

ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	Combating Trafficking of Women in Moldova
REGION/COUNTRY	EUROPE/MOLDOVA
PROJECT DURATION	September 2004 - September 2008
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2004: \$1,250,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	It has been estimated that over 1 million Moldovans (or 1/4 of the population) are working abroad, many illegally, in order to support themselves and their families. Over 1,000 have returned to Moldova as self-identified victims of sex trafficking. Unfortunately, without reintegration and assistance services, victims are highly likely to be re-victimized. Young women from rural areas and of low-income levels are also considered at-risk of being trafficked due to a lack of sufficient job opportunities for them in Moldova.
TARGET POPULATION	Female victims of trafficking and young (16-25 years old), rural women at high-risk of being trafficked, especially 16-18 year olds.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	To help reduce the risk of trafficking for Moldovan women in rural areas by contributing to young Moldovan women's attainment of sustainable livelihoods: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Access to the labor market is increased for young Moldovan women2. Young Moldovan women's capability to live independently is improved.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	Local NGO, public and private partners offered employment-related services to individual victims and at-risk women, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Career preparation and counseling (or referrals to such services)• Market-driven vocational skills training• Job placement assistance, apprenticeships, or internships• Awareness-raising – Information about the hazards of trafficking, how to seek work safely abroad, and how to get help securing legitimate work and social support in the rural areas.• Youth networks – Strengthened to provide economic empowerment, life skills training, and peer group support.• Capacity-building training/assistance for partners: administrative, financial, programmatic, team-building, outreach and coordination
GRANTEE	Catholic Relief Services
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	Youth Employment Center "STAR", Pro Business North, Independent Society for Education and Human Rights (SIEDO), Center for Analysis and Research in Sociology, Politics, and Psychology (CIVIS), Center for Economic and Social Programs (CESP), Center Partnership for Development, National Employment Agency
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