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Introduction

Fight against trafficking in human beings both inside the country and outside its frontiers hand in hand with the international community is one of the priorities of the Government of Georgia. Active measures are implemented in Georgia to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings, on the one hand effectively investigate and prosecute the crime and on the other hand provide the victims and statutory victims with effective redress, rehabilitation and reintegration into the society.

For the purpose of effectively combatting trafficking in human beings, an Interagency Coordination Council on the Implementation of Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings (hereinafter – the Council) was established under the Decree no.534 of the President of Georgia on 1st of September, 2016. The Council is chaired by the Minister of Justice. A Government Resolution no. 281 dated 10 April, 2014, approved the Council's updated composition and statute.

The statute was amended on 12 December 2016. According to the amendments, First Deputy Minister of Justice was appointed as a Deputy Chairperson of the Council; the Council's composition was expanded to include the Human Rights Secretariat of the Georgian Government and the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). The Office of the State Minister on Diaspora issues was removed from the list of Council members, since the Office was merged with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the end of 2016.

The Council coordinates anti-trafficking efforts of governmental agencies, monitors appropriate fulfillment of the National Action Plan, develops recommendations on prevention and prosecution of the crime of trafficking, drafts changes in the law, and produces interim and final reports on the implementation of the Action Plan.

In order to effectively combat trafficking in Human Beings, on 14 November 2014, the Council approved a two-year National Action Plan on Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings (*hereinafter*- the Action Plan), which includes activities to be implemented in 2015-2016.

The Action Plan is based on the internationally recognized principle of 4 P's:

1. Prevention of the crime of trafficking in human beings;
2. Protection of victims of trafficking in human beings;
3. Effective Prosecution of the crime of trafficking in human beings;
4. Partnership.

In order to fulfill these principles, the Action Plan envisages relevant objectives, activities, responsible agencies, partner organizations, specific timeframes for each activity and relevant indicators to evaluate the implemented activities.

The Action Plan pays particular attention to raising public awareness on trafficking related issues,, conducting capacity building trainings for the personnel working on Human Trafficking issues. and identifying children living and working on the streets.

This document is a two-year Report on the implementation of the National Action Plan for 2015-2016 on Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings covering the period of January 1, 2015 –December 31, 2016.

1. Prevention of the crime of trafficking in human beings

1.1. Raising awareness on combatting trafficking in human beings

The Georgian Government actively continues to organize and participate in the events facilitating prevention of the crime of trafficking in human beings. In this respect, **Objective 1 of the Action Plan** envisages preventive measures to combat the crime of trafficking in human beings.

1.1.1. Teaching of trafficking in human beings at schools and higher education institutions

Primary responsible agency: *Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia*

Activity envisaged in paragraph 1.1.1 of the Action Plan is about facilitating the teaching of the issue of trafficking in human beings at schools and higher education institutions. The Ministry of Education and Science is tasked with an important role to this end.

✓ **General education**

The Ministry of Education and Science is implementing a series of programs aimed at raising students' motivation, ensuring access to education, supporting school initiatives, etc. The programs are equally applicable to all students irrespective to their statuses.

As part of their Civic Education lessons, 9th and 10th grade students learn about trafficking in human beings as a contemporary form of slavery.

Teaching at general education institutions is based on a National Curriculum. The Civic Education discipline under the National Curriculum for 2011-16 includes teaching of the issue of trafficking in human beings. Anti-trafficking issues are allotted separate lessons in school textbooks composed according to the National Curriculum. These textbooks are:

- Civic Education textbook for 9th grade (authored by Tamar Meifariani, Leila Mikiashvili, Irine Jalagania, Maia Gonashvili, Mikheil Tokmazishvili, Dali Shavlokhvili and Rusudan Dalakishili. Publication by the

Herald of Georgia Ltd, 2012). The name of 6th topic is “Trafficking in human beings: a contemporary form of slavery” (page 19);

- Civic Education textbook for 9th grade (authored by Nino Talakhadze, Tamar Kaldani, Tamar Bregvadze and Ivane Petriashili. Publication by SIDI, 2012). Trafficking in human beings as a subject is covered in two lessons: 44. Trafficking in human beings as a contemporary form of slavery (page 111); 45. Safe migration (page 115);

- Civic Education textbook for 10th grade (authored by Nino Talakhadze, Tamar Kaldani, Tamar Bregvadze and Ivane Petriashili. Publication by Bakur Sulakauri Publishing House, 2013). The topic of trafficking is dealt with in three lessons: 18. Youth as a risk group for trafficking in human beings (page 38); 19. Risk factors of turning young people into victims of trafficking (page 41); 20. Who becomes and how they become victims of trafficking (page 44).

In addition to these certified textbooks, important teaching resources are also the textbooks prepared by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for 9th and 10th grades. The textbooks are named “Trafficking in human beings” and each of them contains two lesson topics.. The textbooks contains video materials and special guides for parents.

To summarize, six topics in three textbooks are about trafficking, and two auxiliary textbooks discuss trafficking in four topics.

There is no separate program for juveniles who are victims and/or statutory victims of trafficking in human beings, since the Georgian Ministry of Education and Science ensures access to general education equally with others to juvenile victims of trafficking.

In Spring 2008, PH International offered the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia a legal education programme funded by the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL). Two textbooks were prepared within the programme: one for students and the other for teachers and law enforcement officers. A legal culture program was re-shaped to form part of the Civic Education discipline. This approach has not increased workload for students and teachers, but has enhanced effective learning of the relevant issues. Lessons are interactive, with role plays, and aim at raising the students’ knowledge of their rights and duties in the field of law and justice.

The program is being implemented for 9th grade students of selected schools every year. The project envisages teaching a pre-prepared discipline entitled “legal culture.” The lessons are conducted jointly by a teacher and a law enforcement officer.

Legal Culture as a subject contains the following topics:

1. Juveniles and the law;
2. Violence (domestic violence, bullying at school);
3. Harmful habits and how to defend yourself from their dangerous consequences;
4. Organized crime (trafficking in human beings, illicit trade in drugs and weapons);
5. Legal proceedings.

The program was implemented in 40 public schools in 2015-2016.

✓ **Number of syllabuses in high education institutions**

Three universities out of twenty-eight higher education institutions have syllabuses with the following names: a. trafficking in human beings; b. legal nature of trafficking; c. State policy and legislation on combatting trafficking in human beings (optional subject).

The trafficking issues are also covered and taught as part of the bachelor programme in the following disciplines: 1. Private part of the Criminal Law, I (crimes against human beings) where a number of academic hours are dedicated to teaching this topic; Democracy and Citizenship (free credits); Church Law; Law Fundamentals; Human Rights; Globalization; International Security; International Human Rights Law. At the master's level (3 universities) the subject is taught as part of Transnational Crimes; Organized Crimes: preventive work; combatting trafficking and domestic violence.

1.1.2. transmission of informative video recordings on trafficking in human beings through the media

Primary responsible agency: State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings (hereinafter, "the State Fund")

Secondary responsible agency: 1. Interagency Coordination Council for Implementing Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings (Ministry of Justice); 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs

1.1.3. Dissemination of informative radio recordings on trafficking in human beings

Primary responsible agency: The State Fund (responsible for social ads)

Secondary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

The following activities were implemented in 2015-2016 in order to fulfill the activities envisaged by paragraphs 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 of the Action Plan:

Educational video recordings on trafficking in human beings produced by the State Fund on 24 November 2011 were launched to run on the following television channels:

- a) The Public Broadcaster
- b) Channel Two;
- c) Adjara TV.

- These video recordings had been running on the above mentioned TV channels for 3 months (March, April and May 2015). On each TV channel, the videos were running several times a day.
- Radio recordings on trafficking in human beings, produced by the State Fund on 24 November 2011, were disseminated on the Public Radio and the Adja Radio.
- These radio recordings were running for 3 months (March, April and May 2015) several times a day.

- On 6 April 2015, the State Fund entered into a contract with the Information Service “118 08” under which every subscriber of “118 08” was getting a voice message about the existing anti-trafficking consultation hotline. The campaign was running on April 18, 21 and 23.
- A 21-second social video rolls on anti-trafficking issues was produced on 21 March 2016 and launched to run on the following television channels:
 - a) Adjara TV (active for 3 months in March, April and May);
 - b) The Public Broadcaster (active for 3 months: March, April and May);
 - c) Imedi TV (active for 1 month – April);
 - d) Maestro TV (active for 1 month – April).

Printed media; television and radio projects

In 2015-2016, representatives of the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings participated in numerous television and radio programs and appeared in the printed media to discuss trafficking in human beings:

- On 13 February 2015, a representative from the secretariat of the Interagency Coordination Council for Implementing Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings took part in a radio program on Radio Liberty. The program was titled “gender issues” and was dedicated to discussing contemporary forms of slavery. The recorded program is available at <http://www.radiotavisupleba.ge/media/video/26848367.html>
- On 20 February 2015, a lawyer of the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings talked about trafficking issues in a program entitled “A Lawyer’s Hour” on the “Georgian Channel” television station;
- On 27 February 2015, a member of the Central Criminal Police Department’s Unit to Fight against Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs took part in a TV program on anti-trafficking issues on the “Kartuli” TV channel;
- On 17 March 2015, a lawyer from the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings, a director of the Institution for the Provision of Services to Trafficking Victims (shelter) and members of the Unit to Fight against Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department participated in a radio program entitled “migration routes” on the Public Radio channel. They discussed threats posed by trafficking and ways to protect and to help victims of trafficking;
- On 25 March 2015, a newspaper article on trafficking in Human Beings was published in Prime Time. The article features answers of a lawyer from the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings;
- On 26 March 2015, Radio Liberty dedicated a special radio program to the problem of trafficking in Human Beings. A lawyer of the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings and a director of the Service Institution for Trafficking Victims (shelter) were invited as respondents in the program;
- On 28 March 2015, a TV story was broadcasted in the Moambe news release on Channel 1 of the Public Broadcaster. The story concerned issues of trafficking in human beings and the lawyer of the State Fund for

the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings was invited as the respondent;

- On 10 April 2015, a member of the Unit to Fight against Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department participated in a radio program entitled “Studio 10” on Radio Liberty. The program was devoted to anti-trafficking issues;
- On 21 April 2015, acting director of the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings was invited at the “Chronicle” program on the Imedi television. During the program, they discussed an information campaign the State Fund started with the aim of raising societal awareness of trafficking in human beings and domestic violence.
- On 21 May 2015, acting director of the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings participated in a radio program called “Rights and Freedoms” on the Public Radio where he discussed threats posed by trafficking and protection and assistance for the victims of trafficking;
- On 4 June 2015, a lawyer from the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings participated in a special TV story by the TVS television company. The story was about issues of trafficking in Human Beings;
- On 11 July 2015, a special TV program on TV25 Channel was devoted to services available for trafficking victims. A lawyer from the State Fund and director of the shelter located in Tbilisi were invited as respondents in the program;
- On 28 July 2015, a State Fund lawyer participated in the Moambe news program on the Public Broadcaster to talk about trafficking issues;
- On 29 July 2015, deputy director of the State Fund, director of the Tbilisi Shelter and press secretary of the State Fund participated in a Radio Liberty program entitled “1 hour of liberty with Gogi Gvakharia”;
- On 29 July 2015, an article with the heading of “Trafficking and State Fund-offered services” was printed in the Resonance Newspaper; the article contained an interview with a lawyer from the State Fund;
- On 30 July 2015, the “Media Association Obiektivi” devoted its air time to trafficking and State Fund-offered services. Deputy director of the State, a lawyer from the State Fund, director of Tbilisi Shelter and the State Fund press secretary participated in the program;
- On 30 July 2015, Radio Liberty air time was devoted to the topics of trafficking and State Fund-offered services. Deputy Director of the State Fund was invited as a respondent in the radio program;
- On 30 July 2015, deputy director of the State Fund was on air to discuss the topic of trafficking at the Ertulovneba (Patriarchate’s) TV channel;
- On 30 July 2015, chief of the shelter located in Batumi participated in a news program run on the Adjara TV and talked about trafficking issues and services offered by the State Fund;
- On 30 July 2015, a newspaper article was published by the Expressnews (EPN) news agency on the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking in human beings. The story was about services offered by the State to victims of trafficking and the State Fund-run information campaign;
- On 18-19 September 2015, Adjara Television and TV25 devoted their news report air time to the awareness raising activities in the field of anti-trafficking implemented by the not-for-profit entity “Youth Center for Civic Initiatives” and sponsored by the Ministry of Justice. A representative from the Ministry of Justice and a trainer were interviewed during the news story;

- On 8 April 2016, deputy director of the State Fund participated in the Moambe news program of the Public Broadcaster on trafficking issues;
- On 11 April 2016, a State Fund lawyer participated in the “Contact at 8 o’clock” news program of the Maestro TV and was interviewed on trafficking questions;
- On 9 May 2016, a newspaper article was published in the Prime Time Newspaper in which a State Fund lawyer was interviewed on criminal regulation of trafficking in human beings and services offered by the State Fund to trafficking victims;
- On 15 June 2016, director of the State Fund discussed trafficking and State Fund-offered services in the “Your Time” program of the Kavkasia TV;
- On 30 June 2016, director of the State Fund was interviewed on the Imedi TV, Rustavi 2 TV and the Public Broadcaster on the occasion that the US Department of State had published its Trafficking in human beings Report (TIP Report) ranking governments based on their efforts to combat trafficking;
- On 28 July 2016, on the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking Persons, deputy director of the State Fund talked about trafficking issues and State Fund-offered services in the “Midday” program of the Rustavi 2 TV company;
- On 11 December 2016, an interview with deputy director of the State Fund was published in the Kviris Palitra Newspaper, in which the deputy director discussed sexual exploitation and assistance offered by the State Fund.

