



Together against Human Trafficking

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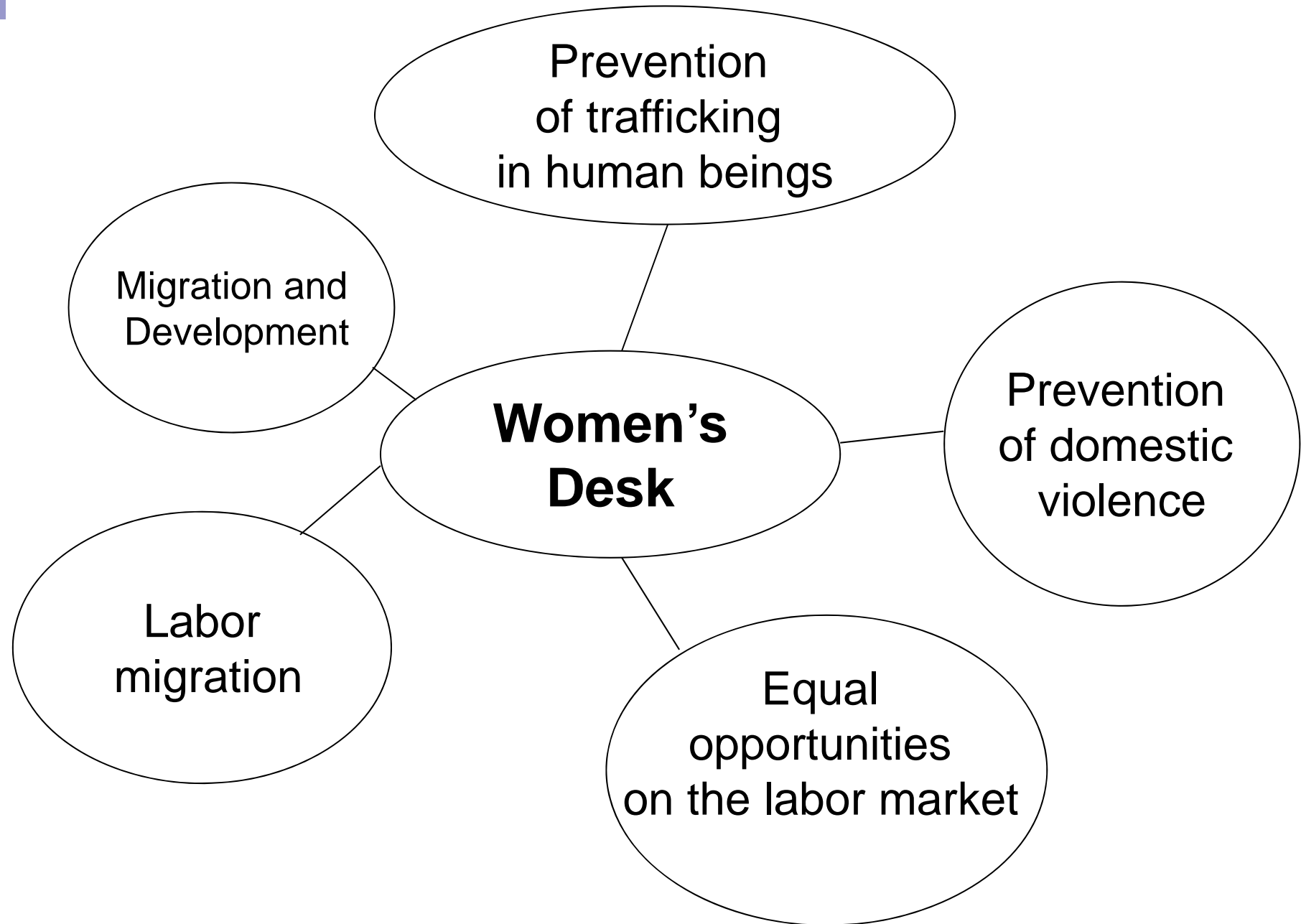
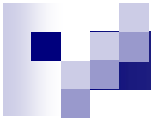
“Churches, in mutual
respect, acting
together in Christian
faith for social justice,
human dignity and
integrity of creation”





