of which **20** hours in creative workshops for making jewellery, knitting, crocheting and embroidery and **45** hours in workshops for learning how to use the decoupage techniques.

**Table 4: Tabular presentation of attendance to occupational therapy in 2018:**

Occupational Therapy / Creative Workshops:	Length of stay (hours):
Tailoring/sewing/upholstery course	37
Hairdressing and manicure course	78
Decoupage techniques workshops	90
Jewellery making, knitting, crocheting and embroidery workshops	68
<b>Total:</b>	<b>273</b>

**Educational work:**

In addition to all of the "Medica" Zenica available services, the client and her underage son are involved in continuing educational work. As part of educational work, work is being done to promote healthy development and to improve existing prosocial behaviours and adopt positive social norms. In addition to the abovementioned, work has been done with the underage boy to overcome the language barrier, improve the existing level of English language skills, and to improve communication with other Safe House residents. Keeping this in mind, clients/potential victims of human trafficking have been taken to the Church repeatedly to perform prayer and religious services, and a prayer room was adapted for them. Also, the underage boy is enrolled in the "Winner" sports school, which he attends three times a week, and is provided with transportation by "Medica" Zenica.

**Children's Day Care Center "Medica" Zenica:**

During the reporting period, through the Children's Day Care Centre "Medica" Zenica, a total of **27** children were supported, of which **15** children (**10** girls and **5** boys) who regularly visit the Children's Day Care Centre,

including **1** foreign boy, who is placed in the "Medica" Zenica Safe House with his mother as a potential victim of human trafficking, and **12** children who are beneficiaries of the programme "Older Brother, Older Sister". No children were identified to be forced to involve in begging in the reporting period. Children placed in the Safe House, together with other children beneficiaries of the "Medica" Zenica Children's Day Care Centre, regularly visited the "Medica" Zenica Children's Day Care Centre where they were assisted in learning and mastering school materials and, through various workshops and group work, adopted certain knowledge about violence, non-violent conflict resolution, and adoption of positive behaviours. The underage boy has also been included in the programme "Older Brother/Older Sister" and, during the reporting period, **1** outing with a volunteer was realized. Also, during the reporting period, accompanied and supervised by the staff of "Medica" Zenica, a three-day trip to the Sports and Recreation Centre "Ajdinovići" in Olovo was organised for the client and her underage son. Celebration of the New Year and Christmas holidays was organised for the underage boy who was also given a New Year's present.

### **Activities on prevention and raising awareness of the phenomenon of trafficking in human beings**

Clients/potential victims of human trafficking participated in a race with BiH's best athlete and world ambassador Amel Tuka, as part of a campaign called "Hear Me and Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls" through which special attention was drawn to the need to prevent violence against women and girls.

### **Follow up with the client after leaving Safe House**

"Medica" Zenica continuously communicates with relevant institutions in order to find adequate accommodation for foreigners-potential victims of trafficking.

Medica Zenica is pleased to work and cooperate with the BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees and the BiH Ministry of Security, as well as with other public institution partners from the local to the state level with whom it has cooperated in providing support and assistance, i.e. direct assistance to potential victims of trafficking in persons, BiH citizens and foreigners who are potential victims of trafficking in BiH.

### ***"LARA" FOUNDATION***

During 2018, in cooperation with members of the RING Network, the "Lara" Foundation was active in the field of education, monitoring and analysis of the situation concerning trafficking in human beings, prevention and informing citizens about the risks of trafficking and providing assistance to victims and/or potential victims of trafficking.

The RING network currently has 13 members and, in addition to the "Lara" Foundation, which is a coordinating organisation, the Network consists of the following: Foundation "United Women" Banja Luka, Association of Women Derventa, Citizens Association "Future" Modriča, Women's Rights Centre Zenica, Association of Roma Women "Better Future" Tuzla, Women's Association "Maja" Kravica, Women's Association "Most" Višegrad, Women's Association "Goraždanka" Goražde, Association "Woman of BiH" Mostar, Association "Roma Girl-Romani ćej" Prnjavor, Association of Active Women "Gender" Brčko and Association for Youth Development and Education "Safe Step" Bijeljina.

#### **I. Educating and connecting with new actors**

Changes in human trafficking trends (increased number of cases of trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation and abuse of children in begging) necessitated additional capacity building of RING network members, which included **connecting and establishing cooperation with new actors** in order to work more effectively and comprehensively on prevention and assistance to victims. In this regard, cooperation has been established or enhanced with several civil society organisations specialized in working with children caught in begging and children living and working on the street ("Land of Children in BiH" Tuzla, "New Generation" Banja Luka), Inspectorate Services (Market and Labour Inspectorate), Institution of Ombudsman for Children in Republika Srpska, Institution of Human Rights Ombudsman/Ombudsmen of BiH, trade unions, etc.

This cooperation specifically resulted in an educational workshop (training) on "Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation - prevention and support services", held in February 2018 in Brčko, with the aim of acquiring new and expanding existing knowledge on the problem of trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation and the modality of action of non-governmental organisations and other

relevant actors to prevent and detect these phenomena. The workshop was moderated by Gordana Milović, Head of the East Sarajevo Regional Section for Inspection Affairs (Republika Srpska Inspectorate) and Muhamed Pašukanović, the Federal Inspectorate Chief Labour Inspector. The workshop opened a possibility of talking about the current situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina where unemployment, general poverty, migration and corruption create an environment conducive to the widespread problem of labour exploitation because, in the absence of other earnings opportunities, the unemployed neglect the risk they are exposed to or do not even recognise it. Through presentations, examples of good practices in other countries, interactive work and discussion, participants are jointly defining key issues and creating activities and actions that, through the joint action of all relevant actors, could mitigate the risks and spread of this form of trafficking. The workshop was attended by more than 20 participants, representatives of the RING Network, other non-governmental organisations dealing with human trafficking (International Solidarity Forum EMMAUS from Sarajevo, "Children's Land" from Tuzla, "Gender" Association from Brcko, "Safe Step" from Bijeljina, Association "Woman and Family" from Gradiška), representatives of Women's Roma Network "Success" and representatives of trade unions.

## II. Cooperation, monitoring and analysis of the situation in the field of trafficking in human beings

The "Lara" Foundation and the RING Network organised the **Regional Conference on "Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings - Good Practices and Challenges"** to, through exchange of experience and good practices of government and non-governmental actors in the field of prevention and combating trafficking in human beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Serbia, review the current situation and put forward proposals for improving the work on combating this phenomenon and the possibilities for connection and regional cooperation. The conference was held on 16 May 2018 in Sarajevo. Introductory speakers and participants from three countries in the region tried to answer some of the key questions regarding the most common forms of trafficking in human beings, statistics on identified victims and actions taken to prevent this serious form of violations of human rights. The conference had two panels - introductory speakers on the first panel "Experiences from the region" were: Katarina Ivanović - ASTRA Belgrade, Tatjana Nikolić - "Centre for Girls" Niš/AT Network of Serbia and Nela Pamuković - "Centre for Women Victims of War - ROSA" Zagreb. The theme of the second panel was "Experiences of Governmental and Non-Governmental Actors in BiH", and introductory speakers were: Samir Rizvo - State Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH/BiH Ministry of Security, Predrag Jovc - Deputy Minister for Human Rights and Refugees in the Council of Ministers BiH, Mirsada Bajramović Association "Country of Children in BiH"/Network of NGOs for Children "A Stronger Voice for Children" and Gordana Vidović - Association of citizens "Buducnost" Modriča / RING Network. The conference was assessed as very successful and useful because the participants had the opportunity to hear about the problem and obstacles faced by Serbia, Croatia and BiH in preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, as well as about good practices in addressing this issue. Victim identification, poorly resolved victim compensation fund, inadequate accommodation for children, victims or potential victims of trafficking, lack of sensitivity of institutions, inadequate response to child/early marriages and begging, and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation as the most common form of trafficking in human beings have been mapped as a common problem in these three countries.

