

# Ministry of Ukraine for Family, Youth and Sports

System of cooperation among central executive authorities in countering trafficking in persons in Ukraine:

1. **Ministry of Ukraine for Family, Youth and Sports** - coordinates the work of central and local authorities
2. **State Social Service for Family, Children and Youth** – provides social services to families where one or more members have gone to work abroad (among others)
3. **Ministry of Interior, Security Service, State Border Guards Service** – responsible for identification, uncovering, investigation of crimes related to trafficking in persons
4. **Ministry of Labour and Social Policy** – organizes professional training, re-qualification and employment for victims of trafficking
5. **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** – conducts prevention work, assists victims in returning home
6. **Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting** – conduct information and education activities, highlight relevant issues in the media

## Key Areas of Work

- **Priority areas** of state policy in the sphere of countering trafficking in persons:
  - prevention of trafficking and fighting this phenomenon;
  - protection of and provision of assistance to victims of trafficking;
  - international cooperation in the sphere of combating trafficking in persons

## Main Achievements

- 2007 – **State Program** against Human Trafficking till 2010 adopted
- 2007 – **Interministerial Council** for Family, Gender Equality, Demographic Development and Countering Human Trafficking was created to coordinate the efforts of state executive authorities
- **Effective cooperation** with different state stakeholders
- **Broad involvement** of international organizations (IOM, OSCE PCU, ILO, La Strada) and NGOs into implementation of the State Program

## Main Achievements

- Active work with risk groups: boarding school students, high school graduates, university students, unemployed persons, women victims of violence
- Hotlines are effective in provision of information services; they are mostly funded by international donors, but there is experience of supporting them from local budgets
- **Draft Law On Countering Trafficking in Persons** introduces:
  - status of Government Commissioner for Combating Human Trafficking;
  - fund for assistance to victims of trafficking;
  - National Referral Mechanism;
  - special provisions on trafficking in children

## Challenges

- **No legal framework** for ensuring physical, psychological, and social rehabilitation of victims of trafficking
- **Insufficient funding** allocated to trafficking prevention activities:  
2007 – State Budget allocated 207 thousand UAH (~\$40,000)  
2008 – State Budget allocated 280 thousand UAH (~\$56,000)  
plan for 2009 – 165 thousand UAH (~\$20,000)
- Same situation with local budgets allocations (there are regions that did not allocate any funding in 2007-2009)
- **No status of a victim of trafficking** established by the law
- Lack of unified and objective **statistics** collected by the government