Trafficking in Human Beings and Prostitution in Sweden

The National Coordinators Office at the County Administrative Board of Stockholm

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Decentralised administrative structure

- 21 Counties (21 County Administrative Boards)
- 290 municipalities
- Broad administrative independence
- 7 Police Districts since January 2015
National Coordination against Trafficking

- National Coordinators Office at the County Administrative Board of Stockholm
- Appointed National Coordinator since 2009, as a part of the previous Action Plan against Trafficking.
- Mandated to work against all forms of Trafficking in Human Beings since 2013
- National Coordination, Rehabilitation program, Return project
- Transnational Referral Mechanism
Structure

The National Coordinators Office

National Task Force against THB (NMT)

2. The County Administrative Working group (LAMP)

County Coordinators against Trafficking (Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmö)

Other networks, expert groups and cooperation
National Task Force against THB (NMT)

- Multidisciplinary Holistic approach
- Direct support in operational cases via phone, email, personal participation
- Refer operational inquiries to the appropriate authority
- Participation in trainings where the team gives operational hands-on input (local, national and international level)
- Serve as a national reference group in developing methods and training material
The County Administrative Working group (LAMP)

- A link between the national and local level
- Strengthen cooperation
- Increase knowledge in Municipalities
- Support police and social services locally
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County Coordinators

- Successful concept
- Direct support in cases of THB
- Holistic approach
- Three County Coordinators presently.
Best practice – Countering Forced Labour

- Berry picking – Forced Labour
- Exchange of Information crucial
- Utilizing our Networks and Task Forces
- Using both local and international cooperation
Trafficking in Sweden

- Imprisonment up to 10 years
- Procuring – imprisonment up to 4 years
- Forms: Sexual exploitation, Labour exploitation (mainly in the berry picking sector), Forced begging, Petty crimes
Victims

- Mainly women in sexual exploitation, majority male in labour exploitation
- The majority of the victims are of Romanian and Nigerian origin
- EU-citizens mainly
The Swedish model - prohibiting purchase of sexual services

- Introduced in 1999
- Criminalising the buyer – not the prostitute
- Mens violence against women
- Decrease demand
- Prison up to one year or a fine
Report: The extent of Prostitution in Sweden 2014

- The majority of persons selling sexual services were women
- All the buyers are men
- 75% of the sellers are foreign (majority from Romania, Nigeria)
- In "heterosexual" prostitution – the age of the buyer and seller varies.
- In LGBT-prostitution (men selling to men) the buyer is usually older and the seller younger.
Is the legislation working?

- 0.8% of the male population purchased sexual services in 2014 (half of these purchased abroad).
- Street prostitution cut in half since 1999
- Prostitution mainly on the Internet
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