In order to further strengthen regional co-operation, the representatives of the RING Network were participants and speakers at the **International Conference on "Forms of Trafficking in Persons in BiH, Macedonia and Serbia"**, held in Niš on 27 February 2018. The conference was attended by 73 people from different cities, institutions and organisations. The introductory speakers at the Conference were: Dragana Petrić, Bijeljina - Lara Foundation; Lana Jajčević, Banja Luka - United Women; Milica Stojančević, Bijeljina - Otaharin; Marija Anđelković, Belgrade - ASTRA; Mitar Đurašković, National Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings; Sanja Savić, Centre for the Protection of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings; Sanja Kljajić, Republic Institute for Social Protection; Jelena Vukajlović, PU Niš; Dijana Janković, Court of Appeal Niš. The conference discussed various forms of trafficking in persons existing in each of these countries and cities, with a particular focus on labour exploitation, as labour-related rights have been increasingly threatened and workers knew little about them; coercion of juveniles into begging was also much discussed. One of the Conference conclusions was to improve cooperation of non-governmental organisations and institutions dealing with this problem in order to better respond to the problem of human trafficking, within the country and between all relevant actors in the region.

## III. Public awareness campaigns

As every year, during 2018 again, the “Lara” Foundation, in collaboration with members of the RING Network, organised two public awareness campaigns - on the occasion of the 18 October, EU Anti-trafficking Day, and on 2 December, the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

(1) Marking the EU Anti-trafficking Day.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Security of BiH - Department for combating trafficking in human beings, the RING Network marked 18 October – the EU Anti-Trafficking Day in four towns of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The RING Network members, Foundation “United Women” from Banja Luka, the Roma Women Association “Better Future” Tuzla and the Association “Women of BiH” from Mostar organised on this occasion street performances and public discussions in their towns, whereas the central press conference was held in Sarajevo, organised by the “Lara” Foundation in cooperation with the Ministry of Security and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

The topic of this year’s campaign was “CHILDREN ON THE MOVE, UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN –React and prevent child trafficking!” and the aim of activities was to raise the awareness and mobilization of citizens and representatives of institutions on contemporary challenges and risks of trafficking in human beings, especially children, that mass migrations across the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina bring, but also in general problems of begging, child labour in the streets and other forms of child abuse and neglect. At the central event in Sarajevo, Radmila Žigić (“Lara” Foundation), Samira Hunčević (Ministry of Security of BiH), Ivana Kozina (International Organisation for Migration IOM) and Elma Zahirović (International Solidarity Fund EMMAUSS) addressed the media and representatives of corresponding institutions and non-governmental institutions, presenting key activities of institutions and organisations they came from. In addition, representatives of “Lara” and UREM “Safe Step” from Bijeljina joined the police of the Brčko District BiH in marking this date and distributing promotional materials as well as educating secondary school pupils on this subject.

The campaign “Children on the move, unaccompanied children – React and prevent trafficking in human beings” involved a great number of key governmental and non-governmental actors in fight against trafficking in persons (State Investigation and Protection Agency – SIPA, Border police of BiH, Service for Foreigners’ Affairs, Ombudsmen for the Children of Republika Srpska, the Ombudsmen Office of BiH, centres for social work, NGO “Women from the Una” from Bihać, “Land of Children in BiH” from Tuzla, New Generation, Genesis project, Worldvision and many other), attracting the attention of media that reported on the events in these four towns. At the same time, the campaign affected citizens, providing them with more information on the migrant crisis, thereby reducing their xenophobia and prejudice towards foreign nationals passing through our country.

(2) Marking the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

On the occasion of marking 2 December, the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, members of the RING Network organised street actions in 10 towns across BiH, in which the RING Network members have their registered offices: Bijeljina (“Lara” Foundation and UREM (The Association for the Development and Education Young People) “Safe Step”), Modriča (Association of citizens “Future”), Banja Luka (Foundation “United Women”), Zenica (Women’s Rights Centre), Kravica (Women’s Association “Maja”), Goražde (Women’s Association “Goraždanke”), Višegrad (Women’s Association “Bridge”), Prnjavor (Roma Girl Association – “Romani ćej”), Brčko (Active Women Association “Gender”) and Derventa (Women’s Association Derventa). In addition to distribution of propaganda informative leaflets and talks to passers-by, activists and volunteers of this organisation reminded citizens of the problem of a contemporary slavery which still affects millions of people across the globe. The propaganda informative leaflets in 2018 aimed at the importance of recognition and reaction in cases of trafficking in human beings, providing also information on the stages of trafficking in human beings, most common forms of victim exploitation, victim control mechanisms and parts of confessions of two victims of trafficking in human beings. In some towns, the campaign included other forms of activities such as meetings with representatives of institutions and educations of students and a great number of activities was covered by the media as well.

IV. Direct help to victims

Direct help by placement in the Safe House was provided to 6 potential victims of trafficking in human beings, from 4 events that also had elements of a criminal offence of trafficking in human beings for sexual and/or labour exploitation and forced begging.

Structure of victims (adult females: 1; underage girls younger than 14: 1; underage boys younger than 14: 1; underage children/girls age 14 – 18: 3; four potential victims were from Bijeljina and 1 case from Brčko).

In one case of the Safe House placement, there were indications of abuse of children for begging and retention of personal documents by mother of the children (a boy and a girl) in cooperation (or under duress) with

her common law husband. All are members of the Roma ethnic minority. Centre for Social Work placed the mother with children into the Safe House because of child begging and living in an inadequate space (an abandoned house without heating and furniture). Neither the mother nor children had personal documents which the common law husband allegedly kept, so she would not abandon him. Despite a warning of the Safe House expert team, no investigation was conducted of elements that might indicate trafficking in human beings, that is, child trafficking. The potential suspect returned documents with an explanation that he had kept passports so she would not go to her parents in Germany without him, which the police accepted and let the Centre for Social Work solve this case. The Safe House expert team and the Centre for Social Work contacted the rest of the family in Germany. At her own request, the victim left the shelter and children were still seen for a while begging on streets, but no competent service took any other legal measure.

In another case, a girl M.S. (age 15) stayed in the Safe House for 43 days. She was placed there upon a request of the Bijeljina Centre for Social Work as a victim of sexual and labour exploitation in a highly dysfunctional family, which seriously jeopardized her education and further development. By the decision of the Centre, the custody of the girl was given to her relatives outside Bijeljina. The investigation is still ongoing and there is no information on a possible qualification of the crime and indictment in general.

In a third case, a girl A.H. (age 15, Brčko) was a victim of sexual abuse by common law husband of her mother. Later development of events pointed out to a possible involvement of the mother in this crime, but the outcome of this part of the investigation is uncertain, as the mother's whereabouts is unknown. It is assumed that she has returned to the perpetrator of the crime with whom she has two children. The Prosecutor's Office of the Brčko District filed the indictment which is in the confirmation process and the exact qualification of the crime is still unknown. The girl is in the process of reintegration, stays at the Safe House and regularly attends school.

In a fourth case, a girl J.J. (age 14) from Brčko is a victim of a social and family neglect and sexual exploitation within an extended family. She stays at the Safe House, regularly attends school and is in a process of reintegration. The indictment has been filed and is in the confirmation stage, so the final qualification of the crime is still unknown.

Within the framework of legal counselling and calls to SOS number 1264, there happened several situations that indicated some form of trafficking in human beings (pandering of a girl by her family, marriages for obtaining work permit abroad and other). Unfortunately, the process of identification of victims of trafficking in human beings is still a great problem in the work of police and the Prosecutor's office in RS and also partly in the Brčko District, which affects legal qualifications of crimes and often the entire response and approach of institutions to situations with elements of a criminal offence of trafficking in human beings.

## **CARITAS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

The Caritas has been implementing the project titled "Strengthening local capacities to prevent trafficking in human beings" in BiH since 2004 and is actively participating in the Euro-Mediterranean project which aims to support the Caritas from different countries in their work to prevent trafficking in human beings. It is a project that recognises the value of cross-border cooperation and sharing experiences in the fight against the phenomenon that is equally a cross-border and very complex phenomenon. The project is managed by the Caritas Albania as the network coordinator of Caritas organisations. During two years of implementation, the plan is to conduct a number of thematic lectures, meetings and a joint campaign as well as a research on child trafficking in each country individually, but also globally.

The Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina hosted the Euro-Mediterranean meeting, study visits, seminars and working meetings in Sarajevo from 22 to 25 May 2018 for 17 representatives of the Caritas from 12 countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Slovakia, Spain, Ukraine, Caritas MONA, Caritas Europe and 2 Bulgarian trainers. The aim of the study visit was to strengthen skills and capacities of partner organisations of the Caritas network through a professional training on advocacy and communication on activities of trafficking in persons, as well as a meeting on a research conducted in each country, but also globally. The meeting was a unique opportunity to share experiences, initiatives and good practices of the network members. During the event, a meeting with the president of the Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina Cardinal Vinko Puljić was also organised. Participants were introduced to activities of the Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina, life of the local Church and a multi-cultural environment.

In June 2018, the Caritas BiH started the process of desk research on the child trafficking phenomenon in Bosnia and Herzegovina, indicators for the human trafficking models and recommendations for the BiH public. A researcher was selected in a public competition and a contract was signed with her. The research shall be completed following a number of consultations in mid-2019. A global research shall be published and presented by the end of 2019, during a meeting in Kosovo. Both researches shall be published on the website of the Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The project coordinator participated in Amman, Jordan, in a workshop and a coordination meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean project from 19 to 24 November 2018. The topic of the two-day workshop was the work on oneself and prevention of burnout in staff who work on trafficking in human beings prevention programmes. After the workshop, a study visit was made to projects implemented by the Caritas Jordan for the refugee children and a meeting was held in a parish community that actively works with refugee families. During the meeting, a round table was organised on trafficking in human beings in Jordan as well as a coordination meeting and planning of the following actions: research, promotion campaign and final conference in Kosovo in 2019. The meeting included the participation of representatives of the Caritas network from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Kosovo, Lebanon, Slovenia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Caritas MONA religion and the Caritas Jordan, the host.

The Caritas BiH and the Ministry of Security of BiH, Department for combating trafficking in human beings have a signed Memorandum of Cooperation dated 2008. Participation in referral meetings and a close cooperation with the Department for combating trafficking in human beings as well as a preparation of the research on child trafficking in BiH are outcomes of the Memorandum. The problem of trafficking in human beings is extensive and there is a need for Caritas to continue dealing with the prevention as well as networking in different fields of activity.

Regular referral meetings bring together all actors in the prevention of trafficking in human beings. Meetings are held periodically, quarterly or semi-annually and are organised by either the Department for combating trafficking in human beings or the OSCE. The meeting in which the Caritas BiH participated was held on 18 May 2018 and a meeting was also held in December 2018.

Director of the Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina, Msgr. Tomo Knežević participated, as the only civil society representative from BiH together with the national coordinator Mr Samir Rizvo, in the OSCE international conference in Vienna, Austria, from 23 to 24 April 2018, titled "Everyone has a role to play to fight trafficking in human beings". During the meeting, Msgr. Knežević had an opportunity to network and present activities of the Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina and during his public appearance during the conference, he informed the attendees of new, innovative prevention methods of trafficking in human beings, inclusion of all participants and capacities of teachers and religion teachers in education of young people of trafficking in persons phenomenon. More than 100 persons participated in the conference and there was a live-stream via video link available to the public, to follow the course of the conference. We thank the OSCE Delegation to BiH for enabling participation of the Caritas BiH in such an important meeting.

In cooperation with the Caritas Albania and the Caritas Kosovo, we have prepared a common draft project on prevention of trafficking in persons that is a kind of an upgrade to earlier activities.

Project activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina ended due to the lack of finances. We are putting efforts into finding means to contribute to prevention and resocialisation by our activities. We follow with great interest the situation concerning migrants and flows of trafficking in human beings.

## **OSCE**

In 2018, the OSCE Mission to BiH (Mission) continued investing efforts into strengthening capacities of local authorities to fight trafficking in human beings. Specifically, the Mission has provided support to strengthening institutional and legal framework and promoted professional development of judicial office holders and other actors.

Capacity building activities represented a significant part of the Mission's work. In particular, the Mission supported activities of the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centres (CEST). In that context and in cooperation with the CEST of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 1 February 2018, the Mission organised training focusing on a difference between the criminal offence of trafficking in human beings and the criminal offence of neglect or abuse of a child or a juvenile. More than 30 prosecutors and judges from the entire Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) attended this training which aimed at improving practical and theoretical



knowledge of participants on elements of criminal offenses related to trafficking in human beings for the purpose of forced begging (children). The training also aimed at participants' capacity building in terms of issues related to the support to victims and witnesses within the system. In cooperation with the Republika Srpska CEST, on 28 February 2018, the Mission organised training for judges and prosecutors in Banja Luka. Around 20 judges and prosecutors improved their knowledge through this training in the field of differentiating between a criminal offence of trafficking in human beings and other criminal offences with similar characteristics, such as those that include sexual abuse and/or sexual exploitation. These trainings have been assessed as positive by both participants and the Mission. Together with the non-governmental organisation the Atlantic Initiative, the Mission organised a panel on trafficking in human beings and gender-based violence at the Annual Prosecutorial Conference. The panel was held in a form of a workshop within which a presentation and a discussion was held on the case study. The workshop gathered around 30 prosecutors and other experts who improved their knowledge and skills for working with victims of trafficking in human beings and gender-based violence.

During 2018, the Mission held capacity building trainings in Tuzla, Livno, Bijeljina and Banja Luka in which more than 80 law enforcement officers upgraded their knowledge and the ability to recognize and more efficiently conduct investigations of crimes related to trafficking in human beings. In their broader efforts to advocate for the victim-cantered approach in child trafficking cases, the Mission provided support to efforts of the relevant authorities that aimed at solving a widespread problem of child begging on streets of the BiH capital. This activity resulted in drafting the first Protocol in the country that precisely defined steps the relevant authorities should take in cases involving children victims of crimes and other illegal activities. The Protocol was signed by representatives of five relevant ministries and seven institutions of Sarajevo Canton on 2 October 2018, in the presence of the Head of Mission. Apart from this, the Mission provided support to authorities of Bosnia-Podrinje Canton and the municipalities of Žepče, Maglaj and Zavidovići in their efforts to make similar protocols.

Improvement of BiH's response to trafficking in human beings.

In 2018, the Mission continued helping BiH to improve the response to trafficking in human beings. In this regard, the Mission financed participation of the State Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Immigration (the State Coordinator) as well as one civil society representative at the 18<sup>th</sup> Alliance against Trafficking in Persons Conference in Vienna, organised by the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings. The conference was attended by internationally recognised experts and practitioners from local authorities, international organisations fighting against trafficking in human beings, and it also tackled modalities for more inclusive partnerships at different levels. Furthermore, the Mission provided help to the OSCE Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in finding a suitable person to speak of the role of religious organisations in the fight against trafficking in persons in general and in the context of BiH. Upon the Mission's suggestion, the Director of Caritas BiH Msgr. Mr. Sc. Tomo Knežević informed participants of the work of Caritas in the field of fight against trafficking in human beings in BiH, with a special stress on training organised for religion teachers and civil society in the fight against trafficking in human beings. In plenary panels, participants talked about different cooperation mechanisms on the fight against trafficking in human beings. Namely, by its training in the fight against trafficking in persons, Caritas in BiH covered 150 religion teachers who work in 200 schools. Besides, the Mission also published an updated Training Module for judges and prosecutors and provided a practical toolkit for the police of Tuzla Canton – a brochure with a short description of elements of a criminal offence and indicators of trafficking in human beings – to strengthen their capacities for identification of victims of trafficking in human beings and conducting investigations in cases of trafficking in persons.

Together with the International Organisation for Migration, the Mission supported efforts aimed at updating guidelines for work of regional, monitoring teams for combating trafficking in human beings (RMT), formed to create additional capacities to improve functional ties between the relevant local institutions involved with implementation of activities related to combating and prevention of trafficking in persons. This activity resulted in publication of updated guidelines for the work of the RMT.