1.1.4 Dissemination of materials at justice houses, community centers, Georgia’s diplomatic and consular offices, foreign diplomatic and consular missions in Georgia (at their consent), diaspora organizations, tourist information centers, border checkpoints, town centers and high risk areas and regions

Primary responsible agency: 1. Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice of Georgia); 2. Public Services Development Agency (PSDA); 3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; 4. Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia; 5. State Fund; 6. Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (National Tourism Administration) of Georgia; 7. Office of the State Minister on Diaspora Issues

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mission funded the production of brochures (“Tips for Travelers outside Georgia”) containing information about consular assistance and trafficking risks. The brochures are disseminated at the Georgian border checkpoints, Georgia’s diplomatic and consular offices abroad, and diaspora organizations in foreign countries.
- During the second quarter in 2015, these brochures were disseminated, according to their needs, to Georgian embassies in Argentina, France, Greece, Ireland, People’s Republic of China, Italy, Kazakhstan, Republic of Cyprus, Switzerland, Sweden, USA, Uzbekistan and Swiss Embassy in the Russian Federation

(Georgian Interests Section); the brochures were further disseminated to Georgian consular offices in Saloniki, Frankfurt and Ganja.

Since all of the printed brochures were fully sent out to Georgia's diplomatic missions abroad, no more brochures have been delivered after the second quarter of 2015 because no shortage of them was identified in Georgia's diplomatic and consular office abroad since then.

It should also be pointed out that, along with the increasing number of Georgia's diplomatic and consular offices, the contact information indicated on the brochures is constantly updated.

Ministry of Internal Affairs

The Ministry of Internal Affairs is implementing preventative measures in order to prevent, identify and suppress trafficking in human beings and illegal migration. These measures include informative and educational campaigns, and printing and dissemination of printed materials to raise public awareness on and avoid commission of the trafficking offense.

With the assistance of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings and other international and non-governmental organizations, flyers were produced and disseminated featuring information on avoiding trafficking and the services for trafficking victims.

In January 2015, the State Fund handed 3,000 pieces of Georgian-language flyers to the Ministry of Internal Affairs for their dissemination at the Georgian border checkpoints.

Since January 2015, mobile groups of the Ministry of Internal Affairs identified and registered places with high risk of trafficking. The mobile groups also interviewed personnel working for high risk institutions, including persons involved in prostitution. The mobile groups distributed to them informative brochures on the rights of trafficking victims and State-run services.

With regard to the World Day against Trafficking in Human Being, on 30 July 2015, representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs distributed to citizens the brochures on threats posed by trafficking and actions taken by the State. These information brochures had been prepared with the financial assistance of the EU Delegation to Georgia in Georgian, English, Russian and Turkish languages.

A video material describing this activity is available at <http://police.ge/ge/shss-m-trefikingis-tsinaaghmdag-brdzolis-saertashiriso-dghestan-dakavshrebit-sainformatsio-broshurebi-daariga/8594>

With regard to the World Day against Trafficking in Human Being, the Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Prosecutor's Office representatives held an information meeting with local population in Khelvachauri on 30 July. At the meeting, the law enforcers informed the citizens in detail about trafficking risks and anti-trafficking efforts undertaken by the State. They also took citizens' questions. Information brochures that had been printed in Georgian, English, Russian and Turkish with the help of the EU Delegation in Georgia were disseminated at the meeting. A video footage of the meeting can

be viewed at <http://police.ge/ge/acharashi-trefikingis-tsinaaghmddeg-brdzolis-saertashoriso-dghe-aghinishna/9902>

In 2006, as a result of cooperation between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the European Law and International Human Rights Law Institute with the financial support of the EU delegation to Georgia, information triplets on trafficking issues were printed. Members of the Central Criminal Police Department then distributed these materials at the border checkpoints in Adjara and in the territories across Georgia that were considered risk places. The information materials were produced in 4 languages: 10,000 copies in Georgian, 2,500 copies in Russian, 2,500 copies in English and 2,500 copies in Turkish.

The State Fund

State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings continued to actively distribute information brochures for purpose of preventing the crime of trafficking. During the reporting period, the State Fund undertook the following activities:

- On 10 March 2015, members of the State Fund supplied a *reception center for IDPs* with the State Fund-produced information flyers containing information about the Fund-offered services, hotline and preventive measures;
- On 21 April 2015, the State Fund representatives disseminated the information flyers among school pupils of 10th, 11th and 12th grades and teachers at the Tbilisi Public School no. 64;
- On 29 April 2015, the State Fund representatives disseminated the information flyers among school pupils of 10th, 11th and 12th grades and teachers at the Tbilisi Public School no. 47;
- On 6 May 2015, the State Fund representatives distributed the flyers to the pupils of grades 10 to 12 and teachers at the Tbilisi Public School no. 62;
- On 7 May 2015, the State Fund representatives visited Public School no. 6 in Tkibuli to distribute the information flyers to the students of 10th to 12th grades and to school teachers;
- On 8 May 2015, the State Fund representatives visited Public School no. 7 in Kutaisi and distributed the information flyers to teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

In June 2015, the State Fund produced 5,000 brochures in three languages (Georgian, Russian and English) with contained information on Fund-offered services, the hotline run by the Fund and preventive measures.

- On 12 June 2015, members of the State Fund put out the brochures in three languages at the *reception center for IDPs*;
- On 23 June 2015, the State Fund representatives went to the Sarpi Customs Checkpoint, one of the largest Georgian checkpoints, to distribute the Fund-produced T-shirts and summer bags feature the telephone number of the Fund's hotline. Brochures were deployed on an information desk of the Tourist Information Center at the Sarpi Customs Checkpoint;
- On 26 June 2015, the State Fund representatives distributed the Fund-produced T-shirts and summer bags featuring the Fund's hotline phone number at the *Rustaveli* and *Didube* metro stations;

- On 20 July 2015, *the Public Service Hall in Tbilisi* received 300 trilingual brochures, which were then placed on information boards and counters located inside the Hall;
- On 21 July 2015, *the Public Service Hall in Kutaisi* received 200 trilingual brochures that were placed on information boards inside the Hall premises;
- On 22 July 2015, the Office of the State Minister of Diaspora Issues received 300 trilingual brochures, which were distributed to Georgian diasporas in September 2015;
- On 30 July 2015, in a public square near the Bukia Park in Tbilisi, the State Fund representatives arranged an information campaign distributing trilingual brochures, T-shirts and bags with the anti-trafficking hotline number shown on these materials;
- On 30 July 2015, *Telavi Public Service Hall* received 220 trilingual brochures, which were then placed on information boards within the Hall premises;
- On 30 July 2015, the State Fund representatives carried out informative campaign in the territories of the Sarpi Checkpoint and the Batumi Boulevard and disseminated the trilingual brochures, T-shirts and bags bearing the anti-trafficking hotline numbers. Trilingual flyers were placed on an information desk of the Tourist Information Center at the Sarpi Customs Checkpoint.
- On 30 July 2015, the State Fund representatives supplied 500 copies of trilingual brochures to the *Batumi Public Service Hall*; the materials were then placed on information boards inside the Hall premises;
- On 9 October 2015, the State Fund representatives distributed the information brochures to the Albioni private school in Tbilisi and the Public School no. 1 in Batumi. 10th, 11th and 12th grade school students received the brochures. The same day, these materials were disseminated at the Shota Rustaveli Batumi State University;
- On 28-29 October 2015, the information brochures were distributed to students of universities, school pupils and local non-governmental organizations in Akhalkalaki;
- On 12 November 2015, students of the Ilia State University Law School in Tbilisi received the brochures;
- On 17 November 2015, the brochures were disseminated to students of the Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University;
- On 18 November 2015, the State Fund representatives visited a public school in the Lower Khodasheni village in the Telavi Municipality to distribute the information brochures to students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades;

In 2016, the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) supported the printing of 15,000 brochures in five languages (Georgian, English, Russian, Armenian and Azerbaijani) that contained information about the State Fund-offered services, the anti-trafficking consultation hotline and measures to prevent trafficking. These brochures were disseminated in the following target institutions:

- On 10 March 2016, the State Fund representatives handed information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers over to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students of Public School no. 21 in Tbilisi;
- On 17 March 2016, the State Fund representatives distributed information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers to students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades at Public School no. 1 in Khashuri;
- On 5 April 2016, students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of a public school in village Bobokvati, Kobuleti Municipality, received the information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers;

- On 8 April 2016, 100 copies of five-language brochures were handed over to the International Organization for Migration and the brochures were then distributed to IOM's regional offices and during meetings with the citizens;
- On 6 May 2016, the State Fund representatives distributed information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students of Public School no. 115 in Gldani, Tbilisi;
- On 10 May 2016, the State Fund representatives distributed information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students at the *Justice House in Marneuli*;
- On 11 May 2016, the information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers were distributed to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students of the public school in village Martkopi, Gardabani Municipality;
- On 11 May 2016, students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of a public school in Sartichala, Gardabani Municipality, received information brochures, bags, flyers, T-shirts and one-pagers;
- On 28 July 2016, the State Fund started a large-scale information campaign in Pushkin Square, Tbilisi, where they arranged an information corner and distributed T-shirts with a script of anti-trafficking hotline, bags and information brochures to the citizens;
- On 28 July 2016, the *Justice House in Tbilisi* received 2,000 copies of five-language brochures that were then placed on information boards and counters inside the premises of the House;
- On 30 July 2016, in commemoration of the World Day against Trafficking in human beings, the State Fund rolled out an information campaign in the territory of the Sarpi Customs Checkpoint. The State Fund representatives disseminated the five-language brochures, T-shirts and bags with the ant-trafficking hotline number;
- On 28 October 2016, the State Fund representatives distributed information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers to the teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades at the public school in village Perevi, Sachkhere District (a border village);
- On 31 October 2016, teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the public school in Duisi village, Akhmeta District (a border village), received information brochures, T-shirts and one-pagers;
- On 1 November 2016, the State Fund representatives placed brochures on trafficking in human beings in the *Refugee Reception Center* and held a campaign during which they were informing citizens about the nature of trafficking, measures to prevent trafficking and various services offered by the State;
- On 21 November 2016, information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers were distributed to teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades at the Public School no. 4 in Telavi;
- On 22 November 2016, the State Fund representatives distributed information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers to ethnic Azerbaijani students (grades 10, 11 and 12) of the Public School in Duzagram village, Sagarejo Municipality;
- On 9 December 2016, ethnic Azerbaijani students of 10th to 12th grades of the public school in Tivi Village, Kvareli Municipality, received the information brochures, bags, T-shirts and one-pagers;

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development

In 2015-2016, the Georgian National Tourism Administration distributed 40 thousand information flyers in four languages (Georgian, English, Russian and Turkish) to its 18 information centers for the purpose of their further dissemination.

Within the framework of a memorandum entered into between the Civil Development Agency (CiDA), a not-for-profit legal entity, and the LELP Public Services Development Agency, , for the period of 30

November 2015 – July 2016, CiDA's information stands with booklets were deployed at 6 community centers (Sartichala, Mejvriskhevi, Khevi, Geguti, Mukhaestate, Jvari). Meetings were also held in the same 6 villages and citizens received the information flyers.

1.1.5 Conduct information meetings and conferences on the issues of trafficking in human beings at the level of general-, high-, and vocational education institutions

Primary responsible agency. Ministry of Education and Science

Secondary responsible agency: 1. The Coordination Council (Justice Ministry); 2. The State Fund; 3. Public Law Entity "Justice Training Center"; 4. Chief Prosecutor's Office; 5. Ministry of Internal Affairs

Various information meetings, training seminars and other events in the area of vocational education were held at general-, high- and vocational educational institutions in 2015-2016:

- In February 2015, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted a meeting entitled "Preventing illegal migration and facilitating legal migration" at the Pazisi Vocational College, a public law entity in Poti. The students received information on risks associated with illegal migration and trafficking, how to use the referral mechanism, etc.
- On 12 February 2015, an information meeting was held with the students of the Public Law Entity "Community College – Gldani Vocational Training Center" on issues of legally studying and working abroad. The meeting was organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) within a EU-funded project. At the meeting, the college students received up-to-date and objective information about possibilities of legally studying or working abroad as well as about exchange programs. The information shared with the students was based on the EU member states' achievements, abilities and tasks in the relevant area;
- In February 2015, students of the Public Law Entity "Lakada Vocational College" in Tsalenjikha took part in an anti-trafficking event organized in a cultural center in Jvari Town;
- In March 2015, students of the Public Law Entity "Black Sea Vocational College" attended a training course on combating trafficking in human beings;
- In March 2015, the "Dawn" Vocational College, a not-for-profit legal entity, and the Civil Development Agency (CiDA) organized an information meeting entitled "Woman and Migration". The project was funded by the EU. Invited students informed the college students about problems faced by Georgian citizens migrating to Turkey and Greece. Trafficking in human beings as a problem was emphasized. Booklets and brochures entitled "Practical tips for migrants" were distributed at the meeting;
- On 11 March 2015, Telavi Office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) organized a lecture entitled "Labor trafficking" for the students of Prestige Vocational College, a not-for-profit legal entity;
- On 17-19 March 2015, the Fund of Women Entrepreneurs organized a training course at the Public Law Entity "Iberia Community College" in Kutaisi covering the following topics: 1. Trafficking in human

beings; 2. The problem of trafficking in a contemporary society; 3. Remedies available against trafficking under the Georgian law; and 4. Children's labor exploitation and slave labor;

- In April, at the Center for Civic Engagement in Akhaltsikhe, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) organized an event entitled "Combating trafficking". Students and teachers from the Public Law Entity "Opizari Community College" participated. The participants received materials concerning the problem of trafficking in human beings;

- On 21 April 2015, the State Fund representatives met teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the Public School no. 64 in Tbilisi to raise their knowledge of issues of trafficking in human beings;

- On 29 April 2015, the State Fund representatives met teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the Public School no. 47 in Tbilisi to raise their knowledge of trafficking in human beings;

- On 6 May 2015, the State Fund representatives held an information meeting on trafficking in human beings with the teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the Public School no. 62 in Tbilisi;