AIDRom's Departments

1. **Ecumenical Platform and Formation**
2. **Development and Cooperation**
 - Women's Desk
 - Social Diakonia/ Children at Risk
 - Environment and Sustainable Development
 - Emergency
3. **Education for Peace and Reconciliation**
4. **Communication**



Tools in the fight against Trafficking in Human Beings





Churches Fighting against Human Trafficking



SENSE programme

The SENSE program started in 2000

is focused on three main components:

1. awareness raising and educational activities:

- Research,
- Information, education, training
- Trainings for trainers

2. Counseling and reintegration for victims of THB – in cooperation with ADPARE, Bucharest and Filantropia, Timisoara

- Counseling, social and vocational orientation for individuals and groups (self evaluation, information about possible risks, skills and values, experiences and achievements) in the high risks situation

3. Networking with similar organizations from Romania and Europe



Editing educational materials, leaflets, guides, CDs, promotional objects

Information campaigns in schools: guides, leaflets and video materials (ADPARE, CARITAS Bucharest, A.N.I.T.P.)

Regional trainings in high risk regions

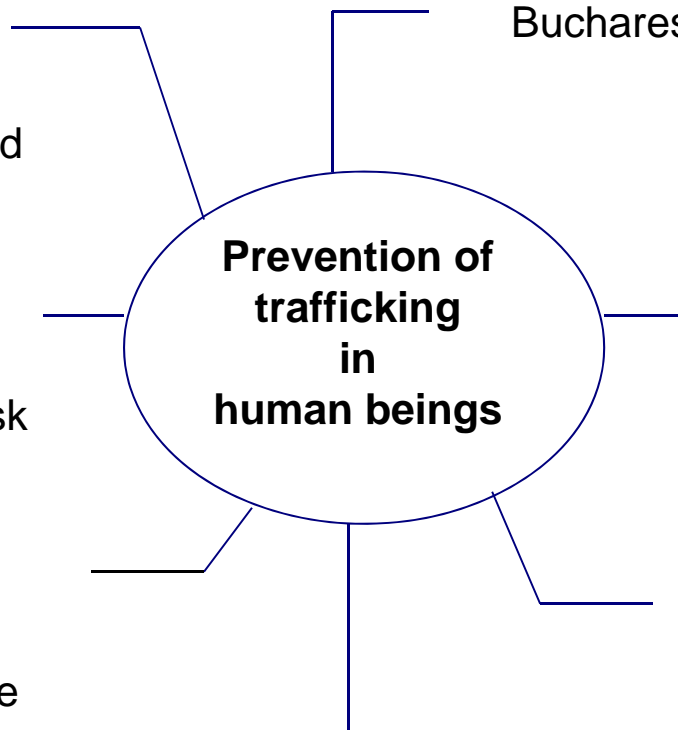
Participation in national and international meetings on the issue

Developing the website

www.sens.org.ro

Linked with

www.anti-trafficking.info



International seminars on Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings – Bucharest

Empowering and vocational training for victims – individual and group counselling (ADPARE – Bucharest and Centre for Victims’ Rehabilitation Timisoara)

Anti-trafficking national campaign – STOP the Trafficking in Human Beings.

Strengthening the regional and European network

Establishing a focal informational point in Bucharest at the AIDRom Conference Center; the information is gathered from all the network, processed and sent to all members.