As part of support to the implementation of the BiH Integrated Border Management Strategy and the associated General Action Plan, the Mission supported the development, publication and promotion of the Protected Documents Handbook that increases ability of the BiH Border Police to discover stolen or forged identification documents that are often used to perpetrate serious and organised crimes – including trafficking in human beings. The Handbook will be made available to officers of the BiH Border Police at every border crossing point in both printed and electronic form.

In the field of regional cooperation and together with the Special Representative and the Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, the OSCE Office in Albania, OSCE Missions in Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Skopje, the Mission organised a regional workshop for finding a solution to the problem of identification of victims of trafficking in human beings in mixed migration flows. This workshop brought together individuals whose professional duties require a daily contact with people on the move in the context of the existing migrant and refugee crisis in the region. A discussion was held about the manner of implementation of recommendations referred to in the report of the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings titled *“From Reception to Recognition: Identifying and Protecting Human Trafficking Victims in Mixed Migration Flows – A Focus on First Identification and Reception Facilities for Refugees and Migrants in the OSCE region”*. This workshop was the first out of three OSCE workshops (the other two were held in Greece in June and in Italy in September 2018), with the aim of making unique guidelines for identification of human trafficking victims among migrants and refugees in the OSCE member states.

With the aim of raising awareness of the public on human trafficking and rights of victims as well as of underlying the existing tools that can help state authorities to efficiently fight trafficking in persons, the Mission organised a media campaign on its official *Facebook* and *Twitter* website from 28 to 30 July 2018, to mark the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. A similar campaign was organised to mark 18<sup>th</sup> October, the EU Anti-Trafficking Day.

In 2018, the Mission paid a special attention to migration-related challenges. To address these challenges, the Mission translated a recent report of the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings titled *“From Reception to Recognition: Identifying and Protecting Human Trafficking Victims in Mixed Migration Flows – A Focus on First Identification and Reception Facilities for Refugees and Migrants in the OSCE region”*. The Mission supported publication of this report and copies were distributed to participants of the conference organised together by the Mission and the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Rights of Children, Youth, Immigration, Refugees, Asylum and Ethics held in Bihać in May 2018.

Since the number of migrants and refugees entering the BiH territory started increasing constantly at the beginning of 2018, the Mission made the assessment of the situation of migrants and refugees in BiH. The assessment was based on data that the Mission collected in the first six months of 2018. The purpose of the assessment was to provide assistance to relevant actors, to improve their response to the increased number of migrants and refugees as well as to give recommendations to government agencies and humanitarian aid providers to reform and improve current practice. The assessment includes specific recommendations to, among others, BiH Border Police, Service for Foreigners' Affairs, healthcare institutions, centres for social work and other. On the whole, the Mission sees the need for a more efficient and clear communication, dissemination of clear guidelines and standard operating procedures as well as regular and inclusive coordination meetings with relevant actors, both government and non-governmental.

## IOM

The IOM operates in partnership with governments, United Nations, international and non-governmental organisations, private sector and development partners on all aspects of the response to the problem of trafficking in human beings – prevention, protection and prosecution.

Since the mid-1990s, the IOM and its partners have provided protection and assistance to almost 100,000 men, women and children trafficked for sexual and labour exploitation, slavery or practice similar to slavery, slavery or for removal of organs. Agriculture, fishing, domestic work and hospitality, commercial sexual exploitation, pornography, begging, construction and production are some of sectors in which victims are exploited. The IOM has a comprehensive approach to solving the problem of trafficking in human beings. The respect for human rights, physical, mental and social care for an individual and his or her community and sustainability of our activities through development of institutional capacities and partnership are at the centre of all IOM's efforts to fight against trafficking in human beings.

For most migrants and refugees who passed through the region, a rapid transit, identification of potential victims of trafficking in human beings was extremely challenging and in many cases almost impossible. Following the closure of the Balkans route in March 2016, migrants have little chance of reaching their destinations in a

regular and legal way, as regional border measures, aimed at preventing illegal migrations, have become stricter. Therefore, they often opt for illegal channels to continue their journeys, especially by engaging in smuggling networks to facilitate their journey. Some migrants and refugees are particularly at risk of exploitation and abuse due to pre-existing conditions along this route. Of the total of 2,560 migrants and refugees interviewed between mid-February and end of May 2017 in Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Hungary, 9% of them answered that they had been exposed to one of presented indicators pertaining to trafficking in human beings and exploitation. The IOM also implemented an 18-month regional project titled “Strengthening the fight against trafficking in persons in crisis in the Western Balkans”, as a response to ever increasing challenges that the countries in the so-called Western Balkans faced during the peak of the migration crisis in years that followed. The project was supported by the United States Government (US J/TIP).

#### Activities in 2018

1) An analytical report was developed to serve as an important regional review of the latest trends in trafficking in human beings, assessed by actors as very useful as it deeply analysed and offered answers to the problem of trafficking in persons in the crisis context, thereby linking the issue of trafficking in human beings to migration crisis. The report was translated into five (5) languages and distributed to all relevant institutions and actors in the fight against trafficking in human beings as well as to diplomatic missions in the Western Balkans region.

2) In February in Sarajevo, within the framework of the JTIP project, the IOM organised a two-day national workshop presenting preliminary results of the Analytical report and new forms of trafficking in human beings as well as the draft and implementation of improved guidelines on activities of regional monitoring teams for fight against trafficking in human beings in BiH in the context of migrations.

Within the JTIP project and in cooperation of the State Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Immigration and with participation of national experts, Guidelines were made for the regional monitoring teams for combatting trafficking in persons in BiH.

Within the same Project, the training curriculum on raising awareness of trafficking in human beings during crises and providing information on new profiles of potential victims was made and included revised indicators and work plans to be used in crisis by the front-line participants.

3) The second Regional Coordination Meeting of National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in Budva, assessed by participants as an excellent way to exchange information among coordinators and officials of the TIP who represent six Western Balkans countries and to exchange information on the TIP trends, allowing them to discuss ongoing changes in the migration situation in the Western Balkans as a part of their work on combatting trafficking in human beings and ability for a regional response.

4) Two workshops were held, one in Sarajevo (8 May 2018) and the other in Budva (23 July 2018) for NGOs for provision of coordinated services to victims of trafficking in human beings (VOTs-P/VOTs), who decided to continue their journey, instead of remaining in countries of the initial identification.

5) The IOM organised (on 27 – 28 March) a consultative workshop on a mobile phone application and media campaign contents with all relevant actors of the Western Balkans region. The purpose of this workshop was to inform the actors on the development of the mobile phone application as well as an informative campaign for migrants and refugees transiting through the Western Balkans region on threats related to trafficking in human beings as well as the manner in which they can get money.

6) The mobile phone application for migrants and refugees, especially vulnerable category was developed, by which information is provided in 8 (eight) languages, in order to raise awareness of migrants on risks of trafficking in human beings and available services in the region. The innovative and modern technology was launched to promote applications and website via *Facebook*, *Google AdWords* (Google AdWords campaign includes Google browsing and display campaign) under the hashtag #supportformigrants.

60 billboards were placed at key locations so as to reach migrants vulnerable to human trafficking; 1,300 posters and 1,500 leaflets were printed with the same contents, placed and distributed in each temporary migrant centre in the Western Balkans. Both posters and leaflets promote the mobile application.

To maintain sustainability of the mobile application, after the completion of the JTIP project and within the Regional PRM Enhancing capacities and mechanisms to identify and protect vulnerable migrants in the Western Balkans – Phase III, the IOM also included the application maintenance in the framework. In addition, other organisations working with migrants, for example, *Terre des Hommes*, plan to use this application and inform their users and other organisations and institutions of its advantages.

7) Within the Regional project “Enhancing capacities and mechanisms to identify and protect vulnerable migrants in the Western Balkans” supported by the US Department – PRM, the IOM implemented activities through a set of trainings on strengthening capacities of law enforcement agencies, including border officers, to apply mechanisms for identification of smugglers and smuggling as well as to distinguish between what migrant smuggling implies and what trafficking in human beings implies.