- On 7 May 2015, an information meeting on trafficking in human beings was held at the Public School no. 6 in Tkibuli with the teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades;

- On 8 May 2015, the State Fund representatives met with teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the Public School no. 7 in Kutaisi to discuss trafficking issues;

- On 23 June 2015, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) organized an information meeting at the Public Law Entity "Aisi Community College" to discuss "Opportunities of legal employment abroad and reliability of job offers; risks related to illegal migration and how to prevent them";

- On 9 October 2015, the State Fund representatives held an information meeting at the Albioni Private School in Tbilisi and Public School no. 1 in Batumi to discuss issues of trafficking in human beings with students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades. The same day, the State Fund representatives met with the students at the Shota Rustaveli University in Batumi;

- On 28-29 October 2015, the State Fund representatives held an information meeting on the topic of trafficking with the students of universities, students of public schools of 10th, 11th and 12th grades, and local non-governmental organizations in the towns of Akhaltsikhe and Akhalkalaki;

- On 12 November 2015, the State Fund representatives met with students of Ilia State University Law School to raise their knowledge of trafficking in human beings;

- On 17 November 2015, the State Fund representatives met with the students of Iakob Gogebashvili State University in Telavi and discussed issues of trafficking in human beings;

- On 18 November 2015, the State Fund representatives held an information meeting with the students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades from the public school in the Lower Khodasheni village, Telavi Municipality;

- At the initiative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, on the occasion of the World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse, representatives of several units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science held an awareness-raising meeting with senior-grade students from the Public School no. 191 in Tbilisi. The meeting was dedicated to discussing violence against children, trafficking as a form of child abuse and online sexual exploitation risks. The adolescents were shown anti-violence video ads produced by the Ministry of Internal Affairs. A visual material of the meeting is accessible at <http://police.ge/ge/shss-shi-bavshvta-dzaladobisgan-datsvis-saertashoriso-dghestan-dakavshirebit-mostsavleebtan-shekhvedra-gaimarta/9029>

- On 18 December 2015, the Eastern European University hosted a public lecture on migration and threats posed by illegal migration; trafficking in human beings as a crime; trafficking threats and State

policies to fight trafficking. Forty students attended the lecture. Each student received a certificate of participation. The public lecture contained presentations and speeches by Ketevan Khutsishvili, Programs Managers from the EU Delegation in Georgia; Zviad Devdariani, Director, Civil Development Agency (CiDA); Ketevan Sarajishvili, Adviser at the Public International Law Department, Ministry of Justice; Diana Rostiashvili, Detective and investigator at the Criminal Police Departments Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration, Ministry of Internal Affairs; and Ketil Abulashvili, a general practice attorney, Executive Director at Emigrants for Civic Development;

- In 2015, public prosecutors delivered a lecture on trafficking in human beings for the students of Batumi State University. The lecture was followed by a discussion. 100 students participated;
- In 2015, the District Prosecutor's Office in Sachkhere held a seminar at the Public School no. 2 in Chiatura for the school students on the topics of drug crimes, trafficking in human beings and domestic violence. 30 school students took part in the seminar;
- A District Prosecutor's Office in Zugdidi organized a public lecture for the East European University students. The lecture was entitled "Trafficking in a contemporary society, ways of its prevention and the role of prosecutors in fighting crime". 100 students attended the lecture;
- On 10 March 2016, the State Fund representatives met with 10th, 11th and 12th grade students from the Public School no. 21 in Tbilisi to discuss trafficking in human beings;
- On 17 March 2016, the State Fund representatives held an information meeting on the issues of trafficking in human beings with 10th, 11th 12th-grade students at the Public School no. 1 in Khashuri;
- On 5 April 2016, the State Fund representatives met with 10th, 11th 12th-grade students from the public school in Bobokvati village, Kobuleti Municipality to discuss trafficking issues;
- On 6 May 2016, the State Fund representatives held an information meeting on trafficking in human beings at Public School no. 115 in Gldani, Tbilisi;
- On 10 May 2016, the State Fund representatives met with senior-grade (10th, 11th and 12th grades) students of a local public school in Marneuli at the *Justice House in Marneuli* to discuss trafficking in human beings;
- On 11 May 2016, an information meeting on trafficking was held at Public School in Martkopi village, Gardabani Municipality, with senior grade school students;
- On 11 May 2016, the State Fund representatives met with 10th, 11th and 12th-grade students of Public School in Sartichala village, Gardabani Municipality;
- Through 30 May – 8 June 2016, the Ministry of Justice in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection, Public Law Entity "State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings" and Secretariat of the Governmental Commission on Migration conducted a student law school and an essay competition entitled "State policies to combat trafficking in human beings". Twenty-five students partook in the competition. Having completed the law school, the students wrote theses on the subject of trafficking. 3 winners were chosen in the competition. On 29 July, the winners presented their essays at a conference dedicated to the World Day against Trafficking in human beings;
- Through 8-9 July 2016, the Justice Training Center in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection and the Public Law Entity "State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings", conducted a Training-of-trainers in trafficking in human beings. The two-day training course was led by

trainers from the Public Law Entity “Crime Prevention Center”, the Public Law Entity “Justice Training Center” and the Public Law Entity “Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs”. The trained trainers then conducted training seminars entitled “Preventing trafficking in human beings” in 25 community centers across the whole Georgia on the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking in human beings. A total of 215 individuals were trained who then received certificates of participation;

- Through 29 July – 1 August 2016, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University’s International Law Institute, the European Law and International Human Rights Law Institute and the East-West Management Institute conducted a summer school entitled “International and National Standards of Fighting against Trade in Human Beings (Trafficking)” at the Borjomi Palace Hotel in Borjomi.

During the summer school, trafficking in human beings was discussed in the context of criminal law and human rights. Participants gained in-depth knowledge on legal instruments developed in frames of the Council of Europe and the United Nations as well as practical mechanisms of their implementation. A moot court was also organized in frames of the summer school.

The event was supported by the EU-funded project. A total of 34 BA, MA and PhD students from various universities participated

- In October 2016, Secretariat of the Coordination Council and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted an information meeting on trafficking issues for students at the Ilia State University;

- On 18 October 2016, on the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking in human beings, the Ministry of Justice, in cooperation with the European Law and International Human Rights Law Institute and with the financial funds of the EU delegation in Georgia, organized a conference at the Tbilisi State University. In addition to governmental agencies and non-governmental and international organizations, the conference was part.

- On 19 October 2016, a call for participation in the project entitled “Giorgi Marghiani Moot Court Competition in Trafficking in human beings” was announced in throughout Georgia. Oral rounds of the moot court were held on 4-5 February 2017 in the Ambassadors Hotel, Kachreti. Eight teams from 4 different universities from Tbilisi and Kutaisi participated. The moot competition was made possible through tight cooperation between the Justice Training Center and the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), and with the financial support of the EU delegation in Georgia. Partners in the project also were the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Chief Prosecutor’s Office and the Office of the Public Defender;

- On 28 October, the State Fund representatives held an information meeting on trafficking issues with teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades from the Public School of Perevi Village, Sachkhere Municipality (a border village);

- On 31 October 2016, teachers and students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the public school in Duisi village, Akhmeta District (a border village) were informed about trafficking issues by the State Fund representatives;

- On 12 November 2016, the Georgian Bar Association's Training Center and the Legal Aid Service organized a training course for lawyers and law students at the Gori State Teaching University. The course title was “Combating trafficking in human beings, a referral system and victim protection mechanisms”. The course was led by Ana Loria and Ioseb Gabaraev, trainers from the Georgian Bar Association. Last year

bachelor-level students and master's level students of the Gori State Teaching University who are doing their internship at the Shida Kartli Office of the Legal Aid Service actively took part in the training course;

- On the occasion of the World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitation, the Ministry of Internal Affairs in cooperation with the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection, held a meeting with adolescents at the Ministry of Internal Affairs premises. At the information meeting, members of the Ministry of Internal Affairs talked to the children about forms of violence, including bullying, child trafficking and online sexual exploitation threats, other serious offences, ways of preventing these crimes and the existing remedies for the protection against violence. The law enforcement officers also discussed crimes in which children may be involved as victims or witnesses. A video material of the meeting is available at the following link: <http://police.ge/ge/shss-shi-bavshvta-dzaladobisgan-da-seqsualuri-eqspluatatsiisgan-datsvis-dghestan-dakavshirebit-shekhvedra-gaimarta/10177>
- On 21 November 2016, the State Fund representatives held an information meeting on trafficking issues with teachers and senior-grade students of Public School no. 4 in Telavi;
- On 22 November 2016, the State Fund representatives met with ethnic Azerbaijani students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the Public School in Duzagram village, Sagarejo Municipality to discuss the problem of trafficking in human beings;
- On 9 December 2016, the State Fund representatives met with ethnic Azerbaijani students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the Public School in Tivi Village, Kvareli Municipality to raise their knowledge of trafficking in human beings;

In addition to the above-mentioned events, in May 2015, the Ministry of Internal Affairs launched an awareness raising campaign to inform the population about the forms of relations between law enforcement authorities and the population, and rights of citizens; the campaign was also aimed at preventing juvenile criminality through raising underage population's awareness on rule of law and security issues.

On 1-14 May 2015, a series of meetings were held at several public schools in Tbilisi. The meetings were initiated and organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science within an educational project entitled "Programme for public schools on ensuring rule of law and preventing crime". The meetings were conducted by the Unit to Fight against Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department. The law enforcers talked to the school students about the forms of organized crime such as membership in a criminal organization, human trafficking, cybercrime and their prevention. During the meetings, the adolescents played a role game entitled "crime prevention" followed by a questions-and-answers session.

In May and December 2015, April-May 2016 and October-November 2016, within the same project, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science, organized information meetings in 50 different schools in Tbilisi and regions. Law enforcers informed the school students about how to identify humantrafficking cases and how to protect ourselves from human trafficking.

1.1.6 Conduct annual moot court competition on the subject of trafficking in human beings at universities

Primary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Justice Ministry)

Secondary responsible agency: 1. The State Fund; 2. Public Law Entity “Justice Training Center”; 3. Chief Prosecutor’s Office; 4. Ministry of Internal Affairs

On 19 October 2016, a call for participation in Giorgi Margiani Moot Court Competition on the subject of trafficking in human beings was announced for students throughout Georgia. Out of 21 teams registered for participation, 8 best teams were selected from the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Free University of Tbilisi, International Black Sea University and Akaki Tsereteli Kutaisi State University. Simulated oral trials were conducted in Ambassadors Hotel, Kachreti, on 4-5 February 2017. Teams from the Free University of Tbilisi and Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University became finalists. Free University students were announced to be the winners of the competition. They received law books and tablet PCs as winner gifts. In addition, the winners will be hired as interns at the Public International Law Department of the Ministry of Justice during the year of 2017.

The project was implemented by the Ministry of Justice, the Training Center of Justice and the Interagency Coordination Council on the Implementation of Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings in close cooperation with the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and at the financial support of the EU delegation in Georgia.

The project was also supported by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Chief Prosecutor’s Office, State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings, and the Public Defender’s Office.

1.1.7 Conduct information meetings on trafficking risks with particularly vulnerable groups, including internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, and ethnic and national minorities

Primary responsible agency: 1. Ministry of IDPs from Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees; 2. Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality; 3. Public Defender’s Office.

Secondary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

In 2015-2016, a great many information meetings were held with the target groups indicated in paragraph 1.1.7 of the Acton Plan within the unified anti-trafficking information campaign. Meeting attendees were informed about threats posed by trafficking in human beings, how to fight the crime of trafficking and remedies available:

- In October 2015, the Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality organized information meetings on girls' rights in the Kvemo Kartli region (covering Amamlo and Orozmani villages of the Dmanisi Municipality and Lower Bolnisi and Nakhiduri villages of the Bolnisi Municipality). Trafficking in human beings was one of the subjects discussed. About 200 senior-grade female students of the public schools and their parents and teachers partook in the meetings.
- In April and October 2015, the Justice Ministry, the State Fund, the Ministry of IDPs from Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) held meetings with ethnic and religious minorities in Akhaltsikhe, Akhalkalaki and Ninotsminda. 161 participants attended;
- In June 2015, meetings with ethnic and religious minorities were also held in Tianeti, Marneuli and Kazreti. 150 participants attended;
- On 19 March 2015, representatives of the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality met with local citizens at the community center of Sadakhlo village, Marneuli Municipality. State policies on the prevention of trafficking in human beings and domestic violence were discussed. Members of the Justice Ministry and the Office of the State Minister informed the Sadakhlo village residents about the existing legal remedies against trafficking and domestic violence. State-provided assistance to victims of trafficking and domestic violence, various services available in this field and anti-discrimination laws were also discussed.
- In May 2016, representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the State Fund and the International Organization for Migration held meetings with religious and ethnic minorities in Sartichala and Marneuli. 40 people attended.
- On 22 November 2016, the State Fund representatives conducted an information meeting on the subject of trafficking in human beings with 10th, 11th and 12th-grade ethnic Azerbaijani students of a public school in Duzagram village, Sagarejo Municipality. 40 people attended;
- On 9 December 2016, the State Fund representatives met with ethnic Azerbaijani students of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the Public School in Tivi Village, Kvareli Municipality to raise their knowledge of trafficking issues.

1.1.8 Publishing information regarding THB on Web-site and permanent update of information and creation of common Web-site

Primary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice);

Secondary responsible agency: 1. Chief Prosecutor's Office; 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs; 4. Ministry of Education and Science; 5. Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection; 6. Office of the State Minister on Diaspora; 7. The State Fund; 8. Public Defender's Office.