Trafficking process in Romania

- Romania is a country of :
- Origin
- Transit
- Destination



Supply and Demand

- **Source country**

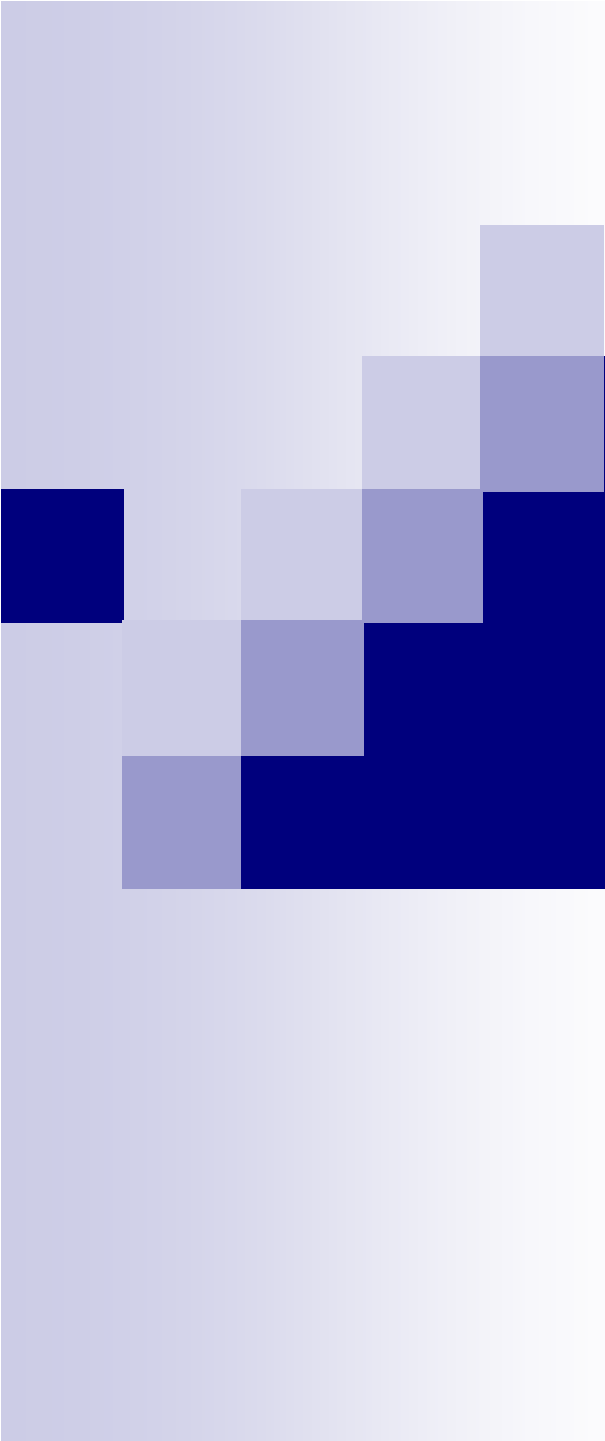
 - Supply

 - of potential victims (lack of information, violence in the family, abuses, lack of education, etc)
 - economical reasons (poverty, labor migration, lack of information)

- **Destination country**

 - Demand

 - on the sexual services market
 - on the labor market
 - on the adoption market



Current situation of the THB phenomenon in Romania



Countries of destination – 2009

Total identified victims: 780 persons

Victims trafficked for labor
exploitation: **315 persons**

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ✓ Spain - 91 | ✓ Cyprus - 16 |
| ✓ Italy - 65 | ✓ USA - 7 |
| ✓ Czech Republic - 52 | ✓ Switzerland - 1 |
| ✓ Greece – 23 | ✓ Slovakia – 6 |
| ✓ Finland - 21 | ✓ Turkey - 2 |
| ✓ Great Britain - 10 | ✓ Portugal - 1 |
| ✓ Germany - 7 | ✓ Morocco - 1 |
| ✓ Austria - 2 | ✓ Romania - 10 (intern) |



Total identified victims in 2010 –first semester: 379 persons

- **33% minors**
- **46% - sexual exploitation**
- **38% -force labour**
- **11% - begging**



Countries of destination – 2010

- ✓ **Spain - 66**
- ✓ **Italy - 66**
- ✓ **Czech Republic - 31**
- ✓ **Greece – 24**
- ✓ **Germany - 24**
- ✓ **Austria - 7**
- ✓ **UK – 3**
- ✓ **France - 9**
- ✓ **Romania – 130
(intern)**



SENSE programme



Focus on cooperation with:

