

PROJECT SUMMARY UKRAINE: “Hey, girl, take care of yourself”

1.1 Key problem(s)

- high prevalence of HIV/AIDS/STI in Ukraine,
- high and complex level of trafficking mechanisms
- sex workers as a group of high risk for social exclusion and exploitation by third parties
- high level of vulnerability of sex workers
- lack of social and legal protection of sex workers
- sex workers have little access to adequate services: the NGOs that run prevention and protection projects have no or very limited resources and there is lack of coordinated national policy plan

1.2 Overall objective(s)

Its overall purpose is to develop a model of good practice (as an example of project) for the planning and implementation of coordinated and comprehensive Oblast wide services for sex workers. It will aim to help ensure that these services and programmes are based on examples of effective practice that equip NGOs and their target with knowledge, and skills as well provide the health and social services with means to implement health and social promotion programmes based on human right perspective

1.3 Project goal

- To develop and implement an effective and realistic model of health and social promotion strategy for sex workers based on human rights approach.
- To reduce the risk of health and well being among female sex workers in the region of Lviv
- To empower country capacities for carrying out multidisciplinary programmes aimed at comprehensive approach towards the phenomenon of prostitution and trafficking
- To sensibilise policy makers, law enforcement authorities, service providers and NGOs towards the European experience and approach on prostitution and trafficking by means of national training and cooperation model between private and public sector

1.4 Project results

1. Creation of a model of an interdisciplinary prevention project based on the principle of outreach work and health and social promotion for sex workers in Ukraine.
2. Increasing the capacity of NGOs for carrying out intervention activities in the field of prostitution and trafficking.
3. Decreasing health and social risks among the sex workers.
4. Developing a programme approach that builds on existing initiatives and benefits from examples of good practice within the region and the country as a whole

1.5 Main activities

5. Sensibilisation of law enforcement functionaries and service providers towards the protection of human and civil rights of sex workers and trafficked women
 - 1.1 Developing of the local structure of the project and consultation with local service providers
 - 1.2 Training of the staff of the project, volunteers, and other professionals who are directly involved in the project
 - 1.3 Establishing of a drop-in centre, mobile unit, organisation and carrying out of multidisciplinary services
- 2.1 National training for twenty NGOs in the country who work with sex workers
- 2.2 Providing guidelines on best practices on intervention in prostitution
- 2.3 Carrying out two seminars on issues of cooperation between GOs and NGOs
- 3.1 Running the medical and STI/HIV diagnostical services and gynaecological and general health care in the drop-in service.
- 3.2 Carrying out outreach work activities in the region of Lviv and cross border area with the help of the mobile unit
- 3.3 Running of the drop-in centre with multifaceted activities for empowerment of sex workers
- 4.1 Creation and running of regional and national platforms of various service providers (social and medical services of local administration and governmental institutions) for consultation and exchange
- 5.1 Training for law enforcement functionaries and policy makers in the issues of establishing of human rights protection guidelines in prostitution and in combating trafficking