





## New Beginnings – Empowering Against Trafficking

FSWS in partnership with IOM





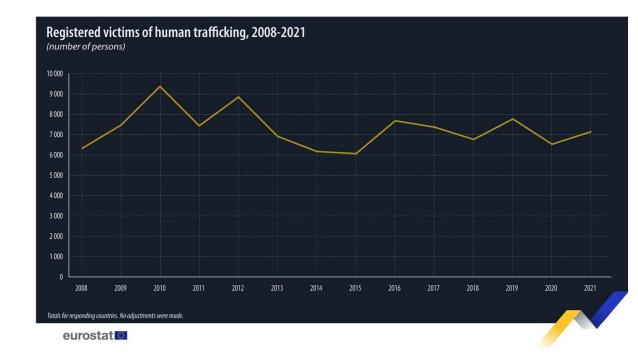
## **The Human Trafficking Service**

The main aims and objectives of the Human Trafficking Service are the following:

- To identify potential trafficked human beings (THB) through social work assessments and interventions.
- To offer professional social work services to trafficked human beings (THB) through providing the necessary support and formulating action plans including offering a safe accommodation to trafficked human beings (THB).
- To help with the integration of service users by referring to the appropriate service and resources according to the needs.
- To build a network with other stakeholders such as the Malta Police Force and other specialised services within FSWS entities and in the community.
- To work jointly with other professionals, if and when necessary, in order to follow the agreed action plan accordingly, in the best interest of the service users.
- To work on the prevention of human trafficking by raising awareness amongst the general population and groups at more risk of trafficking.
- To assist in early detection of human trafficking by carrying out information sessions with front liners and carrying out outreach work.

## The Rationale for the project

- Human Trafficking is a serious breach of the human right with high number of trafficking victims and many others that remain invisible to the authorities.
- The project proposal aims to enhance Malta's capacity to support and prevent victims of trafficking by implementing strategies that emphasize PREVENTION, PROTECTION and INTEGRATION.



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## **Statistics gathered by FSWS**

## Intake & Family Support Service – Human Trafficking Service (IFSS-HT) Case activity

Service started reporting data in 2018. The service started using an online data collection system in 2020.



Figure 43: The figure above provides the number of cases worked with and the number of individuals worked with. To demonstrate the difference, consider Person A, who started and stopped attending a service twice in the same year, making it equivalent to 2 cases, but 1 individual worked with. In Jan-Jun 2024, 23 cases and 23 individuals were worked with compared to 26 and 26 respectively in 2023.

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## **Pillars**

#### 1. Prevention

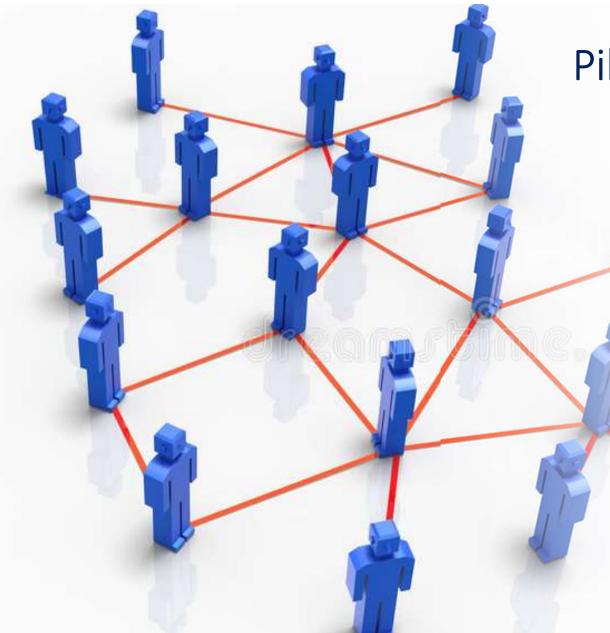
Awareness helps to educate the public about the realities of human trafficking, recognize signs of exploitation and seek support

#### 2. Accommodation

Safe and stable accommodation for victims of trafficking to start their healing journey

#### 3. Direct Intervention

Tailored interventions plans that are victim centred and trauma informed



# Pillars – Cont'd

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## 4. Integration

Help survivors to feel part of the community, regain their independence and avoid revictimization

### 5. Networking

Ensure coordination between relevant stakeholders including government agencies, civil societies and law enforcement

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## **Our goals**

### Increased awareness and knowledge

To ensure victims are aware of their rights but also for the community at large to be more vigilante against trafficking and be more culturally sensitive. The Project aims to increase community awareness and resilience

**Direct Support Services Provided** with the aim of building their self-worth , their well-being and increase their self sufficiency.

### **Socio- Economic Integration**

Focus will be put on improved job readiness skills by equipping the target group with the necessary skills knowledge and positive attitude towards education and employment.

### Collaboration

A collaborative approach ensure that the service delivered is holistic and can tackle the diverse issues presented by service users ensuring a more victim-centred approach. Such collaboration ensures a stronger support networks and ultimately long-term social impact



## Some of the activities planned



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## **Output Indicators**

- Total envisaged project cost of € 1,098,977.74
- 50 service users to receive professional help and guidance
- 16 service users to be provided safe accommodation
- 150 participants reach through outreach sessions with vulnerable groups
- 200 participants reached through awareness session and training with professionals and frontliners.
- 250 persons reached through information days
- 12 network meeting held





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