- **State institutions:**

- Ministry of Interior – ANITP, Border Police

- Ministry of Education

- Ministry of Labor – labor inspectorates, regional labor agencies

- **NGOs**

- **Church - Diaspora**

- **Trade Unions**



Cooperation with the Church

- Diaspora: in the countries of destination

Dissemination of materials / trainings with Church representatives

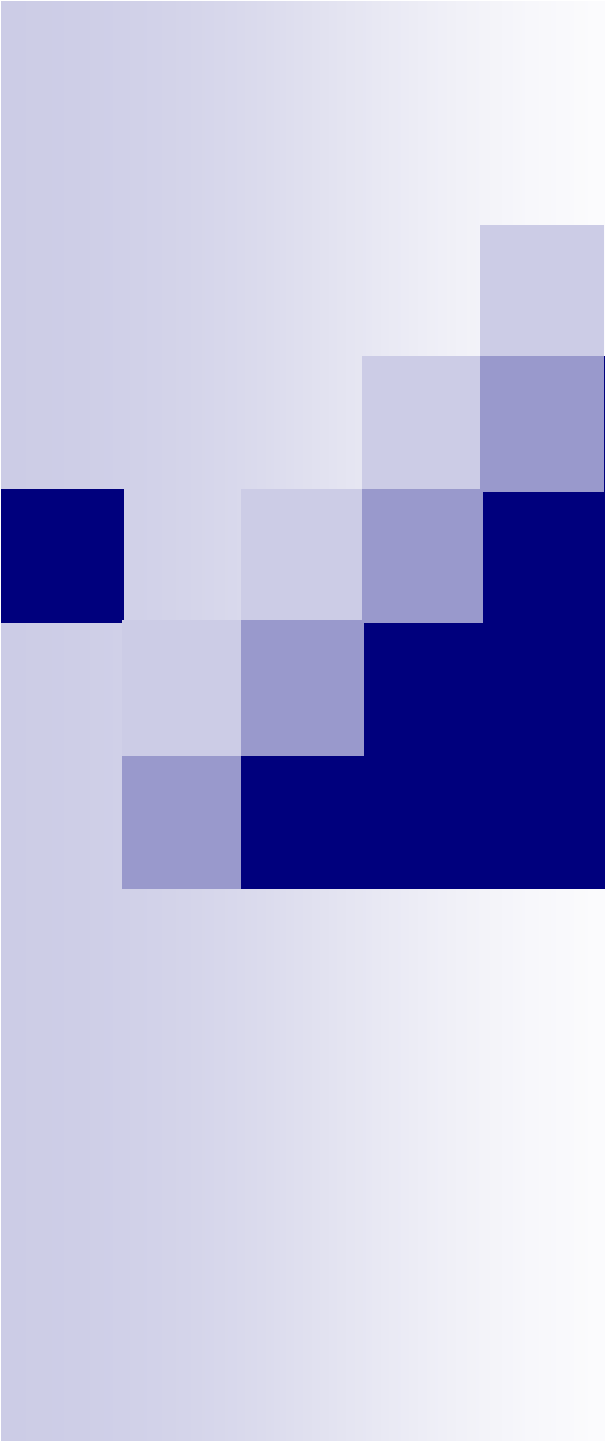
Most of the roma population travel to

Spain

Italy – Rome, Turin

Germany and UK

Czech Rep.



Seminars, debates,
information sessions

Cooperation with NGOs: ADPARE, CARITAS

Seminars, debates, information sessions

- Trainings with the key actors working in the counter-trafficking programme :
 - – **police officers, priests, teachers, mass-media representatives.**
- Trainings in high risk regions, uncovered by other programs (Republic of Moldova, Ukraine)
- Participation in national and international meetings on the issue



- International seminar on Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings – Bucharest
- Round Tables with Church representatives, civil society and mass media representatives, focused on:
 - raising awareness on THB,
 - on how the information about THB is transmitted via media channels (newspapers, TV shows, radio), on promoting the Christian values among youngsters seen as a possible way to avoid the risks of trafficking, etc.