With regard to paragraph 1.1.8 of the Action Plan, it should be pointed out that a webpage of the Ministry of Justice contains and makes available detailed information about the work of the Interagency Coordination Council on the Implementation of Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings, the existing national and international legal framework, the national referral mechanism, action plans and their

implementation, statistical data and grant competitions. The webpage is constantly being updated. The webpage address is <http://www.justice.gov.ge/Ministry/Department/309>

Furthermore, a webpage of the Ministry of Internal Affairs provides information about threats posed by trafficking in human beings and remedies available. The webpage is regularly updated. Its address is <http://police.ge/en/projects/you-are-not-for-sale>

The Prosecutor's Office keeps the public promptly informed of new criminal prosecution cases and judgments delivered. A press-release is released for each case. The webpage address is <http://pog.gov.ge/eng/>

With a view to preventing trafficking and taking appropriate measures, Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs operates a hotline. The hotline number and contact details are displayed on the Ministry's webpage. In addition, some of Georgia's diplomatic and consular offices abroad display information on trafficking in human beings on their webpages. The webpages also contain contact information on local organizations working on the issues of trafficking in the receiving countries. The MFA's link is <http://mfa.gov.ge/MainNav/ConsularInformation/Trafficking.aspx>

The State Fund has had its webpage updated in 2016. The webpage contains information on Georgia's anti-trafficking legislation, State Fund-offered services and activities implemented by the State Fund. The Fund also operates a social network (Facebook) page entitled "ATIPfund Georgia"; the page is actively used by users to discuss trafficking-related news. The State Fund's webpage is located at <http://www.atipfund.gov.ge/>

1.1.9 Review the labor legislation to make it in compliance with Georgia's international obligations

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection

Secondary responsible agency: 1. Ministry of Justice; 2. Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development

In accordance with paragraph 1.1.9, with a view to institutionally enhancing the labor inspection system, the Georgian Government issued a resolution no. 81 dated 2 March 2015 establishing a Department for Inspecting Labor Conditions within the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection. In order to ensure full-fledged operation of the Department, the Ministry then drafted changes in a series of laws and bylaws.

A statute of the Department for Inspecting Labor Conditions that took into account internationally accepted best practices was approved on 21 April 2015. Based on the statute, labor inspectors are performing their State supervision functions as mandated by law.

In order to create effective mechanisms to fight trafficking and, in particular, forced labor and labor exploitation, the Ministry further produced draft changes in the Law on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and the Law on Monitoring Company Activity. The Parliament adopted the changes on 22 July 2015, which then entered into legal force on 1 January 2016.

On 7 March 2016, the Georgian Government passed its Resolution no. 112 on Exercising State Supervision to prevent and respond to forced labor and labor exploitation. The Resolution granted the Department for

Inspecting Labor Conditions the right to pay scheduled and *ad hoc* inspection visits to public and private commercial entities and other organizations with a view to identifying and preventing cases of trafficking.

The Ministry also took into consideration the recommendations indicated in Report no. 3 of the European Commission on the Implementation by Georgia of its Visa Liberalization Action Plan; on that basis, on 13 August 2015, the Ministry entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on facilitating identification of trafficking cases. The memorandum mandates while inspecting an organization, the Department for Inspecting Labor Conditions suspects the existence of elements of forced labor and/or labor exploitation, it will inform the Central Criminal Police Department accordingly. The Central Criminal Police Department will then conduct investigation to ascertain whether this could be a case of labor exploitation and/or forced labor.

On 15 April 2016, Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection issued its Order no. 01-86/O approving a list of commercial entities and other organizations to be inspected for trafficking in 2016. The list includes 91 private companies on which there are preliminary reports that they might be engaged in forced labor and/or labor exploitation. Based on Government Resolution no. 112, the Ministry's Department for Inspecting Labor Conditions will develop inspection criteria and a list of companies that are subject to inspection every year. The criteria and the company list will then be submitted to the Minister for approval.

In the course of 2016, in addition to scheduled inspections, the Department for Inspecting Labor Conditions conducted 7 *ad hoc* inspections based on reports received through the hotline. Out of 98 companies inspected, one case was handed over to the Ministry of Internal Affairs for investigating into possible existence of elements of trafficking in human beings.

Also, on 7 April 2016, the Minister of Labor, Health and Social Protection issued another Order no. 01-78/O approving a template questionnaire to be used in the course of State supervision aimed at preventing and responding to forced labor and labor exploitation. Labor inspectors are using the questionnaire to interview employees and employers at commercial entities and organizations, which data are then entered into the relevant minutes.

In December 2016, the Department for Inspecting Labor Conditions made up a list of 107 companies to be inspected in 2017.

In order to gradually update and improve the current legal framework, the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection is engaged in studying and transposing EU directives into the national legislation. For that purpose, the Department for Inspecting Labor Conditions produced draft bills based on following EU directives:

1. Directive concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the use of work equipment by workers at work
2. Directive concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the workplace
3. Directive on the minimum health and safety requirements for the manual handling of loads where there is a risk particularly of back injury to workers (fourth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)

4. Directive on the minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment (fifth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)
5. Directive on the minimum requirements for the provision of safety and/or health signs at work
6. Directive on the use of work equipment
7. Directive on the risks from explosive atmospheres

1.2 Identifying children living and working on the streets; informing juveniles about the crime of trafficking in human Beings

1.2.1 Developing a strategy document on the problem of children living and working on the streets

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection (the Social Services Agency)

Secondary responsible agency: 1. The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice); 2. Ministry of Education and Science; 3. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 4. Chief Prosecutor's Office; 5. Public Law Entity "Public Services Development Agency"

In accordance with paragraph 1.2.1 of the Action Plan, the Interagency Coordination Council on the Implementation of Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings has been actively working on the issues of children living and working on the streets.

Primary challenge in this respect was the lack of legal definition of "children living and/or working on the streets". This lack of definition was then causing a series of issues. Since these children are not registered and have no identification documents, they were unable to join the system of education and enjoy various State-run social and healthcare programs. In cases of violence against children, there was no quick mechanism for separating a child from perpetrator.

To address the issue, on 14 November 2014, the Coordination Council established a working group made up of governmental agencies, NGOs and international organizations. The working group drafted changes in a number of laws such as 1. Law on Social Protection; 2. Law on rules of registering Georgian citizens and foreigners residing in Georgia and rules of issuing ID (residence) cards and Georgian citizens' passports; 3. Law on the Prevention of Domestic Violence and on the Protection and Assistance of Victims of Domestic Violence; 4. The Civil Code; 5. Code of Administrative Procedure; 6. Administrative Offenses Code; 8. Code of Juvenile Justice; 9. Law on Police and 10. Law on Guns.

The legal changes introduced the notion of "homeless children" which is understood to refer to persons aged under 18 who live and/or work on the streets and who have been identified as such by an authorized social worker based on a status seeker's questionnaire.

Emergence of this new notion at the legislative level made it possible for the State to issue identification documents for such children – a relief that will then enable the children to access various State-offered services.

In order to regularize documents of homeless children, the LELP “Social Services Agency” is now authorized to request the LELP “Public Services Development Agency” operating under the Ministry of Justice of Georgia to issue documents to homeless children. Until this point in time, only a parent or a legal representative of a child was authorized to request documents for a child. As a result of the legal changes, according to the initiative of the Ministry of Justice, documents of homeless children will be issued free of charge. Once their documents are regularized, the children will then gain access to education and social assistance and be able to enjoy the State-run healthcare-for-all program.

These legal changes also serve to strengthen remedies for the protection of juveniles from violence. In particular, the role of social workers – those who are properly qualified and experienced – has been increased as they are now authorized to decide to separate a child from a violent individual immediately, in cases of urgent necessity.

It is also possible now to safeguard a juvenile from third person’s violence. The law mentions “other persons” who may commit violence against juveniles. The reason of such changes is the fact that it is often difficult to identify who has abused a child. A social worker is authorized to decide to separate a child not only from his/her parents or legal representatives, but also from other persons. If necessary, the law allows for suspension of parental rights to avoid abuse of their rights by parents and to make the guardianship and custodianship body to assist the child and provide healthcare services to children.

The above-mentioned legal amendments has also introduced administrative liability for disobeying a social worker’s decision on child separation and criminal liability for those who have previously been sanctioned under administrative rule for disobeying such a decision.

These changes were adopted by the Parliament of Georgia on 22 June 2016 and came into force on 10 August 2016.

In addition, in order to facilitate the process of issuing identification documents to homeless children, legal amendments were introduced in the *Order no. 98 of the Minister of Justice dated 27 July 2011 on Approving the Rules of registering and de-registering foreigners residing in Georgia and rules of issuing identification (residence) cards, travel passports and travel documents* and the *Order of the Minister of Justice no. 50 dated 4 November 2014 approving Rules of issuing temporary identification cards*. These amendments came into force on 10 August 2016. Further, amendments were made in the *Government Decree no. 508 dated 29 December 2011 on approving the timeframes for the provision of services, fees for the services and rules of paying for the services provided by the Public Services Development Agency (PSDA), a public law entity under the Ministry of Justice, and by consular officers within their delegated competences*. These amendments entered into force on 18 August 2016.

Based on the above described changes, 3 homeless children received their temporary identification documents and 1 child received his/her electronic ID card.

Also, in accordance with the changes made to the Law on the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Protection and Assistance of Victims of Domestic Violence, child protection referral procedures were approved by a Governmental Decree no. 437 dated 12 September 2016 instead of a *Joint Order of the Ministers of Education and Science, Internal Affairs, and Labor, Health and Social Protection*.

The new child protection referral mechanism has extended the list of agencies involved in the procedures. The latter will help to protect children from all forms of violence in and outside their facilities through establishing a well-coordinated and effective system.

It should be pointed out that, on the basis of the new referral procedures, Director of the Social Services Agency, a public law entity, approved *Instructions to be followed by the Social Services Agency within the framework of the child protection referral procedures* by its Order no. 04-519/O dated 11 October 2016.

Public schools as participants of the child protection referral procedures then developed their own internal instructions on child abuse. According to these instructions, persons responsible for compliance with the child protection referral procedures have been appointed to be school guards or school principals/deputy principals in case school guards are absent.

A general school monitoring process includes the checking of how properly and effectively public schools follow the referral procedures.

In addition, in order to effectively reveal cases of trafficking in human beings, the Unit to Fight against Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department has approved actions to be implemented by its mobile groups, and a strategy and action plan to deal with the difficulties faced by homeless children. The strategy and the action plan are guiding documents for the Unit to fulfill the tasks under the Action Plan.

1.2.2 Identification of children living and working on the streets and informing them about forced labor and sexual exploitation

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection (the Social Service Agency)

Secondary responsible agency: Ministry of Internal Affairs; Public Law Entity “Public Services Development Agency”

The Public Law Entity “Social Service Agency” operates three mobile groups for the purpose of identifying children living and/or working on the streets. The mobile groups try to establish communication with such children, identify their needs and provide assistance as necessary. While communicating with the children, members of the mobile groups are informing them about various issues, including the crime of trafficking in human beings, forced labor and sexual exploitation.

In 2015-2016, the mobile groups managed to identify 342 children who live and/or work on the streets.

In December 2015, the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings helped to train 2 senior social workers in child trafficking and provision of victim services.

Trainings for homeless children on the same issues are also planned for 2017.

1.2.3 Development of guidelines for mobile groups working with children living and working on the streets

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection

Secondary responsible agency: Ministry of Education and Science; Ministry of Internal Affairs; The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

With a view to facilitating effective identification of children living and/or working on the streets, on 13 October 2016, the Ministry of Justice announced a grant competition for non-governmental organizations entitled “Facilitating identification and integration into the society of children living and/or working on the streets”.

Under the grant program, children living and/or working on the streets who have been identified by the LELP Social Service Agency under the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection and have been involved in the second-level crime prevention programs by the LELP Crime Prevention Center of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, , will be offered educational, cognitive, social, cultural, sports and other programs. On the other hand, the grant program envisages drafting a strategy on homeless children, a document which will help the mobile groups to effectively identify children living and/or working on the streets. Also, within the grant program, non-governmental organizations will identify new locations in non-working hours and days offs.

The grant competition will facilitate identification of such children and their integration into the society on the one hand and, on the other hand, will engage non-governmental organizations in making, developing and strengthening State policies in combatting Trafficking in Human Beings.

Within the grant contest, two non-governmental organizations have received a total of GEL 54,000.

The two winners of the contest are the Georgian branch of World Vision International and Initiative for Social Changes. These organizations started implementing the program activities in January 2017.

1.2.4 Facilitating involvement of children living and working on the streets (who do not attend schools) in the formal education system

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Education and Science

In 2015 and 2016, the Ministry of Education launched a special educational service entitled “Transit educational program for homeless children” that was developed and planned within the sub-program of “Educational opportunities for children remaining outside the learning process in Georgia”. Program beneficiaries were children from 24-hour shelters and day centers for homeless children under the Social Service Agency, (the shelters are located in Tbilisi, Rustavi and Kutaisi). The aim of the special service is to facilitate, to the highest extent possible, psycho-social rehabilitation and development of their learning skills by homeless children outside the school or homeless children who risk remaining outside the school, in order to involve them into the formal education system and help them to fully integrate into the society.

The following individuals benefited from the program:

- 23 homeless children (a majority of them were formally attending schools but could not successfully integrate in school life);
- 3 beneficiaries enrolled in schools;
- 3 beneficiaries were restored in their respective classes;
- 1 beneficiary moved to a class appropriate to his/her age;
- 2 beneficiaries enrolled in a vocational training program.

In 2016, the following individuals enrolled in the program:

- Up to 80 homeless children (a majority of these children were formally attending schools but were not integrated into the school life);
- 21 of them enrolled in schools;
- 4 of them enrolled in a vocational education program.

Also, in 2015-2016, teachers and directors of 46 public schools where homeless children are registered, were trained in “Identifying the learning needs of vulnerable children and strategies for communicating and cooperating with them”. A total of 200 individuals were trained.

At 26 public schools, parent-targeted information campaigns were conducted to help overcome the existing stigma against homeless children. A total of 1,150 individuals were trained.

