

An Integrated Approach upon the Assistance for Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings in Romania

The Association for Developing Alternative Practices for Reintegration and Education



ADPARE

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Mission

*Providing alternative social services for the
reintegration of victims of trafficking in
human beings and of young people at risk*

Target Groups – Adult Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings and Their Families

- Types of Exploitation: sexual, labor, begging, constraint to committing felony, mixed;
- Gender: men and women;
 - ADPARE assists minors only within the family of origin.
- Place of Exploitation: both internal and external trafficking victims;

Experience – First Steps

- Four of the ADPARE founding members were actively involved in the implementation of the “Assistance Center for Victims of Trafficking” pilot project coordinated by IOM – Mission in Romania in 2000, assisting 126 victims within one year;
- ADPARE was founded after the completion of the IOM – Mission in Romania pilot project.

Experience – Staff Trainings

- Child Sexual Exploitation;
- Hot-line Counseling;
- Social Services in the Area of Mental Health;
- Assistance for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS;
- Training of Trainers in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings;
- Training of Trainers in Identifying and Assisting Victims of Trafficking in Persons;
- Shelter Management;
- Systemic Couple and Family Psychotherapy;
- Brief, Collaborative, Solutions and Resources – Oriented Psychotherapy;
- Summer School in Integrated Assistance for Refugees;
- Training in Morenian Psychodrama;

Experience – Recent Projects

- April 2007 – Present: “Trafficking Victims’ Reintegration Programme (TVRP)” in collaboration with King Baudouin Foundation – Belgium;
 - 269 VoTs and 155 VoT Family Members
- January 2008 – July 2008: “Individual Projects of Professional Reinsertion for 7 Victims of Trafficking exploited in Italy” – in collaboration with On the Road Association – Italy;
 - 7 VoTs and 10 VoT Family Members
- April 2008 – December 2008: National Interest Programme: “The Improvement of Assistance and Protection Activities for Victims of Trafficking” – in collaboration with the National Agency against Trafficking in Persons;
 - 116 VoTs and 57 VoT Family Members

Experience – Recent Projects

- July 2008 – September 2008: Research Project on Trafficking History and Assistance on 100 Victims of External Trafficking, Minors at the Date of Recruitment – in collaboration with Terre des Hommes Romania and Association Jeunes Errants France;
 - 100 VoTs
- November 2008 – November 2009: « The Body Shop Foundation Europe Middle East and Africa Grants Programme » Initiation of spare time activities; in cooperation with The Body Shop Foundation, Great Britain;
 - 50 VoTs
- January 2009 – March 2010: « Consolidating Assistance for Victims of Trafficking in Romania »; in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration, Mission in Romania and The Swiss Embassy in Romania.
 - 43 VoTs and 37 VoT Family Members

Working Method – Case Management

- CASE MANAGEMENT = integrated strategy of providing assistance services in an individualized manner to victims of trafficking in human beings;
- SPECIFIC TASKS for a VoT Case Manager:
 1. Linking the VoT to different types of services;
 2. Providing intensive reintegration services;
 3. Outreach to engage clients in services;
 4. Assessing individual needs;
 5. Prioritization of requisite support services;
 6. Monitoring the reintegration process;
 7. Advocating for the VoT's rights and entitlements.

Working Method – ADPARE Case Management

- Combines assertive community reintegration with intensive case management;
- Focuses on providing directly crisis intervention services – shelter facilities, food supplies and clothing, psychological support, first aid with usual medication, etc;
- Links the VoT with other service providers for long-term assistance – ID papers re-issue, school reinsertion and professional qualification, legal counseling and representation in court, medical investigations and treatment;
- Collaborates with a private lawyer for legal counseling and representation in court for both penal and civil causes;
- Collaborates with a private psychiatrist for psychiatric assessment, treatment and follow-up;

Working Method – ADPARE Case Management

- Collaborates with a private medical clinic for gynecological investigation and blood tests, with another private clinic for general and specific medical investigations and with a private dental clinic;
- Collaborates with the governmental partner for mediating the relationship with the authorities – mayor's office, state social service providers, school inspectorates, labor placement units, etc;
- Collaborates with the law enforcement units – border police and anti-crime police – and with the prosecutor's office for issues related to the security of the VoT and the investigation process;
- Provides assistance services to the VoT including the family of origin, the extended family or the nuclear family;

Types of Assistance Services

- Material – food and hygienic supplies, clothing, footwear, urban transportation;
- Social – ID paper re-newel/issue, inter-urban transportation, mediation of the relation with the authorities, mediation of the relation with the law enforcement, mediation of the relation with the social services;
- Psychological - preliminary assessment, individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy (art-therapy, ergo-therapy, social skills, independent life, conflict management), support in specific contexts (courts, medical clinics, etc.), family and/or couple therapy;