HT PREVENTION APPROACH

for ensuring a safe environment for children
by NGOs partnership: CARITAS-Bucharest and ADPARE

- **School = the best place to design, develop and implement prevention campaigns**
- **Youth = the active task force for: Designing, achieving and implementing prevention campaigns**
- **Community mobilization: Increasing parents' and public awareness**
- **Tools:**
- **Peer to peer education**
- **Training of trainers / volunteer groups**
- **Team work**
- **Safe job website / www.anti-trafficking.info**
- **Networking**
- **Partnerships**
- **Value the innovative and creative skills of youth**



Information sessions in schools and voctional schools

in partnership with the Bucharest Regional Center of
NAATIP, CARITAS Bucharest

- The main themes of discussions were focused on the current labour legislation for those interested in working abroad, ways of identifying a real job opportunity, how to avoid risky situation, by knowing the most common ways used by the traffickers to recruit a victim.
- These meetings gathered 200 students per year, with ages between 14-18 years.





Results of cooperation

- Dissemination of materials / trainings with representatives of Police departments
- Information sessions in schools and high schools
- Participation in job fairs



Dissemination of informative materials

Informative materials

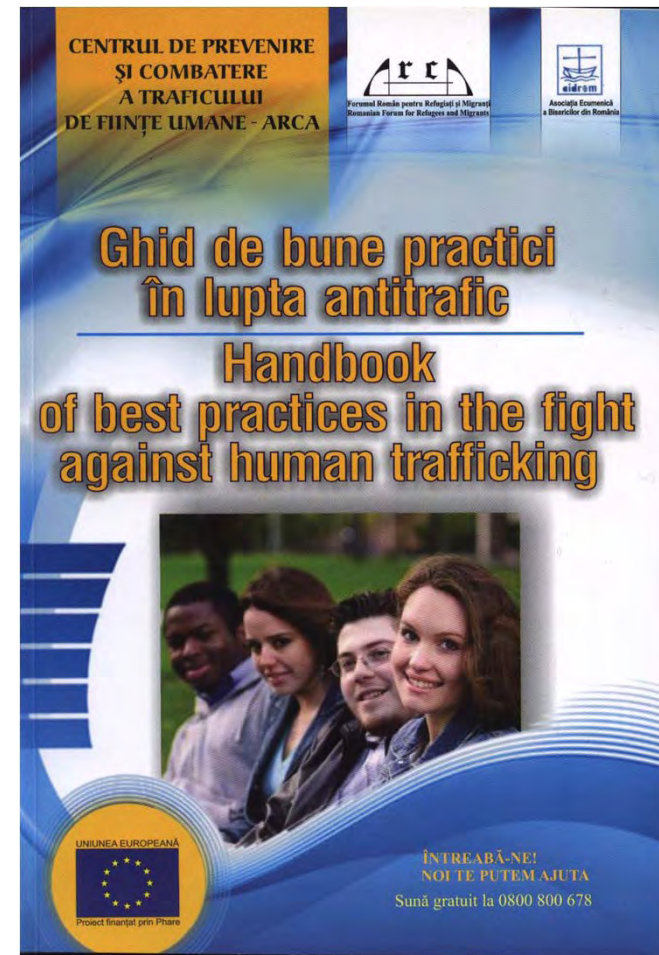


- Brochure *“Romania and the European Union – Employed on the Labor Market”*
- 2.500 copies

Informative materials

in partnership with ARCA

- Anti-trafficking Guide *“Handbook of best practices in the fight against human trafficking”*
- 2.500 copies distributed in schools, to the Border Police and specialized NGOs working in the field



Informative materials

- Brochure ***“This is the reality: It can happen to you too!”***
- 10.000 copies distributed by the Border Police



Informative materials

in partnership with the National Agency against THB

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**Ferește-te
De ocazii "PERFECTE"
cu locuri de muncă**

**MĂSURI DE PREVENIRE
A
TRAFICULUI DE PERSOANE**

**Help-line
0 800 800 678**

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“Watch out for PERFECT occasions for PERFECT job opportunities!” - National campaign for raising awareness on trafficking for labor purposes

National campaign for preventing trafficking for labor purposes – 2008-2009

“Trafficking in Human Beings is a reality! Make your decision today, not tomorrow!”

- Its main objectives are to inform and to raise awareness among society representatives on the risks of human trafficking, to strengthen the capacity of self-protection, to reduce the vulnerability of categories of persons at risk (children, women, unemployed, persons with disabilities, elderly, asylum seekers), to reduce the demand for sexual exploitation of women and the demand for labor exploitation in general.

