



“Preventing human trafficking and sham marriages: A multidisciplinary solution (HESTIA)”

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Expert report of the training seminar

"Preventing sham marriages as a form of human trafficking: training of multipliers"

Seminar venue and time:

IVES, Košice, Slovak republic 28-30.9.2016

Seminar experts:

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1. Institutions/organizations represented by seminar participants and the number of participants from each institution:

Overall 25 participants from various institutions: **members of Expert Group on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings - 2, representatives of NGO's working with victims of trafficking and potential victims of trafficking, participant from orphanages - 20 and representatives of private companies who would like to participate in the field of prevention of THB - 3.**

2. Expert conclusions regarding the training seminar:

1.1. Our aim was to focus on the orphanages and foster care homes, to confirm our assumption that there is a highly vulnerable group of potential victims within children from orphanages and foster care houses. Participants were partially aware of the existence of the trafficking phenomena, although they mostly consider trafficking in human beings as an equivalent for sexual exploitation. During the presentation they learn about other forms of exploitation and also the concept of sham marriages and exploitative sham marriages were discussed. According to their experiences young women from orphanages and foster care homes are could easily become victims of forced marriage or sham marriage without realizing the consequences.

1.2. Participants highly appreciate the discussion part, where they could freely express their opinions and practical issues. Although we began with the



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presentation describing the legislative frame of THB and various forms of exploitation and indicators, we moved to more practical kind of lecturing after the first block of presentations. Experts explained all the relevant information regarding THB through practical cases and examples. The most fruitful part of the training was the non-formal discussion, where participants discussed their practical cases with each other and the experts gave only their opinion and different options, how the case should be solved. Most of the participants requested further training regarding THB with the use of movie describing various forms of exploitation.

- 1.3. We discussed the possibility of further trainings for the participants (as a representatives of institutions) as well as the children from orphanages. There was also a request to organize a training for trainers, so the participants themselves would be able to give lectures for the children.
- 1.4. The first part of the seminar was in compliance with the presentation materials and the experts also use the practical cases mentioned in training material to explain forced marriage, sham marriage and exploitative sham marriage.

Expert suggestions and/or improvements to be made regarding the content of the seminar and non-formal and formal methods, including, please, specify, which methods should be added to the methodical material

Annexes:

1. Seminar agenda.
2. List of seminar participants.
3. Seminar presentation.

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