

# ROSA - Protecting and assisting victims

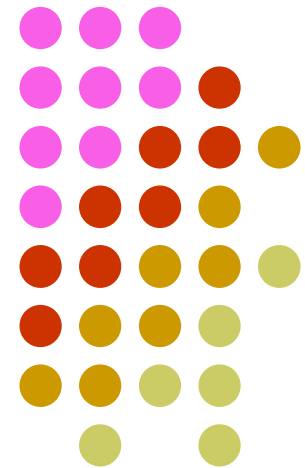
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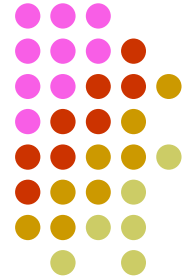
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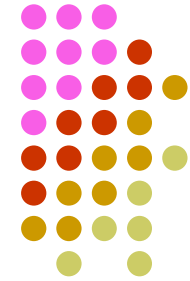


# Presentation



- Short about ROSA
- Challenges from ROSA' point of view
- Our experiences
- The need for global cooperation

# ROSA



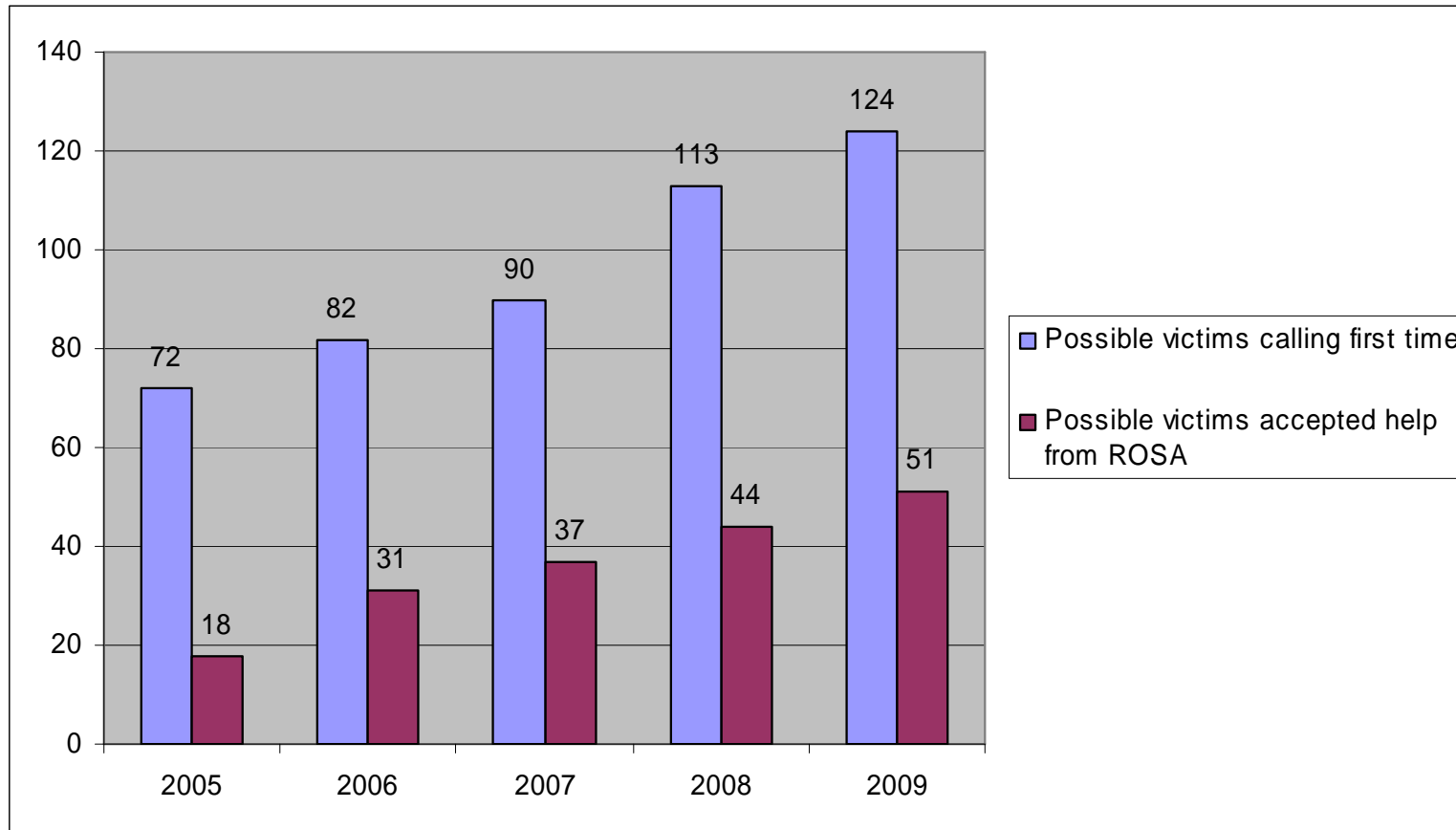
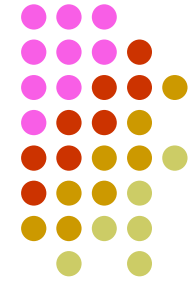
- **ROSA** – a project started up 1. January 2005.
- Measure number 10 in the governments plan of action against human trafficking 2006-2009”.
- A new plan of action will be launched in October 2010.
- **ROSA** is administrated by the Secretariat of the Shelter Movement and financed by the Ministry of Police- and Justice
- **ROSA** has two fulltime employees
- **ROSA** coordinates assistance and protection to persons over 18 years identified as possible victims of human trafficking, mainly exploited in prostitution
- 24 hour helpline: **0047 22 33 11 60**