2. Protection of victims of trafficking in human beings

2.1 Institutions providing services to the victims of trafficking in human beings (shelters) are operating effectively

2.1.1 Monitoring of the activity of existing institutions that provide victims of human trafficking with services (the shelters) and prepare monitoring reports

Primary responsible agency: The State Fund

The State Fund periodically monitors the shelters – institutions that provide victims of trafficking with pertinent services – by conducting on-the-spot inspections through its Monitoring Service that exists at the State Fund’s central office. During the reporting period, the Monitoring Service has been conducting monitoring visits to the shelters according to a schedule approved by the State Fund director.

For more information on the services provided by the State Fund during the reporting period, please see Annex 1 to this Report.

2.1.2 Annual assessment of the National Referral Mechanism

Primary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

There has been no need for assessing the functioning of the National Referral Mechanism established to fight against human trafficking.

2.1.3 Consideration of the needs of children placed in shelters while providing services for them

Primary responsible agency: 1. Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection; 2. The State Fund

The Action Plan pays special attention to take the needs of children into consideration while providing them with services.. With this aim in mind, the State Fund agencies responsible for the provision of services to victims of trafficking – the shelters in Tbilisi and Batumi – are serving, in addition to adults, the following categories:

- Victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings and their dependents who are aged under 18; also, persons whose legal representatives are victims or statutory victims of trafficking in human beings;
- Victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings who are aged under 18.

Beneficiaries and their dependents (including juveniles) are able to use the following 24-hour services at shelters:

- a) Safe dwelling suitable for human beings;
- b) Food and clothing;
- c) Medical assistance, drugs and treatment;
- d) Mental assistance (individual and group therapy);
- e) Legal aid and, if necessary, court representation;
- f) Information delivered to beneficiaries in a language they understand; if necessary, beneficiaries are provided with an interpreter's services;
- g) Participation in family and social integration programs;
- h) Facilitating juvenile beneficiaries to receive formal and informal education;
- i) All the measures that promote full-fledged development of the beneficiary;
- j) Other measures envisaged by law.

At the shelters, consideration is given to the special needs of child education and nutrition. Shelter-offered services are also tailored to the needs of juveniles and this category is getting the services according to what their requirements are. The shelters also care about ensuring juvenile beneficiaries with appropriate education.

On 10 August 2015, the State Fund director signed off an Order no. 07-132/O on approving a Rehabilitation and Reintegration Plan, which envisages implementation of rehabilitation measures (urgent needs and services to be provided) and reintegration measures (wishful needs, individual reintegration plans and services to be provided) for underage victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings and underage dependents of victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings.

At shelters, beneficiaries are able to access formal education (school, kindergarten, etc) and are supported in getting informal education (such as arts, sports, dance lessons).

It should be pointed out that every time an underage beneficiary is accommodated in a shelter, this gets instantly notified to the Public Law Entity “Social Service Agency”, which then immediately starts to look after the child’s rehabilitation process. A shelter is obliged to regularly inform the Agency’s social worker on the status of the child. The Agency may, at any time, in the interests of the child, alter the services provided and move the child to a family-type accommodation (such as small family-type children’s homes, foster houses, etc). The State Fund’s shelter is one of the services offered to underage victims of trafficking in human beings and the Agency decides whether or not, depending on the case circumstances, it would be prudent for an underage victim to stay at the shelter.

In August 2015, a new position of psychologist was added to the staffing table of the Tbilisi Institution for the Provision of Services to Victims of Trafficking in Human Being (the shelter located in Tbilisi). Based on the shelter’s internal regulations, the psychologist works with the shelter beneficiaries individually and as a group as necessary, participates in the drawing up and implementation of a Rehabilitation and Reintegration Plan for beneficiaries, helps beneficiaries with social adaptation and integration, and constantly advises the shelter staff and gives them recommendations according to the needs of beneficiaries. Also, at the request of the director of the State Fund and the chief of the shelter, a psychologist performs other tasks related to the shelter and permitted by the Georgian law..

Furthermore, in order to improve the services offered to underage persons who are dependent on victims of trafficking or underage persons who are themselves victims of trafficking, in 2015, new positions of babysitter were added to the staffing tables of the shelters in Tbilisi and Batumi (one babysitter for each shelter amounting to a total of 2 positions). The State Fund director issued an order articulating the babysitters’ rights and obligations in the shelters’ internal regulations. In particular, a babysitter is responsible for taking care of a child beneficiary and also of a child dependent on a beneficiary for a period until the respective beneficiary is temporarily absent (leaves a shelter temporarily). A babysitter helps beneficiaries of the shelters with taking care of their underage dependents.

2.2. Voluntary and safe return of victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings to their permanent residence places and facilitating rehabilitation of the returnees

2.2.1 Providing victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings who are foreign citizens or stateless persons with temporary residence permits, if necessary

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Justice (Public Service Development Agency)

Secondary responsible agency: 1. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 2. The State Fund

In order to provide foreign or stateless victims/statutory victims of trafficking in human beings with the right to legally live and work in Georgia, the Georgian Law on Trafficking in Human Beings provides possibility to issue special residence permits for them. The special residence permits are issued by the LELP

Public Service Development Agency operating under the Ministry of Justice, based on a referral of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Chief Prosecutor's Office or the State Fund.

In 2015-2016, the Public Service Development Agency (PSDA) issued special residence permits to 10 foreign citizens who were granted the statuses of victims of trafficking in human Beings.

2.2.2 Ensuring safe return of victims of trafficking who are foreign citizens or stateless persons to their country of habitual residence in the sense of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Secondary responsible agency: 1. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 2. The State Fund

On 19 May 2015, in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), a female victim of trafficking returned to Uzbekistan, her country of citizenship.

On 28 December 2015, a foreign citizen (female) identified to be a victim of trafficking in Georgia who used shelter services in Georgia returned to her home country, Kyrgyzstan, with the help of the State Fund and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The International Organization for Migration helped an Uzbek victim of trafficking to be returned to Uzbekistan, her homeland.

On 19 June 2016, a foreign citizen granted a status of THB victim and used shelter services in Georgia, returned to her homeland, Uzbekistan.

2.2.3 Facilitating safe return of trafficking victims who are Georgian citizens to Georgia and ensuring rehabilitation of trafficking victims who are in the territory of Georgia

Primary responsible agency: The State Fund

Secondary responsible agency: 1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs; 2. Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection; 3. Ministry of Education and Science

For each shelter beneficiary (victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings), an individual Rehabilitation and Reintegration Plan (RRP) is drawn up and implemented.

An individual Rehabilitation and Reintegration Plan provides a detailed description of beneficiary-focused objectives (such as improving their legal, medical and mental conditions, helping them with their social problems, reintegration into their family and the society, etc), activities necessary for achieving those objectives and timeframes. Such plans are tailored to the needs of minor beneficiaries and juveniles who are

dependents of beneficiaries. The individual Rehabilitation and Reintegration Plans are subject to periodic assessment and review.

In 2015, victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings were provided with the following services:

- Shelter: 8 beneficiaries (2 dependents)
- Legal services: 25 beneficiaries
- Medical services: 5 beneficiaries
- Mental services: 6 beneficiaries
- Compensation: 18 beneficiaries

2016 data:

- Shelter: 4 beneficiaries
- Legal services: 6 beneficiaries
- Medical services: 1 beneficiary
- Mental services: 1 beneficiary
- Compensation: 2 beneficiaries

In the meanwhile, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs continued to work to assist victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human being and facilitate their voluntary and safe return to places of their habitual residence, in cooperation with other competent Georgian authorities and through Georgia's diplomatic and consular offices abroad.

The main task of Georgia's diplomatic and consular offices abroad in respect of victims of trafficking in human beings is to provide them with assistance and protection, including through facilitating their safe return, providing with documents necessary to return to Georgia, and cooperation with the relevant authorities of receiving countries, as may be necessary. Whenever such cases are discovered, necessary information is sent to Georgia's competent authorities.

In 2015, based on information received by Georgia's embassy in Turkmenistan that a Georgian citizen was possibly a victim of trafficking in human beings, a plan for bringing the citizen back to Georgia was devised in cooperation with the Georgian Ministries and Internal Affairs and Defense and in coordination with the representative of the International Organization for Migration. On 1 July 2015, the Georgian embassy issued to the Georgian citizen a Return-to-Georgia Card.

In March 2016, based on an application received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Georgian authorities started to work on returning a Georgian citizen who might have been a victim of trafficking in the Republic of Turkey to Georgia. Georgia's consulate general in Turkey addressed the Turkish authorities for assistance. As it was found out as a result inquiry conducted by the Turkish authorities, the potentially Georgian victim of trafficking returned to Georgia in April 2016. As the Turkish side informed the Georgian side, Turkish courts decided to terminate criminal prosecution against the defendants in the case.

Apart from that, two more Georgian citizens returned to Georgia from Turkey on 16 December 2016.

2.2.4 Review the rehabilitation and reintegration programs and upgrade them to match new trends

Primary responsible agency: 1. The Coordination Council; 2. The State Fund

In order to improve and update individual Rehabilitation and Reintegration Plans, the State Fund's legal unit in cooperation with the governing bodies of the shelters, drafted instruments for the assessment and review of individual Rehabilitation and Reintegration Plans, which were then approved by Order of the State Fund director no. 07-115/O. An updated individual Rehabilitation and Reintegration Plan envisages much more detailed description of objectives to be achieved for the benefit of beneficiaries, activities that are necessary to achieve the objectives, and timeframes. These plans are tailored to the needs of juvenile beneficiaries and juveniles who are accompanied to beneficiaries. The individual Rehabilitation and Reintegration Plans are subject to periodic assessment and review.

3. Effective prosecution of the crime of trafficking in human beings

3.1 Introduce proactive approach and other new methods of investigation into the crime of trafficking in human beings based on foreign best practices

3.1.1 Joint consideration of concluded THB cases by respective agencies involved in criminal proceedings for the purpose of revealing new trends of the crime

Primary responsible agencies: 1. Chief Prosecutor's Office; 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 3. Supreme Court

Secondary responsible agencies: 1. The Interagency Council (Ministry of Justice); 2. The State Fund

On 22 December 2015, a workshop was conducted in Tbilisi for prosecutors (6 persons) and judges (4 persons) working on issues of trafficking in human beings. A representative of the Coordination Council's secretariat (Ministry of Justice) also attended the meeting.

At the meeting, prosecutors and judges jointly discussed major trends in fighting the crime of trafficking, ways of interpreting the provisions on trafficking, and classification of labor and sexual exploitation.. The participants discussed existing practical challenges.

No need for such a meeting was arisen in 2016.

3.1.2 Supporting implementation of Standard Operative Procedures (SOPs) on identification THB victims for investigators and operative officers

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Internal Affairs

Secondary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

In 2014, a working group set up by the Interagency Council developed Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) that have been sent out to international experts for evaluation. As a result, on 23 January 2015, the Standard Operating Procedures for investigators, operative officers and mobile inspection group members were approved upon an Order no. 54 of the Minister of Internal Affairs. For their effective implementation, the SOPs were distributed to law enforcement officers specializing in trafficking cases. They are using the SOPs as guiding documents in their daily work of detecting trafficking cases and identifying victims of trafficking in human beings.

3.1.3 Facilitate application of guidelines for law enforcement bodies on the investigation and prosecution of the crime of trafficking in human beings and on the treatment of victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings

Primary responsible agency: 1. Chief Prosecutor's Office; 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs

Secondary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

For the purpose of effectively implementing the Law on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and effectively fighting the crime of trafficking, through active involvement of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Prosecutor's Office, a working group set up by the Interagency Coordination Council for Implementing Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings drafted *Guidelines for prosecutors and investigators on the investigation and prosecution of the crime of trafficking in human beings and on the treatment of victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings*. *Guidelines* were approved by the Interagency Coordination Council at its meeting on 12 February 2014. The document is aimed at helping law enforcement officers with investigation and prosecution of the crime of trafficking in human beings in order to ensure that trafficking victims are more effectively detected and protected, and perpetrators are prosecuted. The *Guidelines* describe with a great detail the standards of investigating the trafficking cases. These standards are: compulsory nature/prudence of effective, thorough and proactive investigations; collection of important evidence during investigation; methods of examining potentially important victims and statutory victims; peculiarities of examining and interviewing juveniles; informing potential victims and statutory victims about their rights and legal guarantees and offering them State-provided services. Investigators and prosecutors specializing in trafficking cases were able to acquaint themselves with the *Guidelines* and the document is now being used by them in their everyday work.

The *Guidelines* is a document designed for internal use. For practical purposes, it was sent out through an electronic software to those law enforcement officers who work with trafficking cases.

In addition, for the aim of effectively implementing the *Guidelines*, prosecutors and investigators are regularly trained in professional issues such as proactive detection of trafficking victims, how to treat potential victims of trafficking in human beings and issues of practical application of the *Guidelines*.

3.2 Proactively revealing cases of trafficking in human beings

3.2.1 Operate and increase the number of mobile inspection groups staffed with members of law enforcement authorities

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Internal Affairs

Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department continues to operate mobile inspection groups staffed with members of law enforcement bodies. In December 2014, the number of the groups increased. There are four mobile inspection groups currently functional. Each mobile group consists of two officers tasked with identifying places susceptible to trafficking risks (places where trafficking in human beings may be occurring) as well as interviewing vulnerable persons about their possible involvement as victims.

In 2015-2016, the mobile groups launched measures to identify and register places exposed to trafficking risks. As a result, a number of institutions were identified, including those where the accommodation was systematically being made available for prostitution. As part of crime intelligence activities carried out, the mobile groups interviewed 386 individuals in 2015 and 440 individuals in 2016. In 2015, 54 institutions were inspected, and 102 institutions were inspected in 2016.

In addition, in order to reveal cases of trafficking in human beings, members of the Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration are monitoring the Tbilisi Airport round-the-clock and interviewing citizens deported from Turkey and various European countries. 1,752 deported citizens were interviewed in 2015. In 2016, the figure amounted to 2,638.