TARGET GROUPS:

- ❖ People going to work abroad
- ❖ Young people looking for a “better life” abroad

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**TRAFICUL DE PERSOANE
EXISTĂ!**

Decide AZI ... nu MĂINE!

European Day of Fight against THB 18 October 2009



18 octombrie 2009

**Ziua Europeana de
Lupta Impotriva
Traficului
de Persoane**

“...sa le dam victimelor incredere si forta...”

extras din Rugaciunea pentru de Lupta impotriva Traficului de Persoane, 2009

www.aidrom.ro www.caritasbucuresti.org
www.srtv.info

aidrom SRTV caritas

- “... give victims strength and confidence...” – from the Prayer dedicated to October 18th
- key actors: AIDROM, CARITAS Bucharest
- in cooperation with SRTV Netherlands

National Campaign: "The Right to Work Is Yours. Don't Sell It to the Traffickers!"



Dreptul la muncă e al tău. Nu-l vinde traficantilor !!!

Traficul de persoane reprezintă o încălcare gravă a drepturilor omului și o atingere adusă demnității și integrității ființei umane.

Contează pentru tine:

- să știi unde pleci
- să semnezi un contract de muncă în limba română
- să cunoști programul de lucru și salariul real
- să lași acasă copii xerox după toate documentele personale
- să comunici cu familia și apropiații

Dacă ești în pericol:

- contactează ambasada / consulatul RO din țara în care te afli
- contactează biserica și organizații bisericesti din țara în care te afli (de exemplu CARITAS)
- contactează poliția din țara în care te afli
- sună la 112

Informează te gratuit la help-line
0800 800 678

Poți fi în pericol dacă:

- ți se propune să ți se plătească drumul cu împrumut
- ți se propune să pleci cu acte false
- locul de muncă oferit nu necesită studii, experiență sau cunoașterea limbii țării respective
- ți se sugerează să nu spui adevărul despre scopul plecării la trecerea frontierei
- ți se cere pașaportul spre păstrare

CANITP
aidrem
Asociația Caritas București

Job Fair

September 24th, 2010







Victims' reintegration programme



Victims' reintegration programme

- Empowering and vocational training for victims
- Individual and group counselling – medical, psychological, judicial, vocational, religious, etc.

In 2009 (January-September)

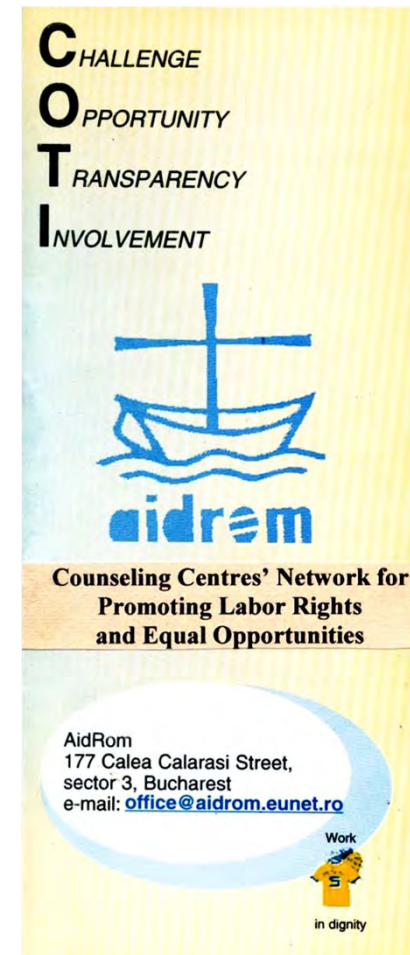
- 60 victims from ADPARE Shelter – Bucharest
- 20 victims from the Centre for Victims' Rehabilitation in Timisoara (near the Western border)
- **Reintegration is a very long and hard process**

The most important activity is the prevention and the raising awareness, which the Churches in cooperation with specialised NGOs can and should Provide

Counseling Centers for labor rights and labor related issues

Network of Counseling Centers:

- Counselling Centre Iasi - 2004
- Counselling Centre Hunedoara - 2007
- Counselling Centre Cluj - 2004
- Counselling Centre Bucharest - 2004







Thank you!

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