8) Within the PRM project in November 2018, the IOM organised a training titled “Checking, identifying and referral of potential victims of trafficking in human beings and vulnerable migrants in mixed migration flows” for participants active in the current response to the migration from the area of the country most affected by recent migration flows (entry, exit points and communities that accept reception centres). This includes social workers, heads of state reception centres, representatives of the Service for Foreigners’ Affairs (SFA), IOM mobile teams, border police officers, representatives of the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA), non-governmental organisations etc. Participants were informed of the newly adopted Guidelines for protection of the P / VOT and tools for examination and identification of the P/VOT and assistance mechanisms.

Training served for informing participants of the new Guidelines on identification, protection and assistance to VOTs that include TIP indicators and define functioning of four regional human trafficking monitoring teams which constitute the BiH referral mechanism. Regional teams are not fully operational, but their revitalisation is ongoing through joint efforts of the national coordinator on the fight against trafficking in human beings and the IOM. During the training, attention was paid to procedures and requirements for interviewing and providing assistance to underage migrants, especially unaccompanied or separated.

9) In 2018, the IOM continued being at disposal together with mobile teams formed in 2016 within the PRM project, for direct assistance to P/VoT through transport, primary health care of vulnerable migrants.

10) In 2018, the IOM assisted 3 underage persons within the framework of the Assisted Voluntary Return from EU countries, by reception, transport and provision of reintegration assistance.

## **“YOUR RIGHTS BiH”**

In 2018, in line with the signed Protocol on Providing Free Legal Assistance to Foreign Victims of Trafficking in Persons and with the Ministry of Security of BiH, attorneys of the Association “Your rights BiH” continued with previous legal activities. Apart from visits to Safe Houses and legal counselling, a direct legal assistance provided to this user category included making written submissions and assistance in filing temporary residence requests for humanitarian reasons, all with the aim of protection of rights and interests of this vulnerable user category.

Visits to safe houses were made in case of admitting new potential victims of trafficking in human beings and, as soon as the information or notification was received, activities were taken in accordance with the Guidelines for regional monitoring teams for combating trafficking in human beings.

## **EDUCATIONS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MEETINGS**

### **March**

In the period between 27 and 28 March 2018 in Budva, an employee of the Association, Irma Muhović, took part in the Regional workshop “Enhancing Counter Trafficking in Crisis in the Western Balkans crisis – Consultative workshop on a mobile phone application and media campaign contents”.

## May

An employee of the Association, Nina Velić, attended the Region workshops for the NGO “Enhancing capacities and mechanisms to identify and protect vulnerable migrants in the Western Balkans” held on 8 May 2018 in Budva. The workshop was organised by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

In the period between 22 and 23 May 2018, employees of the Association attended the second phase of the workshop “Enhancing capacities and mechanisms to identify and protect vulnerable migrants in the Western Balkans” held in Ohrid and organised by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

## November

In the period between 6 and 9 November 2018, an employee of the Association, Amra Kadrić, attended the workshop “Cultural skills and awareness of working with foreign nationals within criminal investigations and migration-related crimes”. The workshop was organised by the IOM within the project “Enhancing capacities and mechanisms to identify and protect vulnerable migrants in the Western Balkans”. Basic definitions and current migration trends were presented: movement directions and the *Hawala* system, cultural awareness: definitions, prejudice and stereotypes, profiles of countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria and Iraq, role of interpreters during the course of an investigation of cross-border crimes related to migrations in the Western Balkans, migrant vulnerability to violence, exploitation along routes and legal assistance to migrants.

In the period between 14 November and 15 November 2018, training was organised in screening and identifying potential victims of trafficking in persons and migrants in vulnerable situations within mixed migration flows. An employee of the Association attended the training.

## December

In Vicenza, in the period between 10 and 14 December 2018, an employee of the Association, Nina Velić, participated in a live-training titled “Combating human trafficking along migration routes” organised by the OSCE. The training included a simulation of real cases in which 33 countries participated with the total of 76 participants. Upon the completion of the training, participants received certificates.

On 17 December 2018, in the “Lavina” Hotel, on the Jahorina Mountain, a referral meeting was held with non-governmental and international organisations dealing with the issue of the fight against trafficking in human beings in which Nina Velić participated. Problems were identified at the meeting and ideas for improvement were proposed, with the aim of reaching European standards. The need to reform monitoring teams was identified as well as to solve the aforementioned problem at the level of cantons and the region. Also, a possible need to amend the Rules of the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees pertaining to this issue was noted.

## NEW ROAD

1. With the support of the Federation Ministry of Education and Science, within the framework of the programmes realised based on the BiH Lottery turnover in 2018, the Association “New Road” implemented the project titled **“Protection of Rights of Children - Victims of Abuse, Paedophilia and Begging in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, West Herzegovina Canton and Sarajevo Canton”**.

The project goals: educating children on their rights under the Convention and empowering them to seek help and protection in the event of violation of these rights, providing pedagogical, psychological and counselling assistance to children abused and witnesses of violence and their parents/guardians, directly or by a helpline, protection of rights of children victims and their parents/guardians by referring them to a free legal assistance and raising public awareness of the presence of all forms of child abuse, effects they leave on the child and their environment and identifying them for a timely response. Target groups of preventive, educational activities were children at risk, aged 11 to 15, their teachers, pedagogues, educators and parents as well as general public that was informed of ever present child abuse in BiH through the prevention and awareness campaign as well as through website and frequent media statements of PR associations.

Activities implemented within the campaign included about 345 direct, that is, more than 1,000 indirect users and contributed to raising awareness of primary school pupils, their teachers and family members, friends as well as general public in the project implementation area. Within the project, 13 lectures for 264 primary school pupils were held. The project implementation enabled continuation of the work of the counselling centres for children

victims of the aforementioned abuse, with the aim of pedagogical and psychological empowerment of children who turned the *Novi put* team for help and who faced abuse through social networks. More than 50 pupils, youth, sought help, instructions and guidance in evident, abuse situations they personally experienced. Counselling services as well as the helpline were promoted by the media, campaign and implementation of preventive, educational lectures. Within the project, a free SOS online application for assistance was operational; working, that is, possibility to report cases of child pornography and paedophilia, cases of abuse as well as provision of information to children and parents via existing website of the Association.

The existence of the helpline was promoted in promotional materials distributed to target groups of the project and the website was updated in line with the activity implementation plan.

2. During the reported period, the Association “New Road” became a member of the regional network #HOPEON, aiming at fight against trafficking in persons and child abuse. Within the #HOPEON campaign, a video spot was made to illustrate all forms of trafficking in human beings.

3. During the reported period, 2 RMT Mostar meetings were held. Due to the increase of child begging and online exploitation of children, the “New Road” initiated a meeting of the core members of the RMT Mostar. Apart from the Association “New Road”, the meeting was also attended by representatives of the SIPA, CZR, Prosecutor’s Office of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, NGO Altruist, NGO Women of BiH and the OSCE. At the meeting, participants discussed the situation concerning trafficking in human beings in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and the new forms thereof. With regard to trafficking in persons, especially online recruitment of young people, the situation in 2018 worsened compared to the previous period.

#### **4. The project “Promoting importance of education of girls in Sarajevo Canton” financially supported by the Rotary International in cooperation with the Rotary Club Mostar.**

Within the framework of the project, a literacy course for 15 Roma girls from Sarajevo Canton (SC) was launched, for those who were not included in the regular education system, with the aim of empowering them and preventing recruitment for exploitation in the chain of trafficking in human beings. Of 15 beneficiaries, only 6 had been enrolled in school, but they quit their education, while others were illiterate. While working with the girls, they were also provided with psychosocial support, since a number of beneficiaries were forced into begging by their parents. During a field work, the team learned that fathers of some girls had been arranging the sale of their underage daughters, which the Centre for Social Work of Sarajevo Canton was informed about. The mentoring activity included 100 girls, pupils of SC primary schools, with the aim of teaching them how to protect themselves from attempts of online abuses.

Two lectures for 70 pedagogy students of the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo were held, to inform them of the most recent child abuse trends.

In the SC territory, the “New Road” continuously distributed informative materials, designed and printed for the project requirements. Special attention was paid to Roma settlements in the SC area, with the aim of raising awareness on trafficking in human beings for forced begging, child marriages and debt bondage.