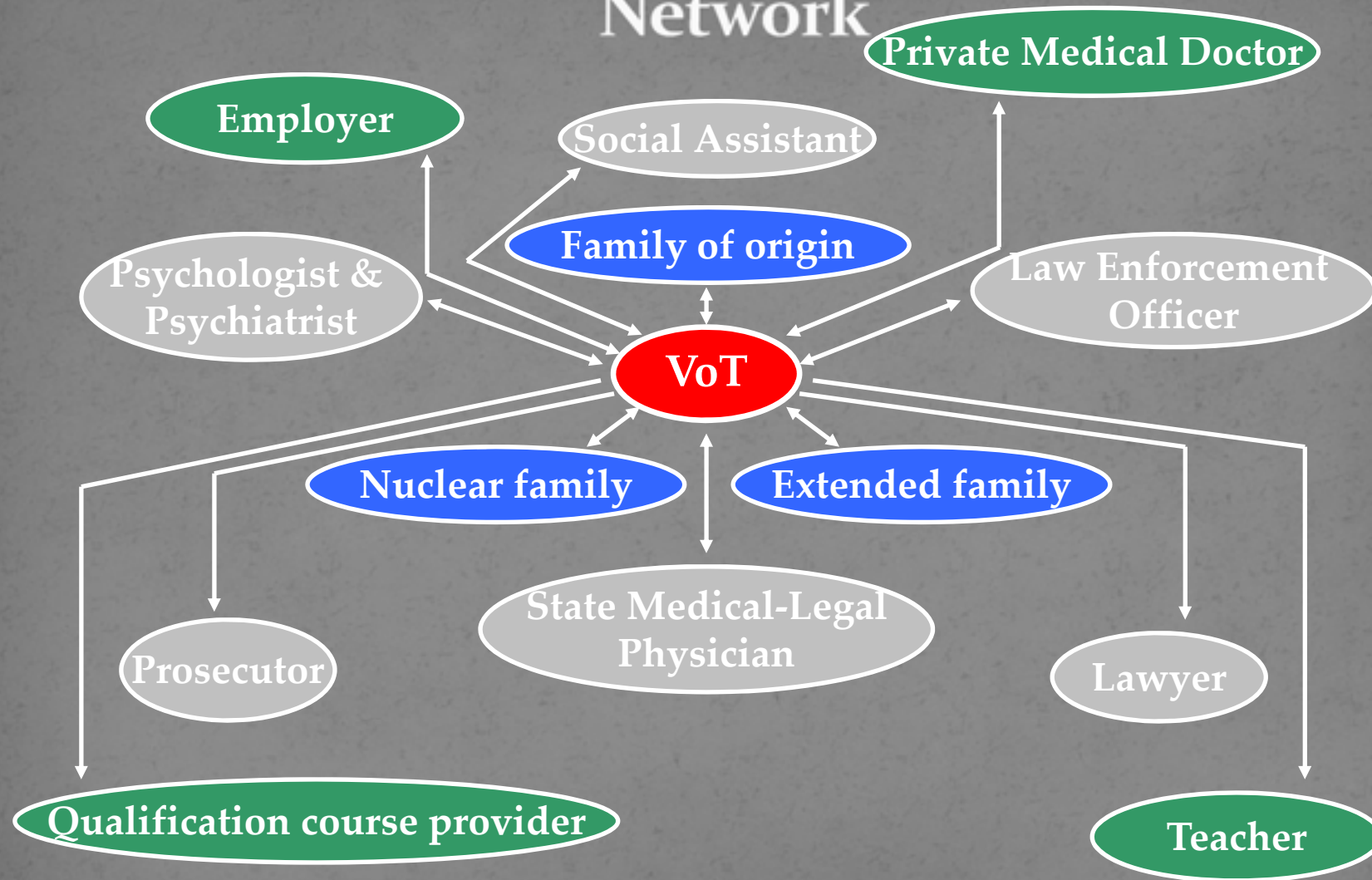
Types of Assistance Services

- Legal – juridical counseling, representation in court for both civil and penal causes;
- Educational – school reinsertion, professional qualification, work equipment, books and manuals, school supplies;
- Professional Reinsertion – CV completion, job interview preparation;
- Residential – shelter facilities, state transit shelter referral, hotel transit accommodation;

Assistance Service Provision Diagram



Multi-Disciplinary Case Management Network



Good vs Bad Experiences of Cooperation in the Reintegration of Romanian VoTs exploited in Germany

GOOD PRACTICE

- F, 20 years old, rural;
- Type and period of exploitation: Sexual for 1 year;
- Age at recruitment date: 15 years old;
- Place of Exploitation: Kopletz, Germany;
- Date of referral: August 2006;
- Referred by: Solwodi Germany;
- Date of exit: September 2007;