The mobile inspection groups are informing the public about risks associated with illegal labor as well as about rules and requirements governing the stay and work in destination countries.

Apart from that, for the purpose of preventing and suppressing trafficking in human organs and revealing cases of illicit transactions made between donors and patients or cases of forced transplantation of organs, close cooperation has been established between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection. The latter forwards information to the former on which basis the Ministry of Internal Affairs then interviews donors and recipients.

Furthermore, in order to reveal cases of trafficking in juveniles or other illegal transactions related to juveniles, Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department is actively collaborating with Public Law Entity "Social Services Agency". In particular, the Social Services Agency is periodically forwarding the Unit the information on adoption of juveniles. On the basis of the received information, the Unit is then studying and interviewing parents who gave their children up for adoption and adoptive parents in order to bring to light and suppress any illegal transaction.

In 2016, 46 cases of child adoption were reported and examined. Investigation into an alleged case of "buying or selling a juvenile or making some other illegal transaction in connection with a juvenile" (Article 1432 of the Criminal Code) started in 1 criminal case. The investigation did not corroborate occurrence of buying or selling a juvenile or the making of some other illegal transaction.

In addition to the aforesaid, in regard to combating trafficking in human beings through strengthening proactive and preventive measures, the mobile inspection groups are actively studying persons and organizations involved in offering employment opportunities to Georgian and foreign citizens both here in Georgia and elsewhere. The mobile groups are studying organizations operating at the bus stations in Ortachala and Didube (both located in Tbilisi) that move passengers over the border. Also, in order to identify cases of aided illegal migration, document falsification and possible connection of the former two with trafficking in human beings, the monitoring group members are studying organizations and persons providing visa services to those wishing to depart for foreign countries.

With a view to better bringing forced labor cases to light, the mobile inspection groups of the Ministry of Internal Affairs conducted proactive measures and interviewed more than 50 citizens in 2015 and 30 citizens in 2016. These citizens were the ones that used the services of employment agencies and were successful in getting their jobs in foreign countries. Within these measures, the mobile groups inspected, for example, an employment agency that regularly makes contracts with Georgian citizens and sends them out to China to work as models at night clubs in various towns. The Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration obtained information from the employment agency on citizens who found jobs with the agency's help and interviewed those who used the agency's services and were successful to find jobs abroad.

Based on a memorandum entered into by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection as well as the information received from the Department for Inspecting Labor Conditions, the mobile inspection groups interviewed 89 persons in 2016.

3.2.2. Capacity building of the Task Force; inspection of places exposed to trafficking in human beings and carrying out police oversight by the Task Force members

Primary responsible agency: 1. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 2. Chief Prosecutor's Office

A group of specialists entitled "Task Force" continues to function. The Task Force consists of 7 detective investigators and 5 prosecutors. It was established on the basis of a *Memorandum of Understanding on capacity building of law enforcement agencies in the area of combating trafficking in human beings* signed on 27 February 2014 by the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Georgian Chief Prosecutor's Office and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The objectives of the Task Force are to proactively detect, effectively investigate and prosecute the crimes of trafficking in human beings. The group operates in the territory of Adjara. The group also fosters cooperation among various law enforcement bodies and develops a network of law enforcement authorities working on trafficking cases.

The Task Force's primary functions are to detect cases of trafficking in human beings, implement preventive measures, identify organizations and persons exposed to trafficking risk, identify victims of trafficking in human beings, and interview citizens at the border checkpoint in Sarpi; in particular, the Task Force is responsible for carrying out crime intelligence activities to detect and investigate cases of trafficking in human beings, collecting intelligence data, launching criminal investigation, identifying victims, assisting

victims, and coordinating with the State Fund in this field; identifying, arresting and prosecuting perpetrators of the crime of trafficking in human beings.

The Task Force members are vigorously engaged in proactively revealing cases of trafficking, including by interviewing citizens at the Sarpi border checkpoint round-the-clock.

In 2015-2016, the Task Force went around to identify and register places exposed to trafficking in human beings and interview individuals in the whole territory of the western part of Georgia. In particular, in 2015, 281 citizens were interviewed about their potential being of victims of trafficking in human beings and 49 organizations were inspected. In 2016, 276 individuals belonging to trafficking risk groups were interviewed and 67 organizations were checked.

With the aim of revealing cases of trafficking in human, the Task Force is carrying out oversight at the border checkpoint in Sarpi in a 24/7-mode. The group is also systematically interviewing citizens deported from the Republic of Turkey.

3.2.3 Proactively launch an investigation where no victim testimonies are available

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Internal Affairs

Proactive investigation is an important way of revealing potential cases of trafficking in human beings. Proactive investigation implies law enforcement agents taking the initiative themselves rather than being dependent on a complaint or an application to be filed. Proactive investigation starts on the basis of a criminal intelligence report. Mobile groups of the Ministry of Internal Affairs identify and register places exposed to trafficking in advance. These places are the ones systematically made available for prostitution. Data on such places are registered periodically and the exposed places are inspected systematically. In addition, owners and staff of such organizations and individuals involved in prostitution are inspected, interviewed and studied with a view to identifying and revealing trafficking cases. Law enforcement authorities are also studying organizations that provide employment services inside and outside Georgia for Georgian citizens and foreign nationals by taking Georgian citizens to foreign countries or, vice versa, bringing foreign nationals to Georgia for employment purposes. In addition, law enforcement agents are systematically interviewing individuals deported to Georgia at the Georgian border to find out if they have been subjected to the crime of trafficking in the country they had been deported from. Finally, individuals belonging to risk groups are being informed about the crime of trafficking.

As a result of proactive measures implemented and information secured by the Georgian law enforcement authorities, proactive investigation into alleged cases of trafficking in human beings started in 11 cases in 2015 and in 15 cases, including two cases involving two juveniles as victims, in 2016.

In total, investigation into trafficking cases started in 18 criminal cases in 2015 and in 20 criminal cases in 2016.

Moreover, a temporary thematic group consisted of representatives of the Ministry of Justice, Chief Prosecutor's Office and Ministry of Internal Affairs, within the format of the Interagency Coordination

Council on the Implementation of Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings, drafted a remark to be included in the text of Article 143³ of the Criminal Code. The change is aimed at lifting the existing barriers to cooperation with the law enforcement authorities and encouraging victims of trafficking in human beings who benefit from State-offered services to report the crime. This would facilitate effective fight against the crime of trafficking on the one hand and promote close cooperation between the public and the law enforcement authorities in combating trafficking on the other hand. In particular, according to the changes proposed, a new remark was inserted in Article 143³ of the Criminal Code to the effect that a body in charge of investigation may issue a decision on releasing a user of services of the victims of trafficking from criminal liability if the user cooperates with the law enforcement authorities and voluntarily reports, before an investigation starts, to the body in charge of investigation about the conduct committed.

3.2.4 Operating Segregated statistics on criminal cases, with the indication of sex, age, nationality of traffickers and victims/statutory victims, as well as with information on exploitation form

Primary responsible bodies: 1. The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

Secondary responsible body: 1. Chief Prosecutor's Office; 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 3. The State Fund

Within the framework of the State policy on combating trafficking in human beings, on 6 August 2015, representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings were trained in the collection and analysis of statistical data. The training was conducted on the initiative of the Interagency Coordination Council on the Implementation of Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings, in cooperation with the European Law and International Human Rights Law Institute and with the financial support of the EU Delegation in Georgia.

Using the knowledge gained at the training, in 2015, the Secretariat (Ministry of Justice) developed a single database on trafficking in human beings. The database is constantly updated based on information received from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Chief Prosecutor's Office and the State Fund.

The integrated database contains the following data for 2010-2016:

1. Data on criminal cases: number of investigations, prosecutions, cases sent to the Court and convictions segregated by forms of exploitation;
2. Data on accused and convicted persons: number, nationality, age, sex;
3. Data on victims and statutory victims of trafficking in human beings: number, nationality, sex, age, form of exploitation, and State Fund services used (medical services, legal services, mental services, shelter, compensation, special residence permit);
4. Mutual legal assistance in criminal cases and police cooperation: number of motions for mutual legal assistance and for extraditions broken down by countries.

Detailed statistical data on investigations, criminal prosecutions, cases sent to the court and convicted persons are provided in Annex 2 and Annex 3 (data on the use of the State Fund services are contained in Annex 1).

4. Capacity Building of Professionals Dealing with Trafficking in Human Beings

4.1 Professional development of members of law enforcement authorities in order to improve investigation of the THB cases

4.1.1 Studying and Analyzing the training needs of law enforcement officers

Primary responsible body: 1. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 2. Chief Prosecutor's Office

A Project Management Unit of the International Relations' Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia determines the Ministry's needs by the following two methods:

1. By taking into consideration of the commitments undertaken by the Ministry of Internal Affairs under international instruments. These commitments are permanently implemented.
2. By means of a specially developed questionnaire, which is sent out to Ministry's units and which helps collect information on the needs of various units.

In 2015-2016, all the units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs filled out the questionnaire.

4.1.2 Constantly training of prosecutors and trainee-prosecutors and informing them about new trends of trafficking in human beings

Primary responsible body: Chief Prosecutor's Office

Secondary responsible body: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

Prosecutors and prosecution interns were being intensively trained in issues related to trafficking in human beings in 2015.

- On 17-30 May 2015, in close cooperation with the US Bureau of Diplomatic Security, 4 representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office of Georgia went on a study visit on trafficking in human beings to Budapest;
- On 14-16 July 2015, 9 members of the Prosecutor's Office of Georgia and 4 members of the Ministry of Internal Affairs visited Romania in order to share experience on child trafficking;
- On 29-30 July 2015, in close cooperation with the Council of Europe, 18 representatives of the Prosecutor's Office of Georgia were trained in mental and legal aspects of working with victims and witnesses; One of the topics discussed was the issue of trafficking in human beings;
- On 28 March -23 May 2016, two groups of trainee – prosecutors were trained on “trafficking in human beings”. 61 interns were trained in total;
- In June 2016, in close cooperation with the US Embassy, 20 members of the Prosecutor's Office of Georgia and the Ministry of Internal Affairs were trained on “Combating crimes against juveniles (online sexual exploitation)”. The training course was delivered by the International experts;
- On 7-9 September 2016, a workshop on issues related to victims and witnesses was held for victim-and-witness coordinators. In total 16 coordinators attended the workshop;

- On 26-27 October 2016, representatives of the Ministry of Justice, Chief Prosecutor's Office and Ministry of Internal Affairs went on a study visit to Stockholm, Sweden in order to share experience on combating trafficking in human beings;
- On 31 October – 11 November 2016, in close cooperation with the US Embassy, 6 victim-and-witness coordinators went on a working visit to the United States. The aims of the meeting was to improve the coordinators' qualifications.

4.1.3 Professional trainings for the border police officers to implement new techniques for identification of victims/statutory victims and perpetrators of THB

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Internal Affairs

For the purposes of this activity, members of the Patrol Police and Border Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs are attending special training courses.

On 22-26 June 2015, in close cooperation with the Council of Europe 2 people working at the checkpoint were trained on anti-trafficking issues.

4.1.4 Systematic Professional trainings for staff of the Central Criminal Police Department, district inspectors, patrol police officers, and district police Unit officers and informing them about new trends aiming at improving investigation of the cases of trafficking in human beings and appropriate approaching with victims and statutory victims of THB.

Primary responsible body: Ministry of Internal Affairs

Secondary responsible body: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

4.1.5 Training of the Task Force members (group of specialists) on issues of trafficking in human beings and informing them about new trends with regard to identification and treatment of potential victims and victims of trafficking in human beings

Primary responsible agencies: 1. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 2. Chief Prosecutor's Office

Secondary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

Concerning the activities under paragraphs 4.1.4 and 4.1.5, it should be pointed out that fight against trafficking in human beings is one of the issues covered by the basic training course within the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia. During the course, participants are informed about domestic and international instruments in the field of combating trafficking in human beings. Members of law enforcement authorities also regularly participate in training sessions conducted with the help of various international and local non-governmental organizations.

In 2015-2016, members of the Unit to Fight against Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs, took part in 11 training courses locally and 8 training sessions and meetings in foreign countries concerning the topic of trafficking in human beings.

Training courses and meetings held in Georgia in 2015-2016:

- On 21-22 April 2015, a representative from the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration took part in a two-day workshop on "Joint international law enforcement operations" held at Holiday Inn. The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and was supported by the European Commission's Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX) program. Law enforcement officers from Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and EU countries such as Austria, Poland, Slovenia and Romania attended the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the legal framework and practical methods of implementing joint international operations directed against transnational organized crime. The parties shared among each other their experiences in this area and successful examples. They also discussed existing challenges and future plans for cooperation. The participants further spoke about methods of exchanging criminal intelligence data among law enforcement authorities at national and international levels, cooperation with Europol and other issues.
- On 1-2 July 2015, a representative from the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration took part in a training course entitled "illicit movement of migrants" at the Prosecutors' Professional Development Center within an EU-funded project "Improving the Georgian Government's capacity on border and migration management". Topics covered at the training course were the definitions of illegal movement of goods and people (contraband) and trafficking in human beings, distinction between illegal border crossing and human trafficking; investigation: local and international relations; obstacles to finding a person guilty; the role of the court, etc.;
- On 13-14 July 2015, members of the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration took part in a training course held within an EU funded project. The course was about detecting organized crime, collecting evidence and international cooperation;
- On 14-16 July 2015, representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (34 people), Ministry of Justice (1 person), Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection (1 person), Ministry of Education and Science (1 person), Chief Prosecutor's Office (1 person) and the State Fund (2 people) attended a training course on forced begging by and exploitation of juveniles organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM);
- On 6 August 2015, within the framework of State Policy on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, representatives of the Prosecutor's Office (3 people), Ministry of Justice (1 person), Ministry of Internal Affairs (2 people) and the State Fund (2 people) were trained on producing and analyzing THB. The training was held by the initiative of the Interagency Coordination Council on the Implementation of Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings, in close cooperation with the European Law and International Human Rights Law Institute and with the financial support of the EU Delegation to Georgia;
- On 6-13 June 2016, the United States Embassy organized a training course on "combating crimes against juveniles". Three law enforcement officers working on trafficking cases participated in the course;

- On 24-27 October, the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) conducted a training course in trafficking on human beings in Batumi, in which 4 law enforcement officers working on trafficking cases took part;
- On 24-29 October 2016, the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) organized a training session on trafficking in human beings. The training was attended by 6 members from the Patrol Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and 2 members from the Prosecutor's Office;
- On 14-18 November 2016, the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) organized a training course on undercover and thorough investigation. The training was attended by eight Georgian law enforcement officers;
- On 13-16 November 2016, within a project entitled "Combating trafficking in women and children through awareness raising" organized by the European Law and International Human Rights Law Institute with the financial support of the European Union, a meeting was held on the following topics: practical aspects of fighting against trafficking in human beings at international and national levels; victim protection, assistance and referral; specificities of investigating the crime of trafficking; legal framework; and awareness raising. Two law enforcement officers working on cases of trafficking in human beings participated in the meeting;
- In November 2016, with the financial support of OSCE's, the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the OSCE's Department for Transnational Threats conducted a five-day regional training on investigation of crimes committed by using cyberspace.

