Project Description

Development of a Transnational Referral Mechanism for Sweden (SE-TRM)

Targeted support to County Administrative Board of Stockholm (CABS)

Duration
May – December 2014 (8 months)

Location
Sweden

Implementing Agency
ICMPD (International Centre for Migration Policy Development) in cooperation with County Administrative Board of Stockholm (CABS), Prosecution Authority, Swedish Migration Board, police authorities, social services, IOM Helsinki, NGOs among others.

Donor
County Administrative Board of Stockholm (CABS)

Background and Justification
The County Administrative Board of Stockholm (CABS) in Sweden, as National Coordinator against trafficking, has come a long way in improving the operational coordination between relevant stakeholders in order to address the needs related to the support of trafficked persons and the work of the actors and municipalities responsible to deal with trafficking in human beings (THB) cases. However, in order to fully comply with the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Human Trafficking (2012-2016), CABS has identified the need to strengthen the case-related coordination into a more structured multi-agency framework. Namely, the Strategy reflects a comprehensive and coordinated approach and insists on the need to increase cooperation with countries of origin, transit and destination on preventing and fighting trafficking in human beings. A Transnational Referral Mechanism (TRM) refers to the mechanisms and associated procedures designed for the comprehensive assistance and transnational support of trafficked persons. The TRM encompasses five standard operating procedures (SOPs) which reflect the main phases of the transnational referral process and integrates the process of referral, from initial identification through return and assistance between countries of transit, destination and origin. It involves and presupposes cooperation between a variety of government institutions and non-governmental actors. The development of a TRM would therefore strengthen the capacity of CABS to develop its active anti-trafficking work at the national, regional and municipal level. The TRM would naturally complement the processes CABS has embarked in Sweden during the past years, in particular in the work that has been done within the National Task Force Against Prostitution and Trafficking (NMT) and the on-going joint-cooperation with IOM Helsinki with regards to support in return and reintegration of trafficked persons.

Objectives
Overall objective: to strengthen the links and cooperation between anti-trafficking stakeholders in Sweden by way of developing a transnational referral mechanism model to
facilitate and provide necessary support to victims of human trafficking as well as to put in practice the existing legislative and administrative procedures.

**Specific objectives:**

- To **map out the capacity of relevant actors** to identify, refer and assist trafficked persons in order to detect needs and gaps in current Swedish practices;
- To **develop the first draft of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** for establishing a Swedish TRM according to a victim-centred and multi-agency approach.

**Activities**

**I. Mapping** (May-July 2014)
- Desk review of current anti-trafficking response in Sweden;
- Development and dissemination of questionnaires for collecting information;
- Multi-agency roundtable in Stockholm;
- Finalisation of mapping based on the roundtable discussion and bilateral meetings.

**II. Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** (July-December 2014)
- Drafting a first version of the SOPs, including checklists and templates for data collection and information management;
- Sharing the first draft of the SOPs with relevant counterparts;
- Mission to Stockholm for additional interviews with relevant institutions;
- Finalisation of first draft of SOPs to be shared with CABS.

**Expected Results**

- Stakeholder mapping completed;
- Roundtable to validate the methodology for the SE-TRM held;
- First version of SOPs drafted;
- Mission to Stockholm to finalise first draft carried out;
- First version of the SE-TRM SOPs shared with CABS.

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