

IDENTIFICATION OF THB VICTIMS

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IDENTIFY POTENTIAL VICTIMS AND EXPLAIN WHY

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Country: Eritrea
Place of origin: Keren (Anseba region)
Ethnic group: Tigriynia
Age: 22
Documents: none
Situation:
 Travels with a small group.
 Seems to know the other members of the group.
 Carries a bag and some personal items
 Wants to go to Sweden, to Malmo, where she has a sister.
 She can explain the route (Eritreia-Sudan-Libya)

Behaviour: Seems afraid to talk to authorities. But talks freely with her group
 She is able to explain parts of the trip and the arrangements made

Country: Ghana
Place of origin: Aflao (Volta region)
Ethnic group: Ewe
Age: claims to be 18 (looks younger)
Documents: none
Situation:
 Travels with a man that she says it's her father. Shows no familiarity with him and no physical resemblance.
 Doesn't carry personal items.
 Doesn't know where she is going (country or city), but say she will be joining family.
 Cannot give information about the route and travel.
Behaviour: Show signs of distress. She is shy and avoids eye contact. Looks to the "father" when you ask her questions, looking for answers. Seems afraid to answer.

Country: Nigeria
Place of origin: Benin City (Edo State)
Age: claims to be 20
Documents: none
Situation:
 Acts like she is travelling alone, but it is visible that she travels with a group of 4 women (3 younger and one older, around 40y).
 She gives contradictory information about the journey and personal situation.
 As few personal items, that include small notes with Bible verses.
 As some dissimulated signs of physical abuse
Behaviour: Shows an aggressive attitude when asked questions. When asked questions looks to the older women.

HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

Keep in mind:



- Victims of trafficking include men, women and children



- Victims of THB are victims of a crime - not criminals

HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

Keep in mind:



- Identification is fundamental to assist and protect the rights of victims
- THB is a human rights violation - victims might need special protection
- In many cases the victims may not identify themselves as victims of THB and/or ask for help

HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

THB Indicators:

- An **indicator** is a signal that should attract the attention of the officer.
- It is a clue
- They are not evidence
- There are general basic indicators and specific indicators

Rule 0+0+0+0+0=1

HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

General basis indicators:

- Age
- Gender
- Location of Origin
- Documents
- Last location
- Transport
- Signs of abuse or mistreatment/self-harm
- Behaviour

Indications may vary:

- Type of exploitation
- In time
- In place (may even be local)

HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

Most common types of THB are those for:



Sexual exploitation



Labour exploitation



With means of **control** used by traffickers

Child victim of THB

HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

By identifying a potential victim of trafficking, you can contribute to:

- Help **prevent** criminal acts and continuation of exploitation
- Contribute to the **protection** of (potential) victims
- Facilitate and start procedures for the **prosecution** of traffickers

The identification is crucial to allow victims to receive:

- Assistance
- Protection (including international protection)

HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

What kind of assistance should be provided (before, during and after):

- Information and communication
- Medical, psychological and emotional
- Direct support

HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

Information and communication to VOT

Use of trustworthy and impartial
Interpreter

Keep in mind that the victim
might suffer from TRAUMA

Obtain informed consent for
examinations (medical or physical)

HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

Information and communication to VOT

Legal
Social security mechanisms

Always inform what is happening
and why

Always inform who you are what
is your role
And the role of others

HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

Information and communication to VOT

Confirm that she/he understood what was told

Never
make
promises
that you
can't keep

Provide any available
informative leaflet (and explain)

Protect their privacy and
confidentiality (accordingly to national law)

HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

Victim risk assessment



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION!

ANY QUESTIONS?