Training courses and meetings held outside Georgia in 2015-2016:

- On 17-30 May 2015, six representatives of the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight against Trafficking and Illegal Migration and four prosecutors who work on and oversee THB cases attended a two-week anti-trafficking course at the International Law Enforcement Academy in Budapest, Hungary organized by the United State Bureau of Diplomatic Security and conducted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Law enforcement agents from Georgia, Kazakhstan and Serbia took part in the course. The course was aimed at capacity building of law enforcements on fighting against trafficking in human beings. During the training, the participants discussed legal issues, detection of victims of trafficking, cooperation with victims, etc.
- On 28-29 May 2015, a representative from the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight against Trafficking and Illegal Migration participated in a regular session of the working group on trafficking in human beings and illegal migration held at the GUAM secretariat in Kiev;
- On 15-18 June 2015, one representative of the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration attended a training course on trafficking in human beings for the International Law Enforcement Coordination Units (ILECUs) in Zagreb, Croatia;
- On 10-13 August 2015, one representative of the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration participated in a 27th annual conference on "crimes against children" organized by the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) in Dallas, Texas, United States;

- On 7-12 March 2016, an internship program entitled “Fight against illegal migration networks” was implemented in Lion, France. The internship course was organized by the International Relations Unit of the French Ministry of Internal Affairs and was conducted by the Central Directorate of Border Police (Direction centrale de la police aux frontières – DCPAF) and the Central Office for the Repression of Illegal Immigration and Employment of Untitled Foreigners (Office Central de Répression de l’Immigration Irrégulière et de l’Emploi d’Etrangers sans Titre – OCRIEST). One representative from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia working on trafficking in human beings and illegal migration took part in the event;
- On 8-11 August 2016, two members of the Central Criminal Police Department’s Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration and the Unit for Fighting Cybercrime took part in a 28th annual conference on “crimes against children” organized by the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) in Dallas, Texas, United States.
- On 19-30 September 2016, an International Training Center to Fight and Prevent Organized Crime conducted a training course on trafficking in human beings in an Italian town of Caserta. Two law enforcement officers working on trafficking cases participated in the course;
- On 26-27 October 2016, within an EU-funded project entitled “Police cooperation in Eastern Partnership Countries”, a study visit on combating trafficking in human beings was held in Sweden. One law enforcement officer working on trafficking cases attended the course.

It should be pointed out that those prosecutors who are members of the Task Force participated in all of the training courses indicated under Activity 4.1.2.

4.2. Professional development of members of the judiciary

4.2.1 Training of judges in trafficking in human beings

Primary responsible agency: High School of Justice

4.2.2 Train judicial assistants

Primary responsible agency: High School of Justice

For the purposes of the activities under paragraphs 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 of the Action Plan, judges and judicial assistants were trained on the following topics in 2015-2016:

- In 2015: “Trafficking in human beings; effective protection of victims, especially children”. Six people took part in the training course;
- In 2016: “Important issues related to trafficking in human beings: effective protection of victims of trafficking, especially children”. Thirteen participants, including seven judges attended;
- In 2016: “Important issues related to trafficking in human beings: effective protection of victims of trafficking, especially children”. Seventeen civil servants attended;

4.3 Professional development of the staff of the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings

4.3.1 Improvement of the skills of the personnel of the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings through trainings

Primary responsible agency: High School of Justice

Personnel of the State Fund for the Protection and Assistance for Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings and institutions providing services to victims of trafficking (shelters) were trained on the following issues in 2015-2016:

- On 11-12 July 2016, Identoba, a non-governmental organization, conducted a training course entitled “Social, legal and psychological aspects of providing assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings” for the employees of the State Fund. Thirteen participants attended the training;
- On 23 July 2015, with the financial support of the EU Delegation to Georgia and in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, members of the State Fund and the Migration Department under the Ministry of Internal Affairs were trained on “legal mechanisms for fighting against trafficking in human beings and today’s trends”. Eleven participants attended the training;
- On 6 August 2015, with the financial support of EU delegation to Georgia the Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice) organized a training course on producing and analyzing the THB statistics.. The course was held for members of different institutions involved in fighting against trafficking in human beings. Two representatives of the State Fund attended the training.
- On 31 August – 1 September 2015, with the financial support of the EU Delegation to Georgia and in cooperation with the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), within the project entitled “Enhanced migration management in Georgia”, members of the State Fund and the Border Police were trained on trafficking in human beings. Nine employees from the State Fund attended the training;
- On 16-18 May, 23-27 May and 20-23 June 2016, with the support of the UN Children’s Fund, the State Fund conducted a training course for the employees of State Fund units (shelters, including shelters for victims of trafficking in human beings) and its regional offices in the following topics: stages of child development, theories, individual work, case management, difficult behavior, violence, stress management, and preventing professional burnout (three participants).
- On 7-8 November 2016, the Women’s Initiatives Supportive Group (WISG) conducted a training course on sexual orientation and gender identity entitled “sex, gender, orientation” for the members of the State Fund units (the institution for the provision of services to victims of trafficking in human beings (shelter)) to raise their knowledge. Six participants attended;
- On 19 and 20 December 2016, within the project entitled “Preventing domestic violence and sexual violence”, members of State Fund units, including the institution for the provision of services to victims of trafficking in human beings (shelter), were trained in “assisting victims of sexual violence”. Eleven participants attended the training;
- On 20-21 December 2016, in close cooperation with the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) twenty members of the State Fund attended a two-day training course entitled “Child trafficking and provision of services to juvenile victims: examples and experience.”

4.4. Professional development of consular staff

4.4.1 Trainings for the staff of consular offices on issues related to treatment and assistance of potential victims/statutory victims of trafficking in human beings

Primary responsible agency: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The National Action Plan for 2015-2016 on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings pays special attention to capacity building of personnel of consular offices about how to treat and provide assistance to potential victims and statutory victims of trafficking. Consular officers regularly receive information on legal provisions on trafficking in human beings and protection of human rights and interests.

In addition, consular officers periodically gather in Tbilisi to discuss various issues (updates and challenges), including the topic of trafficking in human beings.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has included “Mechanisms for the protection of victims of trafficking in human beings and State commitments” as a lecture topic in a training course for consular officers held at the Ministry’s Teaching Center. At the end of the training course, attending public officials take a test and, if they pass it successfully, they are allowed to be appointed as a consular officer at Georgia’s embassies abroad.

5. Partnership and internal coordination

5.1 Collecting information on the fulfillment of commitments of the Action Plan by the State agencies

5.1.1 Preparation of reports by the governmental agencies regarding the implementation of the Action Plan and submission of the reports to the Council in every 6 months for the purpose of compiling a periodic report

Primary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

Secondary responsible agencies: 1. Ministry of Justice (Public Services Development Agency – PSDA and the Justice Training Center); 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs; 4. Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection; 5. Ministry of Education and Science; 6. Chief Prosecutor’s Office; 7. The State Fund; 8. Office of the State Minister on Diaspora Issues; 9. Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development; 10. Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality; 11. Ministry of IDPs from Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees

In 2015-2016, the Coordination Council’s Secretariat was periodically requesting various State agencies to provide information on the activities undertaken in the field of combating trafficking in human beings in

order to then compile reports on the fulfillment of State's commitments under international and national action plans.

In the years of 2015 and 2016, the Secretariat of the Coordination Council requested Governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations to provide information on the activities they carried out within the framework of the Action Plan with a view to drafting an interim report and a 2-year report on implementation of the Action Plan.

In addition, in 2015-2016, the Secretariat of the Council periodically provided the US Embassy to Georgia with a filled-out questionnaire of the US State Department to prepare a report for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17.¹ The report contains information about measures taken by Georgia to fight against trafficking in human beings.

Also, the Secretariat of the Council was periodically requesting relevant State agencies to provide it with information on THB in order the reports to be submitted to different international organizations. As a result, in 2015 and 2016:

- The Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) was provided with information on the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by Georgia; Government of Georgia also prepared its comments on the draft version of GRETA's second evaluation report.;
- A report on the implementation of the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography was drafted. To this end, on 11 April 2016, Ms. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography visited Georgia. The visit was hosted by the Ministry of Justice;
- A report on measures taken by the State to fight against trafficking in human beings was elaborated for the purpose of its submission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE);
- A 2015 report on the implementation of the UN General Assembly Resolution no. A/RES/69/149 on Trafficking in Women and Girls was drafted;
- Information on measures implemented in the field of trafficking in human beings was supplied to Dubravka Simonovic, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences who then prepared a report on violence against women, its causes and consequences in Georgia. The UN Special Rapporteur was hosted by the Ministry of Justice on 19 February 2016.

5.2 Strengthening partnership with non-governmental organizations

5.2.1 Strengthening partnership between the State agencies and the civil society

Primary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

Secondary responsible agencies: 1. The State Fund; 2. Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development; 3. Ministry of Internal Affairs; 4. Chief Prosecutor's Office

¹ The American reporting period in the area of trafficking in human beings covers a period between 1 April of each year to 31 March next year.

The Ministry of Justice pays a special attention to strengthening partnership with non-governmental organizations in the area of fighting against trafficking in human beings. To this end, in 2015 and 2016, the Ministry of Justice announced grant contests for non-governmental organizations.

In 2015, the Ministry of Justice issued grants to two local non-governmental organizations (The Momavali Youth Center of Civic Initiatives and the Georgian Regional Media Association) that conducted information campaigns aimed at prevention of trafficking in Adjara and Imereti.

Both non-governmental organizations started implementation of the project in September and completed it in November 2015.

The anti-trafficking awareness raising events included various activities such as information meetings and training courses for different target groups, flash mobs, producing and disseminating information brochures. Within the project, a media contest on the topic of trafficking was also held; within the framework of the contest, journalists from the Imereti region prepared printed, television-, radio- and online materials and published them through the media outlets participating in the project.

In 2016, the Ministry of Justice focused on the protection and assistance of children living and working on the streets. On 13 October 2016, the Ministry announced a grant competition for non-governmental organizations entitled “Facilitating identification and integration into the society of children living and/or working on the streets.”

Under the grant program, children living and/or working on the streets who have been identified by the Social Services Agency, a public law entity under the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection and have been involved in the second-level crime prevention programs of the LELP the Crime Prevention Center, will be offered educational, cognitive, social, cultural, sports and other programs. On the other hand, the grant program envisages drafting a strategy on homeless children, a document that the mobile groups will find helpful in identifying children living and/or working on the streets. Also, within the grant program, non-governmental organization will identify new locations in non-working hours and days offs.

Within the grant contest, two non-governmental organizations has received a total of GEL 54,000.

The two winners of the contest are the Georgia branch of World Vision International and Initiative for Social Changes. These organizations started implementation of the program activities in January 2017.

Furthermore, with a view to enhancing the role of civil society in fighting against trafficking in human beings and ensuring their further involvement in the process, the Council decided at its meeting on 15 December 2016 to create a civil platform within the Council. To this end, the Council established an interim working group on the creation of a civil platform to determine a mandate of the platform and articulate issues of how it will function. The platform of civil society organization is aimed at increasing the role of non-governmental organizations in determining State policies on fighting against trafficking in human beings on the one hand and facilitating effective implementation of State policies at the regional level and keeping the Council informed about the needs of local populations on the other hand.

5.2.2 Partnership with non-governmental organizations working in the area of anti-trafficking: entering into and/or updating the existing memorandums

Primary responsible agency: The State Fund

Secondary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

In 2015, the State Fund entered into a 2-year memorandum with *Tanadgoma* Medical and Psychological Information Center, a non-profit organization (hereinafter, “Tanadgoma”). This non-governmental organization focuses on the provision of consultations to commercial sex workers and performs their screening and diagnosing for infectious (contagious) and viral diseases.

Based on the memorandum, when a potential victim of trafficking is identified, Tanadgoma ensures that they are referred to the State Fund and that victims of trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation get advice on reproductive health and initial screening for HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis B and C.

Apart from that in 2015, memorandums with the following organizations were renewed for additional 2 years:

- The Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association
- National Anti-Violence Network;
- Women for Future Association
- Women’s Information Center.

In 2016, a memorandum with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) was also renewed for another 2 years.

5.3. Enhancing international cooperation in combating trafficking in human beings

5.3.1 Enhancing cooperation or start negotiations, including for the purpose of enhancing transnational cooperation, with the relevant authorities of partner countries, especially Georgia’s neighboring States

Primary responsible agency: 1. Chief Prosecutor’s Office; 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs

Secondary responsible agency: 1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs; 2. The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia is intensively cooperating with police attachés of EU member countries who are seated in Georgia or are covering Georgia from other countries. The Ministry is also collaborating with those police attachés that are not from EU member countries. Within such cooperation, the police attachés are helping each other with instantaneously retrieving necessary information related to ongoing investigations and, within their competence, are facilitating the sharing of best practices, planning of joint events, etc.

