

The implementation of a national anti-trafficking policy requires a series of activities aimed at achieving various strategic and operational objectives. These activities are developed annually by the NCCTHB, its Administration, the local committees (LCCTHB), and the NCCTHB's expert working group (PWG).

In 2014, the National Program for the Prevention and Counteraction of Trafficking in Human Beings and the Protection of Victims was adopted by Council of Ministers decision No. 480 on 10 July 2014, the only meeting held in the year 2014. Performance of the 2014 National Program is unsatisfactory- less than half of the planned activities are being met.

The Program includes the following seven sections with its operational (within the calendar year) and strategic objectives (permanent):

SECTION 1: INSTITUTIONAL AND ORGANISATIONAL MEASURES

Strategic Goal 1: Building mechanisms for institutional support and development of the administrative structures provided for in the Anti-Trafficking in Human Beings Act on a national and local level, and ensuring their effective functioning.

Operational Objective 1: Expanding, guiding and controlling the activities of the Law on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

Operational Objective 2: Organization and coordination between the different agencies and organizations reviewing the implementation of the Law on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and the effective implementation of the policy and strategy for the prevention and countering of trafficking in human beings.

SECTION 2: PREVENTION

Strategic Goal 2: Raising the awareness of the public and its risk groups (women, children, representatives of ethnic minorities, unemployed and socially disadvantaged) of the problems of trafficking in human beings and the development of mechanisms for limiting it and creating a public intolerance to this phenomenon.

Operational Objective 1: Organisation and implementation of prevention, information, awareness raising and educational campaigns for individuals in the risk groups for trafficking in human beings at international, national and local level.

Operational Objective 2: Creating public intolerance for the trafficking of persons.

SECTION 3: EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION OF STAFF

Strategic Goal 3: Raising the capacity and competences of staff, structures and members of the NCCTHB.

Operational Objective 1: Develop and implement employee training programs for performing functions related to the prevention and countering of trafficking in human beings.

Operational Objective 2: Additional qualification of the staff of the NCCTHB Secretariat and the local structures of the NCCTHB.

Operational Objective 3: Raising the qualifications of police, prosecutors, judges and social workers working in the field of combating trafficking in human beings.

SECTION 4: PROTECTION, RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION OF VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Strategic Goal 4: Overcoming the consequences of human trafficking and reintegration of human trafficking victims in society by providing assistance, support, and protection.

Operational Objective 1: Implementation of the National and Transnational Referral Mechanisms for victims of trafficking in human beings.

Operational Objective 2: Increased trafficking victims who have received protection and support at shelters for the temporary accommodation of victims of trafficking in human beings, managed by NGOs.

Operational Objective 3: Reintegration of victims of trafficking through re-training and labor employment.

Operational Objective 4: Registration of non-profit individuals and legal entities that

provide shelter to victims of trafficking in human beings.

SECTION 5: STUDY, ANALYSIS AND STATISTICAL DATA REPORTING IN RELATION TO TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Strategic Goal 5: Developing international cooperation through exchange of good practices in the field of preventing and countering trafficking in human beings, presentation of the Bulgarian legislation, good practices and partnerships in line with bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Operational Objective 1: Presentation of the Bulgarian legislation, good practices and established partnerships in line with bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Operational Objective 2: Develop and implement international projects aimed at

countering trafficking in human beings.

SECTION 6: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Strategic Goal 6: Development of international cooperation through exchange of good practices in the field of preventing and combating trafficking in human beings.

Operational Objective 1: Presentation of the Bulgarian legislation, good practices and established partnerships in line with bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Operational Objective 2: Develop and implement international projects aimed at

countering trafficking in human beings.

SECTION 7: LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Strategic Goal 7: Updating legislative measures to improve effective counteraction of human trafficking in Bulgaria in the context of international and European policies to combat this crime.

Operational Objective 1: Coordination of national legislation with commitments under international legal documents from the Republic of Bulgaria.

Operational Objective 2: Overcoming regulatory gaps leading to controversial practices and an inability to implement national policies for preventing and counteracting trafficking in human beings.