

# FLIGHT AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## The situation in Germany

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*Trafficking along Migration Routes (TRAM):  
Integration of Victims of Trafficking among Vulnerable Groups  
and Unaccompanied Children*

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- 1. The KOK and the project „Flight & Human Trafficking“**
- 2. Victims of trafficking in the context of flight**
- 3. Recommendations for action**

# **1. The KOK and the project „Flight & Human Trafficking“**

## The KOK e.V.

- KOK - German NGO Network Against Trafficking In Human Beings
- registered non-profit organisation
- 37 member organisations: counselling centres for victims of trafficking, shelter for women, counselling services for prostitutes
- Act on a regional, national and international level against trafficking and for the rights of victims of trafficking

## THE PROJECT „FLIGHT & HUMAN TRAFFICKING“

*Start:* May 2016

*Funding:* Federal Government Commissioner for Migration,  
Refugees and Integration

*Aim:*

- Support projects of the member organisations
- Identification of political recommendations for action
- Awareness raising for trafficking

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- **Workshop** for counselling centres and youth welfare service (2016)
- **Policy Paper:** Flight & Human Trafficking – Identification, Support and Protection of Victims of Trafficking (2017)
- **Workshop** for counselling centres and special representatives for victims of trafficking of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (2017)
- **Webinars:** Information about trafficking, the work of the counselling centres and recommendations for action for employees in the German refugee accommodation centres (2018)
- **Information flyer:** Victims of trafficking in the context of flight

# KOK MEMBER ORGANISATIONS



## The quality standards of the KOK member organisations

- Crisis intervention and first conversation
  - Continuous psychological counselling
  - Providing advice regarding social and resistance rights
  - Advice in accommodation, medical health care, educational arrangements and recreational activities
  - Accompanying consultations (appointments at courts, asylum interview)
  - Provide contacts to lawyers
  - Support in developing life prospects (e.g. looking for work)
  - Organisation and support in case of departure
- ***long-term support***



## **PROJECTS FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM APPLICANTS**

- Cafes for women in refugee accommodation centres
- Trainings for employees of refugee accommodation centres or other actors
- Translation of brochures and flyers about the German counselling and support structure and the rights of victims of trafficking
- Empowerment-projects for female refugees and asylum applicants
- Special projects for integration of victims of trafficking
- Peer to peer-project for victims from West Africa

# PROJECTS FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM APPLICANTS

## Main findings:

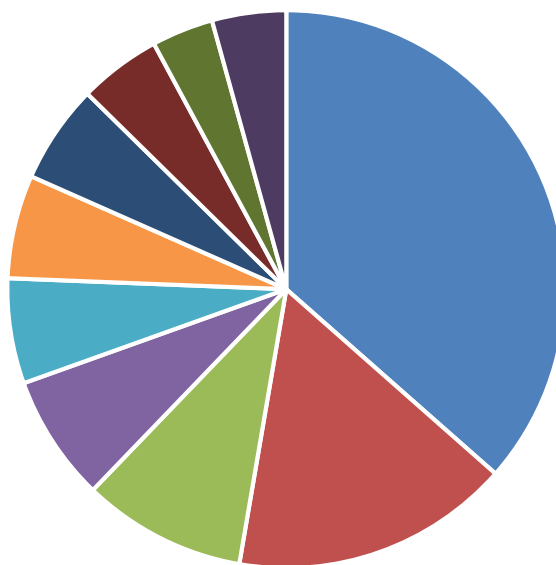
- Low threshold services in the refugee accommodation centres specialised for victims of trafficking ensure the identification of victims of trafficking.
- The more services and special counselling, the more victims of trafficking are identified.

## **2. VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN THE CONTEXT OF FLIGHT**

## COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

- No national statistics on victims receiving counselling
- Increasing number of refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq need counselling and the majority experienced different forms of violence (i.e. domestic violence, forced marriage)
- Increasing number of victims of trafficking from West Africa (e.g. Nigeria)

# COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OF ASYLUM SEEKERS IN GERMANY 2017



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|----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| ■ Syria              | ■ Iraq    | ■ Afghanistan | ■ Eritrea |
| ■ Turkey             | ■ Iran    | ■ Nigeria     | ■ Somalia |
| ■ Russian Federation | ■ unknown |               |           |

*BAMF: Annual Report 2017*

## COUNTRY OF EXPLOITATION

- Most of the victims were trafficked in their country of origin or in transit countries
- FIZ: *„The unemployment in Italy and Spain and the missing social system make it impossible for women, who just escaped from their traffickers, to survive in these countries. They are constantly in danger to be found by the network of the traffickers. They seek for help in Germany.”*

# RESTRICTIVE REGULATIONS IN THE GERMAN ASYLUM SYSTEM

- Many asylum applicants and refugees are not informed about their rights
- Victims of trafficking are not identified
- AnkER-centres in Germany

## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- **National regulations for systematic identification procedures** for vulnerable groups, especially victims of trafficking
- Refugees and asylum applicants need **time to settle down** after their arrival in Germany to be able to make informed decisions and to be prepared for their asylum interview.
- **Trainings and raising awareness of** human trafficking for all relevant actors

## RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION

- Extention of **Network** and **cooperation** of institutions, governmental / non-governmental organisations and counselling centres throughout Germany
- **No AnkER-centres**

**Thank you very much for your attention!**

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