



INCEST TRAUMA CENTER – BELGRADE
Support Group for Child Sexual Abuse Survivors
and War Survivors of Sexual Violence

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REPORT OF THE INCEST TRAUMA CENTER - BELGRADE
AFTER COMPLETED SERIAL OF TRAININGS FOR POLICE OFFICERS WORKING ON
TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS/SEX TRAFFICKING ISSUE ON THE TERRITORY OF
SERBIA

In period: November 2001 - March 2002, the Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade implemented educational program for police officers working on problem of trafficking in human beings / trafficking women, and all supported by American NGO "UMCOR", Belgrade office. As far as we know, this is 1st educational project that was jointly carried out by a women's NGO and Republic Ministry of the Interior.

This program followed initial idea of Ms Sandra Sljepcevic (in summer 2001 worked at the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia, at the moment working at the IOM), according to what was planned that program would consist of 2-days lasting training for 3 groups, each of 20 police officers coming from territory of Serbia. During implementation, the Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade met extraordinary co-operation of the Republic Ministry of the Interior. The Ministry recognised the significance of formalized co-operation that has been established through this project - therefore provided full consent and support - as well as efficient practical assistance in selecting colleagues from 30 towns in Serbia and referring them to our trainings.

Co-operation with participants of the trainings we note as a special one in terms of precious exchange of experience (they are all very good practitioners / operatives / 'outreach workers' that we could learn a lot from) and openness for building up knowledge. Total number of participants covered by this program is 67. At the beginning of negotiation process, we had given a recommendation to include 10 % of female officers and this was fully respected and achieved. In a role of participants, our training was joined by staff members of different departments at the Republic Ministry of the Interior, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Republic Ministry of the Social Welfare.

Participants came from the following towns:

Sabac, Pancevo, Uzice, Novi Sad, Beograd, Pozarevac, Sremska Mitrovica, Aleksinac, Nis, Pirot, Prokuplje, Kursumlija, Cacak, Bor, Negotin, Kraljevo, Vrnjacka Banja, Zajecar, Vranje, Leskovac, Krusevac, Subotica, Zrenjanin, Novi Pazar, Kikinda, Kragujevac, Sombor, Jagodina, Valjevo, Smederevo.

Content of the work was carried out according to the following schedule:

*Variations in accordance with availability of trainers.

1st day

9.45 - 10.00 Welcome to participants

10.00 - 11.15 Sergej Uljanov, Inspector, Head office of the law enforcement police, Federal Ministry of the Interior (FMI)

11.15 - 11.30 Pause

11.30 - 12.45 Goran Savic, Chief inspector, Head office of immigration service and travelling documents, FMI

12.45 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.15 Natasa Novakovic, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia / Biljana Brankovic and Dusica Popadic, Incest Trauma Center

15.15 - 15.30 Pause

15.30 - 16.45 Vesna Stanojevic, Counseling Center Against Domestic Violence, Shelter for Women and Children Victims of Violence, Shelter for Women Victims of Sex Trafficking

2nd day

9.00 - 09.30 Baerbel Uhl, Sex Trafficking Adviser at OSCE (FRY mission)

9.30 - 10.45 Frank Cabbady, special agent at the US Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service

11.00 - 16.00 Biljana Brankovic, psychologist, Incest Trauma Center
Dusica Popadic, Incest Trauma Center Co-ordinator

Design of the 2nd day is similar to the one of the 1st day, from 09.00 to 16.00. Workshops of the Incest Trauma Center will cover psychological support to victims, particularly gender sensitivity; connection between sexual abuse and sex industry; sexual trauma and post traumatic stress syndrome; psychological assistance to the victims of sexual abuse / sex trafficking.

Methodology: Interactive live exchange, plenary and in small discussion groups. Use of video presentation (Power Point and VHS recordings) as well as 115 pages of written material divided into 2 manuals to be taken away by participants (and Plan of Action of YU team against trafficking in human beings, attached thanks to Ms Baerbel Uhl (OSCE).

On request of the Republic Ministry of the Interior, the Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade issued 65 certificates to police officers / participants that have been already enclosed into their personal files and witness that the police on republic level started up professional training of its staff to fight against this problem.

Apart from its primary mission directed to experience of childhood sexual assault - in the area of trafficking in human beings / sex trafficking - professional staff of the Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade remains fully available to provide psychological assistance to women who come from sex trafficking situation (until now we realised this co-operation directly with IOM) and to carry out educational programs concerned with specifics of situation of sexual assault against women.

We would like to thank everyone personally who took a part in this program, either in a role of trainer or trainee. We also thank to the group "ASTRA" for providing copies of "Trgovina zenama / Trafficking in women" for police units from all towns.

Educational program for colleagues from police has been certainly unique experience along 8 years of the Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade and it gives us a trust that co-operation will continue.

Center Co-ordinator
Dusica Popadic

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