# The Women Shelters – houses built for protection



- We have 50 shelters for violated women in Norway
- The Shelters are financed by the local municipality
- The Shelter philosophy is to empower women
- The Shelters have surveillance cameras, double doors, alarms and cooperate closely with the local police
- Shelters are open 24 hours with qualified personnel

# Some figures



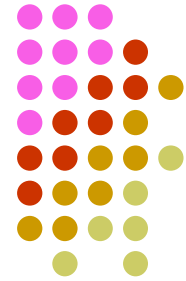
# Nationality



- We have since 2005 met 500 women from more than 42 nationalities

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Bosnia
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Philippines
- Ethiopia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Iraq
- Iran
- Israel
- Cameroon
- Kenya
- Kina
- Congo
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lithuania

- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Morocco
- Nigeria
- Palestine
- Pakistan
- Poland
- Romania
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Somalia
- Sweden
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Togo
- Germany
- Uganda
- Hungary
- Ukraine
- West Africa



# Challenges



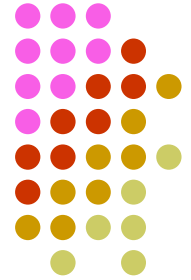
- How to achieve good enough knowledge about 42 different countries?
- Can and are you willing to, as a representative in your embassy, assist ROSA in our work assisting women from your country?
- If so, what kind of assistance can your embassy offer?



## What we would like:

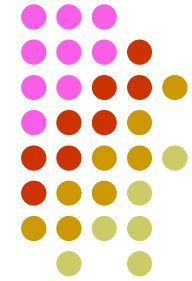
- A contact person in your embassy that is dedicated to work against human trafficking
- To have this contact persons direct phone number and e-mail address
- We want to build a good relation and open for a possibility to:
  - have an informal talk about different situations in the home country, i.e. the political-, or healthcare- situation
  - have an informal talk about local customs and traditions in the home country to better understand the women we speak with
  - have an informal talk about challenges women who are trafficked will meet in her home country
- We would like to have access to the network of helpers in the home country that the embassy are updated on

# Our experiences

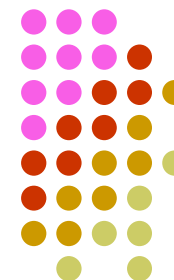


- When women return back to Italy, Spain and Greece according to the Dublin convention
- When women with limited passports seeking help in their home country (especially former Soviet union countries)
- When women which families are threatened in their home country, live in insecurity because they cannot get in touch with the family

# The need for global cooperation



- Criminals work fast and effective across borders. How can we do the same?
- Can the cooperation with the embassies help to better integrate help and assistance to victims according to the demands in the Palermo protocol and the European convention on fighting human trafficking



# Important challenges

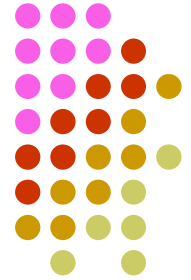
- Use the experience and knowledge to establish structures to better secure the rights of victims of trafficking according to the plan of action
- Define and clarify field of responsibility in help providing services in general
- Always bear in mind that victims of trafficking are not criminals – they have been exposed to serious violation of their human rights

# IOM voluntary return



- **What is IOM's voluntary return assistance comprised of?**
- Return information and counselling
- Assessment of reintegration needs, security concerns and fitness to travel
- Acquisition of travel documents, if necessary
- Travel arrangements
- Airport assistance and escort, if needed
  
- **What is the Reintegration component comprised of?**
- Airport reception and transport assistance to final destination in home country
- Legal consultation / representation for victims acting as witnesses in criminal cases
- Assistance in acquiring new ID documents to replace lost ones
- Temporary accommodation in rehabilitation centre
- Medical care, including general medical treatment, reproductive health, psychiatric, dental and other specialized treatments
- Psychological counselling
- Reintegration grants to support victims during the first months after their return
- Employment counselling / vocational training
- Monitoring and follow-up

# Thank you!



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