REPORT

PROJECT PRO HEALTH – IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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This report presents the results obtained in the period November 2015 – April 2016

• MEDICAL COUNSELLING AND ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

During project's implementation a total number of 33 victims of human trafficking benefited from medical counselling and assistance. In the period November 2015 – April 2016, 21 victims benefited from the mentioned services (from which 3 minor victims with ages between 13 – 17 years). The main form of trafficking was sexual exploitation followed by labour exploitation. The medical counselling was provided by the health mediators of the coordinator and partners NGOs and the medical assistance with the support of the mecical units partners in the project. The main

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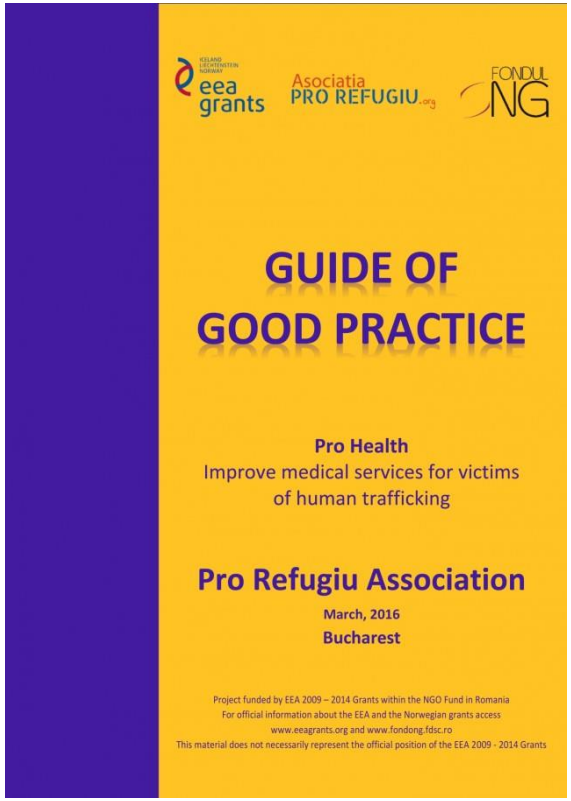
medical problems encountered consisted in psychiatric, gynecological, cardiological, dermatological affections. The victims benefited from support also in buying the medical treatments prescribed by the doctors in accordance with each health problem.

- **GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE**



Trafficking in persons is a major health problem worldwide, one that health care providers cannot ignore. Although it is unlikely that victims have access to adequate and timely assistance, some victims will be assisted for diseases related to sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy and/or abortion. Healthcare providers should be trained to identify, treat, and assist victims of human trafficking as part of their usual clinical practice.

Healthcare providers are often the only professionals who have the opportunity to interact with people who are still in the situation of exploitation/trafficking. The methods of assessment and the interviewing skills are useful in identifying the victims of trafficking in persons promptly and efficiently. The purpose of this guide of good practice is to provide clinicians information on trafficking in persons and the specific tools they can use in assisting victims in the clinical environment.

The guide contains information about: what is human trafficking, the consequences of exploitation upon the mental and physical health of the victim, guiding principles in providing medical assistance, prevention of mental exhaustion for health professionals.

• FINAL CONFERENCE

Event organised in April 2016 in Bucharest with 47 representatives from Romanian and Norwegian institutions and organizations with active role in fight against human trafficking, prevention and victims' assistance. The event benefited also from the participantion of the Norwegian Embassy in Romania. The results of the project were presented and also interactive disucssions took place on issues linked to improve the assistance services, necessity to continue the collaboration between institutions and non-governmental organizations in identification – referral – medical assistance for victims.

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