



THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

A presumed victim of Trafficking in Human Beings is encountered

National Point of Contact / Initial Referral

Formal identification of a victim

Available assistance

Voluntary return

Type of assistance and contact details

Organisations most likely to be the first ones to identify an alleged/presumed victim

- Police units
- NGOs
- Migration Authority

Police units, phone: 112 NGO Hotlines

There is no formal mechanism for the identification of trafficked persons, although the Ministry of Internal Affairs has elaborated written instruction for its operative agents to facilitate identification of trafficked persons. The identification and referral of victims between NGOs and law-enforcement is currently done on an ad-hoc basis.

A term "victim" is not used by the Russian authorities in the context of human trafficking, nor it is defined in the legislation. Reference is only made to the "injured party" according to the Criminal Code, which applies to victims of all crimes and refers to a person in criminal proceedings.

NGOs providing assistance to migrants – victims of trafficking with or without regular status – cooperate with the IOM in organising their safe return and facilitate their identification.

The Federal Law No.442, on Basis of Social Servicing of Citizens of the Russian Federation, envisages three types of social assistance to all persons in need of social support, including foreign citizens and persons without citizenship who are permanently living on the territory of the Russian Federation and refugees. Additionally, the Directive of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection envisages free social assistance. However, the directive does not explicitly mention victims of human trafficking as beneficiaries of the programme.

Shelter services for victims of human trafficking have been provided by some non-governmental organizations. NGOs also operate hotlines and provide online and offline consultations to victims of human trafficking. According to the IOM, formal and informal relationships exist between law enforcement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Moscow and St. Petersburg officials, NGOs, and the Russian Orthodox Church for better protection of victims of trafficking. To date, this is the only mechanism of victim protection and referral currently in place in Russia, albeit unofficial. In addition, there are reportedly about twenty-five crisis centres for women in major cities and in regions of the country. These centres provide general assistance to women and children in "difficult life situations".

The Federal Legislation on Victim-Witness Protection envisages a protection fund for registered victims and witnesses of crime¹. *It does not specify victims of trafficking who usually need special protection and assistance*

¹ Information on the number of victims who have benefited from the fund is not available to the public





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Victims of THB are assisted by NGOs facilitating their safe return to the countries of origin. This assistance starts with the restoration of documents in case the latter were illegally taken away by their employers or helping them to contact consulate divisions of relevant embassies to acquire a certificate for return (travel documents that are needed in case there is no opportunity to obtain a passport). Quite often victims do not have resources to buy tickets back home, and NGOs arrange some financial assistance either through the IOM offices, or partner organizations in the countries of origin, or collecting donations. Partner organizations usually take the responsibility to ensure victims' safety upon return and rehabilitation process.

Limited assistance to victims of human trafficking is provided by NGOs on an ad hoc basis and are fully project' funded or funded by private donations.

Type of assistance	Institution/organization	Contact details
Legal and social assistance to victims	Russian Red Cross St. Petersburg Branch	Phone: (+7) 812 717 35 31 / (+7) 800 333 0016 E-mail: rcc@spbredcross.org Website: www.spbredcross.org
Psychological assistance, provision of emergency kit (cloths, food, hygiene products), referral to state agencies for restoration of identity documents and access to legal assistance. Prevention through awareness raising and distribution of information, Workshops, roundtables, master-classes, co-operation with the Media.	Russian Red Cross Astrakhan Branch	Phone: (+7) 903 347 8795 E-mail: kinaranna@gmail.com Website: https://www.redcross.ru/offices/ astrahanskoe-oblastnoe-otdele- nie-rkk
Assisted Voluntary Return	IOM Moscow office	Phone: (+7) 495 797 87 22 E-mail: iommoscow@iom.int Website: http://moscow.iom.int/
Shelter for victims of THB, psychological and legal assistance, referral to state agencies, preventative work, research	Karelia Centre of Gender Studies	Phone: (+7) 921 726 4585 E-mail: larakira@onego.ru Website: http://www.owl.ru/win/ women/aiwo/karelia.htm





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Moscow-based NGO providing the whole list of assistance and protection (hotline, assistance in rescuing trafficked persons from exploitative situations, temporary safe accommodation, legal assistance, referral to medical assistance if necessary, co-operation with the IOM in Moscow and in countries of origin of trafficked persons, co-operation with partner NGOs in countries of origin to ensure safe return and rehabilitation), assistance in job placement and rehabilitation for Russian nationals	"Alternative"	Phone: (+7) 800 550 7140 E-mail: rabstvo2013@yandex.ru Website: https://alterativne.help/
Art-therapy for vulnerable groups and former victims, preventative programs, psychological assis- tance, awareness raising work- shops, empowering programs	Charity Foundation Safe House	Phone: (+7) 985 239-79-89 E-mail: jewelgirls@yandex.ru Website: http://jewelgirls.ru
Projects in the area of social welfare of population, awareness raising, research, training, eradication of sexual exploitation of children. Outreach work with vulnerable groups	NGO "Stellit"	Phone: (+7) 931 224 0306 E-mail: vladlena.avdeeva@gmail.com Website: http://ngostellit.ru/
Information campaigns against forced prostitution, victims' referral , preventative campaigns against THB, especially prior to the World Cup, co-operation with Consortium of women's organizations	Saint-Petersburg NGO "INGO. Crisis Centre for Women" (Institute of Non-Discriminatory Gender Relations)	Phone: (+7) 961 201 1011 E-mail: konakov878@gmail.com Website: https://crisiscenter.ru/
Development of a referral mechanism for victims of trafficking (in co-operation with the OSCE), countering sexual exploitation of children, outreach work with vulnerable children and orphans	Saint-Petersburg Charity Foundation "Galaktika"	Phone: (+7) 921 094 1416 E-mail: mslyusareva@gmail.com Website: http://www.galaxyfond.com/





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Assistance to victims of sexual exploitation and women in forced prostitution, anti-trafficking programs, hotline	Moscow based "Nevoli. Net"	Phone: (+7) 916 868 7957 E-mail: ninakoptseva@yahoo.com Website: http://nevoli.net/ Hotline +7 800 707 1417
Assistance to labour migrants from Central Asia, financial assistance to migrants in difficult situation, assistance to children in difficult situation	Penza, NGO "Blago Darju"	Phone: (+7) 927 287 5881, E-mail: svorsin@gmail.com Website: https://proo-blagodaru.ru/
Identification of THB victims and referral to relevant organisations, psychological, legal and humanitarian assistance, temporary safe accommodation in the shelter for women and children, pregnant women, women who are in rehabilitation from forced prostitution, women who got pregnant without being married, or single mothers to prevent their relatives' pressure and intentions to sell the child to third persons "to avoid shame"	Dagestan "Centre to protect motherhood and childhood "Warm House on the Mountain"	Phone: (+7) 988 647 7302, E-mail: tdng05@yandex.ru Website: https://hh.ru/employer/3756222
Research, training on countering THB, collaboration with Red Cross, preventative programs, workshops	Migration Research Center	Phone: (+7) 495 124-2561 E-mail: migrocenter@yandex.ru Website: www.migrocenter.ru
Countering domestic and sexual violence, violence against children, online violence, training, research, legal assistance, hotline	Independent Charity Center of Assistance to the Victims of Sexual Violence	Phone: +7 499 901 0201 E-mail: online@sister-help.ru Website: www.sisters-help.ru
Women's shelter, complex assistance to women and children, including legal assistance, psychological and material help	Irkutsk, Crisis Center "Maria"	Phone: (+7) 902 763 8708, (+7) 3952 738 708 E-mail: freya.75@mail.ru Website: www.maria-centr.ru