CHALLENGING PRACTICE

- F, 22 years old, rural, Roma ethnic;
- Type and period of exploitation: Sexual for 1 ½ years;
- Age at recruitment date: 18 years old;
- Place of Exploitation: Essen, Germany;
- Referred by: IOM – Mission in Germany;
- Date of referral: March 2007;
- Date of exit: October 2007;

Good vs Bad Experiences of Cooperation in the Reintegration of Romanian VoTs exploited in Germany

GOOD PRACTICE

- Assistance period: 13 months;
- Emergent assistance needs: airport assistance, psychological, medical, social, juridical, educational, material;
- Assistance services provided by ADPARE: airport assistance upon repatriation, psychological, medical, social, juridical counseling and escort in Germany for trial attendance in May 2007, educational, material;

CHALLENGING PRACTICE

- Assistance period: 8 months;
- Emergent assistance needs: residential, medical, psychological, material, social, professional;
- Assistance services provided by ADPARE: shelter assistance, medical emergency assistance starting with March 2007, psychological, material, social, professional reinsertion;

Good vs Bad Experiences of Cooperation in the Reintegration of Romanian VoTs exploited in Germany

GOOD PRACTICE

- Transnational multi – disciplinary team

ROMANIA: ADPARE Romania, OIM – Mission in Romania, Romanian Private Medical Clinics, Romanian General Direction for Combating Organized Crime, Romanian Case Prosecutor, Romanian State High-School, Romanian Population Evidence Service, Romanian Liaison Police Officer in Germany;

GERMANY: Solwodi Germany, German Anti-Trafficking Police Unit, German Direction for Child Protection, German Case Prosecutor and Judge, German Office Lawyer, German – Romanian Translator;

CHALLENGING PRACTICE

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GERMANY: IOM – Mission in Romania, German State Medical Clinics (Universitätsklinikum Essen), German Anti – Trafficking Police Unit, German State Social Protection, Romanian – German Translator;

Good vs Bad Experiences of Cooperation in the Reintegration of Romanian VoTs exploited in Germany

GOOD PRACTICE

- Minor VoT;
- Good relationship between the VoT and the VoT's family of origin;
- Family economic status: poor without social facilities and aids;
- Traumatic first sexual experience within the exploitation period;

CHALLENGING PRACTICE

- Adult Roma VoT;
- Difficult relationship between the VoT and the VoT's family of origin;
- Family economic status: poor with social facilities and aids;
- Traumatic physical experiences within the exploitation period;

Good vs Bad Experiences of Cooperation in the Reintegration of Romanian VoTs exploited in Germany

GOOD PRACTICE

- Protected escort from Romania to Germany for testifying within the penal trial of trafficking in minors initiated by the German authorities ensured by the German and Romanian competent institutions;
- Training sessions of the transnational multi-disciplinary RO-DE team with the aim of protecting the VoT in the German court of law;
- Coverage of travel expenses and accommodation expenses for the VoT and Romanian ADPARE case manager, and financial remuneration per day of stay in Germany from the German Government of 4 Euro/hour;
- Recovery of clothing and personal belongings from the traffickers by the German authorities.
- Favorable trial sentence: 7 years of detention for 1 trafficker and 5 years of detention for the other 4 trafficking offenders.

CHALLENGING PRACTICE

- Provision of long – term emergency medical services in Germany and Romania: medical check-ups and evaluations, hospitalizations, medical treatment;
- Medical diagnosis: LKW₂ fracture produced by crushing; frontal pelvis ring fracture; frontal right pelvis ring fracture of the right sacral bone associated with ISG; coccyx fracture; right pillar tibia fracture;
- Other medical diagnosis: Pregnancy in the 3rd month of evolution;

Good vs Bad Experiences of Cooperation in the Reintegration of Romanian VoTs exploited in Germany

GOOD PRACTICE

- Special protection measures for minor THB VoTs adopted within the German Court Room:
- 1) VoT was put to testify facing other parts from the court room to avoid visual contact between the VoT and the traffickers;
- 2) German Office Lawyer counseling and representation in court;
- 3) Interventions of the judge in emotional critical moments for the VoT;
- 4) presence of the Romanian ADPARE case manager and Romanian – German translator in the secret court session;

CHALLENGING PRACTICE

- Medical therapy proposed: 1) Design and insertion of a medical prosthetics for fixating the external right tibia and USS LWK1 on LWK3 through medical surgery in Germany; 2) Osteo-syntesis of the right tibia pillar in Germany; 3) Design of a medical corset necessary for the post-surgery recovery period to be worn for 2 months at least;
- Upon the VoT's repatriation in Romania, the German authorities due to the fact that the police trafficking investigative procedures finalized with no concrete result of initiating a penal trial against the trafficker, requested the coverage of the medical costs by the VoT, costs which summed up to thousands of Euros and that the VoT could not under any circumstances be able to pay.

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