#### **5. The project titled “Prevention of trafficking in human beings and online abuse of children in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and Sarajevo Canton”, financed by the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) of the Swiss Confederation.**

During the project implementation, a research was conducted among 2,300 pupils of primary and secondary schools in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and Sarajevo Canton, with the aim of collecting information from the local population on a current situation related to online child abuse and trafficking in human beings.

The prevention and education team held 100 lectures for about 2,300 pupils and teachers with the aim of raising awareness of the ways of protection from online child abuse D.6.3. and of trafficking in human beings, lectures and workshops for students, parents, teachers and general public with the aim of raising awareness of the ways of protection from online child abuse and trafficking in persons. During the campaign at the local level, informative and promotional materials were distributed in towns and rural communities within street campaigns as well as to representatives of relevant institutions. During the project implementation, the helpline was available for

reporting actual and potential cases of trafficking in human beings, providing initial psychological assistant and further referral as well as provision of information on safe migration.

6. The project and the campaign on raising awareness of trafficking in persons in Sarajevo Canton and Zenica-Doboj Canton were supported by Swiss Caritas. Activities included implementation of awareness campaign on trafficking in human beings and lectures among pupils of selected primary and secondary schools in Sarajevo Canton and Zenica Doboj Canton for the total of 113 pupils, 190 parents, teachers, school counsellors and social workers.

Two seminars for 50 employees of primary and secondary schools were held. The project implementation ended with marking of the EU Anti-Trafficking Day and a street campaign in Sarajevo. All project activities were designed and implemented with the aim of raising awareness and informing project beneficiaries of the problem of trafficking in persons, ways of recruitment by traffickers, protection manners as well as empowerment of victims to seek help if exposed to any form of trafficking in persons. All project activities were presented in many electronic and printed media.

Within the framework of activities financed by the *Trag/Oak* Foundation, the Association “New Road” organised 30 lectures for at least 700 pupils and teachers of primary and secondary schools in Sarajevo Canton, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and West Herzegovina Canton with the aim of raising public awareness of the problem of violence against children via information-communication technologies.

Within the project financed by the Rotary International, two lectures were held for 70 pedagogy students of the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo, with the aim of informing them of the most recent child abuse trends.

#### **STUDY VISIT AND PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

Representatives of the Association “New Road” attended a meeting of the NGO Platform, International Expert Meeting of the Platform and the training in early recognition, protection and safe return of victims of trafficking in persons held in Sofia, Bulgaria in October 2018.

Efforts of the staff of the Association “New Road” to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings and improve fundamental rights and create a more just and inclusive society have been recognised globally. A representative of the Association participated in the Human Rights World Summit in Paris, in October 2018.

A representative of the Association participated in the Trust Conference in London, organised by the Thomson Reuters Foundation in November 2018.

**ANNEX 3 - TABLE 1- DATA ON INVESTIGATIONS AND INDICTMENTS FOR CRIMINAL OFFENCES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND RELATED CRIMINAL OFFENCES IN 2018**

Data on investigations and indictments for criminal offences of trafficking in human beings and related criminal offences in the period 1 January – 31 December 2018							
Stages of the procedure	Year of commencement of the procedure phase	Prosecutor's Office	Number of cases	Legal ground code	Legal ground	Total number of primary parties *	Total number of persons
ORDER TO STOP THE INVESTIGATION	2018	CANTONAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SARAJEVO	Case 1	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	1
		DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN BANJA LUKA	Case 2	RS/224 /1/	ILLCIT PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS	1	1
		REPUBLIC PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SPECIAL DEPARTMENT FOR COMBATING CORRUPTION, ORGANISED AND MOST SERIOUS FORMS OF ECONOMIC CRIME	Case 3	NRS/1 45/1/	TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS	1	2
				NRS/1 45/4/	TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS	0	2
				NRS/1 46/3/	CHILD TRAFFICKING	0	1
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF THE BRČKO DISTRICT OF BIH	Case 4	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	3
			Case 5	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	2
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF UNA-SANA CANTON	Case 6	F/204/2 /	SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A DISABLED PERSON	1	1



			Case 7	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	2
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF ZENICA-DOBOJ CANTON	Case 8	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	1
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF CENTRAL BOSNIA CANTON	Case 9	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
<b>ORDER TO STOP THE INVESTIGATION Total</b>						<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>
ORDER TO CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION	2018	CANTONAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SARAJEVO	Case 1	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	1
			Case 10	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	0	3
			Case 11	F/362/2 /	VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR	1	1
			Case 12	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	4
				F/267/1 /	ILLICIT TRAFFICKING	0	1
		CANTONAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF POSAVINA CANTON - ORAŠJE	Case 13	F/207/1 /	SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A CHILD	1	1
		DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN BANJA LUKA	Case 14	NRS/1 75/1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	2
			Case 15	NRS/1 75/3/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 16	NRS/1 73/2/	SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD OVER 15 YEARS OF AGE	1	1
			Case 17	NRS/1 77/1/	INTRODUCING PORNOGRAPHY TO A CHILD	1	1
			Case 18	NRS/1 75/1/	EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1

			Case 19	NRS/411/1/	UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO A PROTECTED COMPUTER, COMPUTER NETWORK, TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK AND ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING	1	1
		DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN BIJELJINA	Case 20	NRS/177/1/	INTRODUCING PORNOGRAPHY TO A CHILD	1	1
			Case 21	RS/198/1/	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	1
		DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN DOBOJU	Case 22	NRS/175/2/	EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 23	NRS/175/2/	EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 24	NRS/175/2/	EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
		DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN PRIJEDOR	Case 25	RS/200/1/	PRODUCTION, POSSESSION AND PROJECTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
		REPUBLIC PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SPECIAL DEPARTMENT FOR COMBATING CORRUPTION, ORGANISED AND MOST SERIOUS FORMS OF ECONOMIC CRIME	Case 3	NRS/145/4/	TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS	0	2
			Case 26	RS/198b/1/	JUVENILE TRAFFICKING	1	1
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF THE BRČKO	Case 27	BD208/1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE	0	12

		DISTRICT OF BIH			FOR PORNOGRAPHY		
			Case 28	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	0	1
			Case 29	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	5
			Case 30	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 31	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 4	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	3
			Case 32	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	5
			Case 33	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	4
			Case 5	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	2
			Case 34	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 35	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 36	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR	1	1

					A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY		
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF TUZLA CANTON	Case 37	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	1
			Case 38	F/208/2 /	LEWD ACTS	1	1
			Case 39	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF UNA-SANA CANTON	Case 6	F/204/2 /	SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A DISABLED PERSON	1	1
			Case 7	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	2
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF ZENICA-DOBOJ CANTON	Case 40	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 41	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 42	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 43	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	1
			Case 44	F/371/1 /	UNAUTHORIZED HOLDING OF WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES	1	1
			Case 45	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 46	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1

		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF CENTRAL BOSNIA CANTON	Case 47	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 9	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
<b>ORDER TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION Total</b>						<b>41</b>	<b>79</b>
INDICTMENT FILED	2018	CANTONAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SARAJEVO	Case 11	F/362/2 /	VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR	1	1
			Case 12	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	4
				F/267/1 /	ILLICIT TRAFFICKING	0	1
		DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN BANJA LUKA	Case 48	RS/200 /1/	PRODUCTION, POSSESSION AND PROJECTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 15	NRS/1 75/3/	EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 16	NRS/1 73/2/	SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD OLDER THAN 15 YEARS OF AGE	1	1
			Case 17	NRS/1 77/1/	INTRODUCING PORNOGRAPHY TO CHILDREN	1	1
			Case 20	NRS/1 77/1/	INTRODUCING PORNOGRAPHY TO CHILDREN	1	1
		DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN BIJELJINA	Case 21	RS/198 /1/	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	1
			Case 22	NRS/1 75/2/	EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
		DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN DOBOJ	Case 23	NRS/1 75/2/	EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 49	RS/200 /1/	PRODUCTION, POSSESSION AND	1	1