For the purposes of maintaining a wide network of police attachés, Georgia's police attachés are serving in Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, France, Greece, Turkey (2 people) and Ukraine. In 2015, a Georgian police attaché was sent also to the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Cooperation Center to Fight against International Crimes under the Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs is responsible for cooperation within GUAM, BSEC and SELEC. The cooperation is ensured via modern secure Internet channels. Within the cooperation, law enforcements conduct online conferences and plan joint crime detection operations using secure communication means.

A great deal of attention is paid to partnership with Georgia's neighboring countries. Active partnership is maintained with the Republic of Turkey where the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs has sent two police attachés. Turkey has stationed two liaison officers in Georgia. With their help, information about is exchanged and collaboration takes place in order to detect cases of trafficking in human beings. This cooperation is carried out through the Cooperation Center to Fight against International Crimes under the Central Criminal Police Department of the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs:

- On 23 March 2015, negotiations were held with the Belarussian side through video conferencing concerning the Readmission Agreement and its implementation protocols (the documents were then signed on 23 April 2015);
- On 15-16 April 2015, consultations were held with the Slovenian side in Ljubljana concerning a draft Agreement on Cooperation in Fighting against Crime and a draft Agreement on Exchanging and Mutual Protection of Classified Information;
- On 16-24 April 2015, the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) organized a visit of American experts to Georgia. Within the frame of the visit, on 16-17 April 2015, the experts met with the representatives of the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight against Trafficking and Illegal Migration and through 20-24 April they visited the Task Force members (group of specialists) in Batumi. These meetings were held to evaluate the situation existing in the area of trafficking in human beings to help both the US Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and the Batumi Task Force in conducting thorough investigations in cases of trafficking in human beings;
- On 20 April 2015, a representative of the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration attended a meeting with a representative of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The meeting was devoted to determining future plans and needs to facilitate increasing the capacity of anti-trafficking personnel of detecting trafficking cases and identifying victims of trafficking in human beings;
- On 29 April 2015, members of the Central Criminal Police Department of the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs met with Mark Bishop, Chief of International Cooperation (Operations) Unit at the UK National Crime Agency and Joana Alexander, liaison officer from the UK National Crime Agency. The meeting was held in the framework of an interim meeting under the auspices of the "Wardrop dialogue", a Georgian-British mutual annual political dialogue. The parties discussed cooperation in the field of law enforcement, in particular, measures that have already been implemented or are in the process of implementation, also ways of increasing police officers' capacity of investigating into specific cases, and

British support in the area of investigating the crime of child sexual exploitation; The parties also discussed avenues of developing coast guard partnership;

- On 29 April 2015, negotiations were conducted through video conferencing with the EU on the conclusion of an Agreement on the Exchange and Mutual Protection of Classified Information;

- On 2-3 June 2015, EUROPOL's personal data protection group visited the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs. The group assessed issues related to and practices of protection of personal data and classified data at the Ministry of Internal Affairs (the assessment was a necessary precondition for starting negotiations for the conclusion of an *Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation* with Europol). It should be noted that as a result of the negotiation, on 14 December 2016, the European Parliament approved the text of the agreement to be entered into the Europol and Georgia. After the EU completes the necessary procedures, Georgia and Europol will sign the Agreement, which requires ratification by the Georgian Parliament to enter into force. After the Agreement comes into force, Georgia will send its official responsible for sharing information related to criminal law matters.

- On 7 May 2015, within the framework of the 1994 Agreement between the Government of Georgia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on Cooperation in the Area of Security, 6th meeting of representatives of the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Turkish National Police was held at the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs. The meeting was also attended by a member of the Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department. The parties discussed issues related to fighting illicit use of drugs, trafficking in human beings, terrorism and other forms of organized crime. The parties talked about cooperation and challenges in this regard as well as transborder cooperation. At the end of the meeting, the parties signed the minutes that contain an outline of plans for future cooperation. It should be pointed out that such meetings are an effective mechanism for resolving various issues that come up during the year. Meetings of the joint commission are held regularly by turns in Georgia and Turkey;

- On 10 June 2015, a representative from the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration under the Organized Crime Main Division made a presentation on "Cooperative Solutions to Critical Security Issues in the Black Sea Region". 15 foreigners and representatives of various Georgian state agencies attended. The event was held at the Parliament of Georgia on 8-12 June and was organized within the NATO program entitled "Science for peace and security";

- On 25 June 2015, a representative from the Central Criminal Police Department's Unit to Fight Trafficking and Illegal Migration under the Organized Crime Main Division met with a representative of the Polish embassy within the CEPOL exchange program to discuss ongoing events of fighting the crime of trafficking and plans for the future.

With a view to fighting against crime and enhancing police cooperation, the following agreements were signed in 2016:

- Rhineland-Pfalz (Germany, a memorandum of understanding) (31.03.2016);
- Romania (a joint declaration) (25.04.2016);
- Saxony (Germany, a joint declaration) (29.08.2016);
- Baden-Württemberg (Germany, a memorandum of understanding) (30.08.2016);
- Hessen (Germany, a joint declaration) (31.08.2016);
- Kyrgyzstan (13.10.2016); Armenia (declaration) (16.12.2016).

Agreements with Europol, Czech Republic, Sweden and Lithuania (a memorandum) are ready to be signed.

Negotiations with the aim of entering into agreements are under way with Belgium, Greece, Albania, Kazakhstan Saudi Arabia, Philippines, United Arab Emirates (a memorandum), and Italy (memorandum of cooperation with the Carabinieri Service).

The Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs has initiated agreements with Indonesia, Ireland, Island, Cyprus, Libya, Luxemburg, Morocco, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Croatia, Honduras, India, China, Columbia (a memorandum), Qatar (a memorandum) and Hungary (a joint declaration).

With a view to expanding the network of attachés, police attachés were sent to Sweden and Italy in 2016.

The Ministry of Justice as a leading agency for the Interagency Coordination Council on the Implementation of Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings is actively involved in deepening partnership with various states in respect of issues of trafficking in human beings.

Ministry of Justice representatives participated in the following intergovernmental meetings:

- On 9 February 2016, the Georgian Deputy Minister of Justice hosted a Turkish delegation in the format of intergovernmental meetings. The subject of the meetings was the sharing of experience and improving partnership in the area of trafficking in human beings. Special attention was paid to the protection of victims and deepening cooperation between Georgia and Turkey in fighting against organized crime, including trafficking in human beings.
- In April 2016, the Georgian Minister of Justice held a meeting with Bernard Cazeneuve, French Minister of Internal Affairs, in Paris. At the meeting, the parties discussed issues of fighting against organized crime, including trafficking, and migration management. The two Ministers discussed the importance of strengthening joint efforts to fight against crime and improving cooperation between the respective agencies;
- In June 2016, the Georgian Minister of Justice visited the National Human Rights Secretariat in Buenos Aires where she met with José Brian Schapira, Deputy Secretary on Human Rights and Matias Garrido, Director-General on the Policy against Institutional Violence. Along with other issues, the Georgian Minister talked to the National Secretary about the functioning of anti-trafficking coordination council. The parties discussed future cooperation between the two countries;
- On 26-28 October, within the project on “Developing cooperation between Georgian and Latvian institutes”, the Georgian Ministry of Justice hosted a Latvian delegation. The Georgian side informed the Latvian colleagues about legal changes and child referral procedures that have been recently adopted for the protection of homeless children and child victims of violence in Georgia. Emphasis was made also on the Code of Juvenile Justice, importance of the Code and new rules introduced by the Code in the system of justice;
- On 26-28 October 2016, within the Eastern Partnership Police Cooperation Programme, representatives from the Georgian Ministry of Justice, Chief Prosecutor’s Office and the Ministry of Internal Affairs went on a working visit on the issues of trafficking in human beings to Stockholm, Sweden. The purpose of the two-day visit was to learn about Swedish experience in fighting against trafficking and to facilitate the establishment of partnership between the relevant representatives of the two countries;

- On 22 November 2016, within the project entitled “Bilateral meeting between Georgia and Armenia on the management of readmission, illegal migration and combating trafficking in human beings”, the Georgian Ministry of Justice representatives met with the Armenian delegation. The meeting was aimed at sharing its experience by Georgia in fighting trafficking in human beings.
- On 29-30 November 2016, a representative of the Georgian Ministry of Justice attended an event entitled “Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings in Supply Chains through Government Practices and Measures” organized by the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in London, United Kingdom.

The Georgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has also been engaged in the domestic procedures and negotiations for the purpose of concluding international legal agreements in the field of trafficking in human beings:

- *Agreement between the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Kyrgyz Ministry of Internal Affairs on Mutual Cooperation in the Area of Fighting Crime* has been initiated by the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs on 1 July 2015. The Agreement was signed on 13 October 2016 and entered into force on the day of signature;
- *Agreement between the Georgian Government and the Government of the Republic of Albania on Mutual Cooperation in the Area of Fighting against Crime* is ready for signature;
- *Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Government of Georgia on Cooperation in the Area of Fighting against Crime* has gone through domestic procedures after the Saudi Arabian side made corrections in the text;
- *Agreement between the Georgian Government and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on Cooperation in the Area of Fighting against Crime* was signed on 23 April 2015. The Georgian side completed domestic procedures necessary for the entry of the Agreement into force and notified Belarus thereon on 4 June 2014. The Agreement has been in force since 1 February 2016;
- *Agreement between Georgia and the Kingdom of Spain on Cooperation in the Area of Fighting Crime* was signed on 21 January 2015. The Georgian side informed the Spanish side about completion of domestic procedures required for the entry into force of the Agreement on 9 March 2015. The Agreement has been in legal force since 21 October 2015;
- *Agreement between the Government of Georgia and the Government of the Republic of Slovakia on Cooperation in the Area of Fighting against Crime* was signed on 12 November 2015. The Agreement has been in force since 3 February 2016.

On 1 January 2015, the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse entered into force for Georgia.

In 2016, the Georgian Ministry of Justice started negotiations with the Argentinian side for the conclusion of a memorandum of cooperation concerning, *inter alia*, enhanced cooperation in the field of fighting against trafficking in human beings.

5.3.2 Enhancing partnership envisaged by international agreements on mutual legal assistance and conduct joint investigations, where necessary

Primary responsible agencies: 1. Chief Prosecutor's Office; 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs

Secondary responsible agency: The Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)

Through the Cooperation Center to Fight against International Crimes under Central Criminal Police Department, in accordance with the Cooperation in the Field of International Law Enforcement Act and a treaty with the Republic of Turkey, the Unit to Fight against Trafficking and Illegal Migration forwarded 3 letters of request for assistance to Turkish law enforcement bodies (2 on sexual exploitation and 1 on labor exploitation) and 1 request to Moldova (on sexual exploitation) in 2015. In 2016, three requests were sent to Turkey (concerning labor exploitation).

Apart from that, a close cooperation has been established with partner States in the field of mutual legal assistance in criminal law matters.

In 2015, the Chief Prosecutor's Office received 6 requests for legal assistance from Turkey (completed), 1 request from Uzbekistan (completed) and 1 request from Azerbaijan (completed).

No requests concerning trafficking cases were sent out by Georgia in 2015.

In 2016, 8 requests for legal assistance (1 pending, 7 completed) were received from Turkey and 1 request was sent from Georgia to Turkey (pending).

As for extradition requests, in 2015, the Chief Prosecutor's Office received 1 request for extradition from Moldova (granted). No requests for extradition have been sent out by Georgia to other countries.

In 2016, no requests for assistance in trafficking cases were received or sent.

<i>Statistical Data on Victims and Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings</i>		2015	2016
Status	Victim	8	1
	Statutory Victim	8	2
Sex	Male	5	0
	Female	11	3
Age	< 18	2	-
	18 – 25	2	2
	26 - 35	6	1
	36 - 45	3	-
	46 - 60	3	-
	> 60	-	-
Nationality	Georgian	11	0
	Foreigner	5 (Uzbeks)	3 (Uzbeks)
Form of Exploitation	Sexual	5	3
	Labor	9	-
	Buying/Selling	2	-
Destination of Trafficking in Human Beings	Georgia	9	3
	Abroad	7 (Turkey and Iraq)	-
Services provided by the State Fund	Shelter	4	4 (1 entered the shelter in 2015 and left in

			2016)
	Compensation	18	1
	Legal Aid	13	3
	Psychological Aid	4	-
	Medical services	1	-

2015	Article 143 ¹ of the CCG ² (Trafficking in Adults)			Article 143 ² of the CCG (Trafficking in minors)			Article 143 ³ of the CCG (Using of the services of the victim/statutory victims of trafficking in human beings)			In Tot al
	Sexual Exploi tation	Labor Explo itatio n	Buyi ng/Se lling of a perso n	Sexua l Explo itatio n	Labor Explo itatio n	Buyin g/Selli ng of a perso n	Sex ual Exp loit atio n	Labor Exploi tation	Buyi ng/Se lling of a perso n	
Investigation	10	6	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	18
Prosecution	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	5
Cases sent to the Court	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Conviction	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Statutory Victim	5	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	8
Victim	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Convicted Persons	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3

² Criminal Code of Georgia

2016	Article 143 ¹ of the CCG (Trafficking in Adults)			Article 143 ² of the CCG (Trafficking in minors)			Article 143 ³ of the CCG (Using of the services of the victim/statutory victims of trafficking in human beings)			In ToTal
	Sexual Exploit ation	Labor Exploit ation	Buying /Selling of a person	Sexual Exploit ation	Labor Exploit ation	Buying/ Selling of a person	Sexu al Expl oitat ion	Labor Explo itatio n	Buyi ng/S ellin g of a pers on	
Investigation	16 ³	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	20
Prosecution	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cases sent to the Court	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conviction	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Statutory Victim	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Victim	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Convicted person	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

³ 1 case is about both sexual and labor exploitation