

Assisting Victims of Human Trafficking in Russian Federation.

Work of the Saint Petersburg branch of the Russian Red Cross

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Legal Basis International Law

- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children
- Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air

ratified in 2004



2 articles in Criminal Code

CIS

- Agreement on Cooperation of the CIS Member States in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Human Organs and Tissues, 2005 (entered into force for Russia on February 12, 2007)
- Agreement on Cooperation of the Prosecutor General's Offices of the CIS in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Human Organs and Tissues (Astana, December 3, 2009)

Legal Basis National Law

- **Assistance in repatriation:** Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of May 31, 2010 No. 370 on provision of assistance in the return to the Russian Federation of citizens of the Russian Federation who have found themselves on the territory of a foreign state without means of subsistence:
 - assistance is granted in exceptional cases, i.e. in situations in which a return to Russia will help to eliminate the immediate threat to life
 - the payment for accommodation, the purchase of travel tickets to the checkpoint across the state border of Russia, the purchase of food and basic necessities.
- **Social assistance:** Federal Law N 442 "On the basis of social services for citizens in the Russian Federation", 2013
- **Protection:** "On State Protection of Victims, Witnesses and Other Participants in Criminal Proceedings"

SAINT PETERSBURG RED CROSS WORK

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✓ Information Campaign

✓ Activities on prevention of TIP

✓ Experience Exchange

✓ Working with Mass Media



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1. PREVENTION: Provision of legal and information assistance to vulnerable categories of migrants and Russian citizens

A) Free all-Russian "Hot" line **8 800 333 00 16** on migration legislation and prevention of TIP

B) Public reception

C) Temporary placement of vulnerable categories of migrants

2. Direct ASSISTANCE for Victims of Human Trafficking

3. COOPERATION with state authorities, social services, NGOs etc.

4. DISSEMINATION of information and printed materials on migration and combating human trafficking

What
we
do



Providing legal and information assistance to refugees and migrants in 2016 (over 17,000 consultations):

1. Providing legal assistance to refugees,
2. Asylum seekers and stateless persons in the office and via the Hot line:

- about 3,000 consultations in the office of the Red Cross on legal issues (Ukraine, Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa, etc.);

- 2.993 calls were received on the hotline on migration legislation and prevention of human trafficking;



2. Provision of legal and information advice on migration legislation in the Public Reception of the Red Cross (Joint Migration Center, Krasnaya Tekstilshchika, 15);
The number of applications to the Public Reception in 12 months of 2016 is 13.998.

Questions include:
Obtaining a patent;
Getting permission
For temporary residence;
Getting the view
For residence, citizenship, etc.



Red Cross Shelter for temporary accommodation of vulnerable categories of migrants

(Opened since May 1, 2013)

- 2013-2014: more than 110 victims of trafficking in human beings received assistance;
- 2015-2016: 59 people from Ukraine, Syria, North Korea, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, etc. were temporarily placed in the shelter;



Assistance to VoT

- *The Case of Vietnamese Citizens*
- *More than 80 people who lived in the basement of an unfinished cottage in St. Petersburg;*
- *Letter from the Federal Migration Service;*
- *Absence of documents proving identity;*
- *Lack of enough food;*
- *Unsanitary living conditions;*
- *Working day for 13-14 hours;*

- 4 trips to the place of residence, distribution of food and personal hygiene items;
- letters to law enforcement agencies, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Rospotrebnadzor, State Labor Inspectorate;
- assistance in returning home to 13 persons



Christina was identified as a victim of sexual exploitation and was referred to IOM by an NGO in UAE (was recruited by some woman Zaira in 2007, who promised USD 1000 salary for a job in a Russian shop in Dubai. She moved to Dubai from Dagestan in 2007). Upon arrival the girl was involved into sexual exploitation. Within first week she was sold to a man for USD 10000. The VoT was forced to work for him for 4 months. Then she was sold to another woman and was forced to work for her (sexual exploitation) for 3 years

IOM organized a psychological assistance/consultation, medical check and consultation, social and humanitarian assistance for the VoT. In early June 2014 her Russian passport was renewed by the local FMS office. In early August the girl decided to leave the shelter as she wanted to live and work in the monastery. She said that she was prepared for such a change in her life and wanted to be more independent and be able to make her own decisions. IOM provided the girl with a reintegration grant and in August 2014 the VoT left the shelter and moved to one of the monasteries in the region not very far from Moscow. Till the end of October 2014 IOM was monitoring the case, the girl was satisfied with her life in the monastery.



- During 4 years (from January 2013 to March 2017), 721 victims of trafficking in human beings (24 citizens of Russian Federation) received assistance from IOM Moscow Office for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- Since 2006, 1,168 victims have received assistance



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