		S OFFICE IN PRIJEDOR			PROJECTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY		
		REPUBLIC PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SPECIAL DEPARTMENT FOR COMBATING CORRUPTION, ORGANISED AND MOST SERIOUS FORMS OF ECONOMIC CRIME	Case 26	RS/198 b/1/	JUVENILE TRAFFICKING	1	1
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF THE BRČKO DISTRICT OF BIH	Case 50	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 30	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 32	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	5
			Case 33	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	4
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF TUZLA CANTON	Case 37	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	1
			Case 38	F/208/2 /	LEWD ACTS	1	1
			Case 39	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF ZENICA- DOBOJ CANTON	Case 41	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1

			Case 51	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 43	F/210/1 /	INCITEMENT TO PROSTITUTION	1	1
			Case 44	F/371/1 /	UNAUTHORISED HOLDING OF WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES	1	1
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF HERZGOVINA-NERETVA CANTON	Case 45	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF CENTRAL BOSNIA CANTON	Case 47	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
			Case 52	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
<b>INDICTMENT FILED Total</b>						<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>
INDICTMENT WITH PENALTY ORDER	2018	PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF THE BRČKO DISTRICT OF BIH	Case 28	BD208 /1/	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	2
		PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF ZENICA-DOBOJ CANTON	Case 40	F/211/1 /	EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD OR A JUVENILE FOR PORNOGRAPHY	1	1
<b>INDICTMENT WITH PENALTY ORDER Total</b>						<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
* The "0" value means that the recorded stage of the procedure does not relate to the primary party in the case (primary party – first suspect-first-accused))							

**TABLE 2 - DATA ON VERDICTS FOR CRIMINAL OFFENCES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND RELATED CRIMINAL OFFENCES IN 2018**

Data on verdicts for criminal offences of trafficking in human beings and related criminal offences in the period 1 January - 31 December 2018												
CO UR T	C A S E I	DA TE OF VE RD IC T	P E R S O N S	D A T E O F B I N D I N G V E R D I C T	VERDICT	SANCTION	F I N E	L e n g t h o f s e n t e n c e Y E A R S	L e n g t h o f s e n t e n c e M O N T H S	L e n g t h o f s e n t e n c e D A Y S	SU SP EN D E D S E N T E N C E	LEGAL GROUND
THE CO URT OF AP PEAL OF THE BRČ KO DIS TRI CT OF BIH	C a s e 1 a	10 /1 0/ 20 18	P e r s o n 1		Verdict modifyin g the first instance verdict	PRISON	0	5	9	0	0	BD208/1/- Exploitation of children and juveniles for pornography, BD209/1/- Introducing pornography to a child
THE CO URT OF AP PEAL OF THE BRČ	C a s e 2	29 /0 1/ 20 18	P e r s o n 2		Verdict dismissi ng the appeal as unfound ed and upholdin g the first							BD207a/1/- Trafficking in human beings



KO DIS TRI CT OF BIH					instance verdict							
C A N T O B A L C O U R T I N B I H A Ć	C a s e 3	05 /0 9/ 20 18	P e r s o n 3		Verdict acquittin g the accused person							F/179/1/- Unlawful deprivation of liberty, F/203/2/- Rape, F/210/2/- Incitement to prostitution, F/210/1/- Incitement to prostitution
C A N T O N A L C O U R T I N N O V I T R A V N I K	C a s e 4	17 /0 1/ 20 18	P e r s o n 4	14 .0 2. 20 18 .	Verdict merging the binding sentence s	PRISON	0	5	6	0	0	F/210/4/- Incitement to prostitution
C A N T O N A L C O U R T I N O D Ž A K	C a s e 5	10 /0 9/ 20 18	P e r s o n 5		Verdict dismissi ng the appeal as unfound ed and upholdin g the first instance verdict							F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
C A N T O N A L C O U R T I N S A R A J E V O	C a s e 6	14 /0 5/ 20 18	P e r s o n 6		Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	7	6	0	0	F/210/1/- Incitement to prostitution ,F/203/5/- Rape, F/210/4/- Incitement to prostitution, F/272/2/- Money laundering, ZNDNO/52/1/ of the Law on Procurement, Holding and Carrying of Arms and Ammunition of Sarajevo Canton, F173/1/- Light bodily injury
C A N T O N A L C O	C a s e 7	17 /1 0/ 20 18	P e r s o n 7		Verdict dismissi ng the appeal as unfound							F/210/1/- Incitement to prostitution

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C A N T O N A L C O U R T I N S A R A J E V O	C a s e 6	14 /0 5/ 20 18	P e r s o n 8		Convicti ng verdict							F/210/1/- Incitement to prostitution ,F/210/4/- Incitement to prostitution, F/272/2/- Money Laundering, ZNDNO/52/1/ of the a Law on Procurement, Holding and Carrying of Arms and Ammunition of Sarajevo Canton, F/203/5/- Rape, F173/1/- Light bodily injury, F/210/1/ - Incitement to prostitution, F/345/2/- Failure to report a crime or perpetrator, ZNDNO/52/1/a of the a Law on Procurement, Holding and Carrying of Arms and Ammunition of Sarajevo Canton
C A N T O N A L C O U R T I N S A R A J E V O	C a s e 8	20 /0 8/ 20 18	P e r s o n 9		Verdict dismissi ng the appeal as unfound ed and upholdin g the first instance verdict							F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
C A N T O N A L C O U R T I N S A R A J E V O	C a s e 9	30 /0 8/ 20 18	P e r s o n 1 0	17 /0 9/ 20 18	Verdict replacing the prison sentence with a fine							F/342/3/- Organised crime, F/342/3/- Organised crime, F/210/1/- incitement to prostitution
C A N T O N A L C O U R T I N T U Z L A	C a s e 1 0	23 /0 5/ 20 18	P e r s o n 1 1		Decision revoking the first instance verdict and returnin g the case for retrial							F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography, F/209// -Satisfaction of lust in the presence of a child or a juvenile
C A N T O N	C a s	26 /0 2/	P e r s o		Verdict	PRISON	0	1	0	0	0	F/210/1/- Incitement to prostitution

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MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN ČAP LJIN A	C a s e 1 2	20 /1 2/ 20 18	P er so n 1 3		Verdict	PRISON	0	0	1 1	0	0	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN GRA ČA NIC A	C a s e 1 3	04 /0 7/ 20 18	P er so n 1 4	26 /0 7/ 20 18	Decision on imposing a correctio nal measure	MEASUR E OF INTENSI FIED MONITO RING BY THE SOCIAL CARE AUTHOR ITY	0	0	0	0	0	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography, F/296/1/- Blackmailing
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN GRA ČA NIC A	C a s e 1 4	18 /1 0/ 20 18	P er so n 1 5		Decision on imposing a correctio nal measure on a minor	MEASUR E OF INTENSI FIED MONITO RING BY THE SOCIAL CARE AUTHOR ITY	0	0	0	0	0	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography, F/296/1/- Blackmailing
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN GRA DAČ AC	C a s e 1 5	01 /0 6/ 20 18	P er so n 1 6	15 /0 6/ 20 18	Decision on imposing a correctio nal measure on a minor	MEASUR E OF INTENSI FIED MONITO RING BY THE SOCIAL CARE AUTHOR ITY	0	0	0	0	0	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
MU NIC IPA L	C a s e 20	01 /0 6/ 20	P er so n	15 /0 6/ 20	Decision on imposing a	MEASUR E OF INTENSI FIED	0	0	0	0	0	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography

CO URT IN GRA DAČ AC	1 5	18	1 6	18	correctional measure on a minor	MONITORING BY THE SOCIAL CARE AUTHORITY						
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN GRA DAČ AC	C a s e 1 6	27 /0 3/ 20 18	P er so n 1 7	14 /0 8/ 20 18	Convicting verdict	PRISON	0	0	6	0	36	F/380/2/- Receiving gifts and other forms of benefits
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN OR AŠJ E	C a s e 1 8	26 /0 7/ 20 18	P er so n 1 8	06 /0 9/ 20 18	Verdict acquitting the accused person							F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN SAN SKI MO ST	C a s e 1 9	18 /0 5/ 20 18	P er so n 1 9	05 /0 6/ 20 18	Verdict for issuing a penalty order	PRISON	0	1	0	0	18	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN SAR AJE VO	C a s e 2 0	25 /1 0/ 20 18	P er so n 2 0		Convicting verdict							F/362/2/- Violent behaviour, F/203/5/- Rape, F/172/1/- Serious bodily injury, F/210/1/- Incitement to prostitution, F/210/4/- Incitement to prostitution, F/272/2/- Money laundering, ZNDNO/52/1/ of the Law on Procurement, Holding and Carrying of Arms and Ammunition of Sarajevo Canton, F/173/1/- Light bodily injury, F/172/1/- Serious bodily injury
MU NIC IPA L CO	C a s e 2	18 /0 7/ 20 18	P er so n 2		Verdict							F/210/1/- Incitement to prostitution

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MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN TEŠ ANJ	C a s e 2 2	27 /0 2/ 20 18	P er so n 2 2	15 /0 3/ 20 18	Verdict for issuing a penalty order	PRISON	0	1	0	0	24	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN TEŠ ANJ	C a s e 2 3	16 /1 0/ 20 18	P er so n 2 3	15 /1 2/ 20 18	Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	1	0	0	30	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN VIS OK O	C a s e 2 4	06 /0 9/ 20 18	P er so n 2 4		Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	0	1 1	0	0	F/210/1/- Incitement to prostitution
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN VIS OK O	C a s e 2 5	06 /1 1/ 20 18	P er so n 2 5	05 .1 2. 20 18 .	A verdict imposing a criminal sanction provided for in the agreeme nt	PRISON	0	1	0	0	24	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
MU NIC IPA L CO URT IN ŽIVI NIC E	C a s e 2 6	03 /1 0/ 20 18	P er so n 2 6	22 .1 1. 20 18 .	Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	1	0	0	36	F/211/1/- Exploitation of a child or a juvenile for pornography
BAS	C	18	P	17	Decision	MEASUR	0	2	0	0	0	BD208/1/- Exploitation of children and

IC CO URT IN BRČ KO DIS TRI CT OF BIH	a s e 2 7	/0 9/ 20 18	er so n 2 7	/0 9/ 20 18	imposing a correctio nal measure	ES OF INTENSI FIED MONITO RING BY PARENT, ADOPTI NG PARENT OR FOSTER PARENT						juveniles for pornography
BAS IC CO URT IN THE BRČ KO DIS TRI CT OF BIH	C a s e 2 8	24 /0 1/ 20 18	P er so n 2 8	23 /0 1/ 20 18	Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	0	5	0	0	BD232/1/- Illicit production and trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, BD207/1/- Incitement to prostitution
BAS IC CO URT IN THE BRČ KO DIS TRI CT OF BIH	C a s e 2 9	17 /0 4/ 20 18	P er so n 2 9		Verdict for the issuance of a penalty order	DEPRIVA TION/CO NFISCAT ION OF ITEMS	0	0	0	0	0	BD208/1/- Exploitation of children and juveniles for pornography
BAS IC CO URT IN THE BRČ KO DIS TRI CT OF BIH	C a s e 1	22. /0 5/ 20 18.	P er so n 3 0	22 /0 5/ 20 18	Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	4	0	0	0	BD208/1/-Exploitation of children and juveniles for pornography, BD209/1/- Introducing pornography to a child
BAS IC	C a	15 /0	P er	03 /1	Verdict to	LONG- TERM	0	6	2	0	0	BD209/1/- Introducing pornography to a child, BD208/1/- Exploitation of children

CO URT IN THE BRČ KO DIS TRI CT BIH	s e 1	8/ 20 18	so n 3 1	0/ 20 18	merger binding sentence s	IMPRISO NMENT						and juveniles for pornography
BAS IC CO URT IN THE BRČ KO DIS TRI CT OF BIH	C a s e 2 9	17 /0 4/ 20 18	P er so n 2 9		Verdict for the issuance of a penalty order	PRISON	0	0	3	0	24	BD208/1/-Exploitation of children and juveniles for pornography
BAS IC CO URT IN THE BRČ KO DIS TRI CT OF BIH	C a s e 3 0	05 /1 0/ 20 18	P er so n 3 2	04 /1 0/ 20 18	Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	0	5	0	24	BD208/1/-Exploitation of children and juveniles for pornography
BAS IC CO URT IN BRČ KO DIS TRI CT BIH	C a s e 3 1	17 /1 0/ 20 18	P er so n 3 3		Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	0	3	0	24	BD216/2/- Child or Juvenile neglect or abuse
BAS IC CO URT IN THE	C a s e 3 1	17 /1 0/ 20 18	P er so n 3 3		Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	0	6	0	0	BD207a/2/- Trafficking in human beings

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BAS IC CO URT IN THE BRČ KO DIS TRI CT OF BIH	C a s e 2 9	17 /0 4/ 20 18	P er so n 2 9		Verdict for the issuance of a penalty order	PRISON	0	0	5	0	24	BD208/1/- Exploitation of children and juveniles for pornography
BAS IC CO URT IN BA NJA LUK A	C a s e 3 2	14 /0 6/ 20 18	P er so n 3 4	27 /0 9/ 20 18	Decision imposing a correctio nal measure							NRS/411/2/- Unauthorized access to a secure computer, computer network, telecommunications network and electronic data processing, NRS/175/3/- Exploitation of children for pornography, NRS/175/2/- Exploitation of children for pornography
BAS IC CO URT IN BIJE LJIN A	C a s e 3 4	04 /0 7/ 20 18	P er so n 3 5	19 /0 7/ 20 18	A verdict imposing a criminal sanction provided for in the agreeme nt	PRISON	0	1	0	0	36	NRS/177/1/- Introducing pornography to children
BAS IC CO URT IN DO BOJ	C a s e 3 5	16 /1 1/ 20 18	P er so n 3 6	14 /1 1/ 20 18	Convicti ng verdict							NRS/175/2/- Exploitation of children for pornography
BAS IC CO URT IN KO TO R-	C a s e 3 6	04. 10. 20 18.	P er so n 3 7	17 .1 0. 20 18 .	Decision imposing a correctio nal measure							RS/200/3/- Production, possession and projecting of child pornography



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BAS IC CO URT IN NO VI GRA D	C a s e 3 7	27 /1 2/ 20 18	P er so n 3 8		Convicti ng verdict	FINE	7 0 0 0	0	0	0	0	RS/399/2/- Unauthorised production and trading in weapons or explosive substances, RS/200/3/- Production, possession and projecting of child pornography
BAS IC CO URT IN U NO VO M GRA DU	C a s e 3 7	27 /1 2/ 20 18	P er so n 3 8		Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	0	4	0	12	RS/399/2/- Unauthorised production and trading in weapons or explosive substances, RS/200/3/- Production, possession and projecting of child pornography
THE CO URT OF BiH	C a s e 3 8	23 /0 3/ 20 18	P er so n 3 9	04 /0 5/ 20 18	A verdict imposing a criminal sanction provided for in the agreement	PRISON	0	1	0	0	24	BiH/187/1/- Incitement to prostitution internationally, BiH /187/1/- Incitement to prostitution internationally, F/239/3/- Possession and facilitation of drug use
THE CO URT OF BiH	C a s e 3 8	23 /0 3/ 20 18	P er so n 3 9	04 /0 5/ 20 18	A verdict imposing a criminal sanction provided for in the agreement	FORFEIT URE OF UNLAWF ULLY ACQUIRE D PROPER TY GAIN	3 6 2 2 , 8	0	0	0	0	BiH/187/1/- Incitement to prostitution internationally, BiH /187/1/- Incitement to prostitution internationally, F/239/3/- Possession and facilitation of drug use
SUP RE ME CO URT OF FBI H	C a s e 3 9	27 /0 3/ 20 18	P er so n 4 0		Convicti ng verdict	PRISON	0	1	6	0	0	F/210/2/- Incitement to prostitution
SUP RE ME CO URT	C a s e 6	30 /1 1/ 20 18	P er so n 4		A verdict modifying the first instance							F/210/1/- Incitement to prostitution

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SUP RE ME CO URT OF FBI H	C a s e 4 0	06 /0 4/ 20 18	P er so n 4 2		Verdict							F/210/4/- Incitement to prostitution