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ASTRA is a non-governmental organization dedicated to the eradication of all forms of trafficking in human beings, especially in women and children. Our **goal** is to reduce this specific form of violence through prevention institutional awareness raising and direct victim assistance.

ASTRA is one of the key points in the victim assistance efforts both in Serbia and in the region. The values underlying ASTRA's mission are the principles of support for victims, as well as the affirmation of a society free of all forms of exploitation, violence, discrimination and economic and social inequalities. **ASTRA's programs** are as follows:

I Prevention and education program

- More than 250 workshops for primary and secondary school pupils
- Lectures for university students throughout Serbia
- Trainings, seminars, lectures, roundtables for the representatives of institutions and non-governmental organizations (police officers, social workers, judges, medical doctors, teachers, etc.)
- Large-scale media campaigns, encompassing presentation of the problem of human trafficking to wider public through media, video spots, radio jingles, posters, leaflets, booklets and manuals, PR activities, 2002/03 - media campaign "Open Your Eyes" and 2004/05 - media campaign "There Is a Way Out", 2005/06 - media campaign „Save the Children from trafficking“

II Victim assistance program which is implemented through SOS hotline for the victims of human trafficking, legal and psychological assistance and counseling, accommodation in the shelter for human trafficking victims, coordination and cooperation with relevant institutions (local police departments, Serbian Ministry of the Interior, Interpol, SECI, SBPOK, Ministry for Labor, Employment and Social Policy, etc.), NGOs in Serbia and the region dealing with this issue, cooperation with international organizations (IOM, OSCE, UNICEF...)

ASTRA SOS hotline, and closely related human trafficking victim assistance, started operating in February 2002. The Hotline has been designed as to provide information on the problem of human trafficking and on the possibilities of legal employment in foreign countries, emigration, legal advice on employment, and support and understanding to the victims of trafficking and their families. In the period march 2002-march 2008. ASTRA SOS hotline received a total of 7668 calls made by 1714 clients, identifying **264** (104 children) victims of trafficking. In January 2007 ASTRA's Daily center for reintegration of victims of trafficking started.

III Networking – ASTRA is in daily contacts with numerous organizations from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, as well as with many NGOs from Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium and other countries.

❖ ***Local network*** – Efficient fight against trafficking in human beings requires a strong network of activists and centers to cover the whole territory of our country. ASTRA has observed this need early and took efforts to build connections with colleagues living outside Belgrade, i.e. with local NGOs throughout Serbia. A large segment of ASTRA's activities concerns the capacity building of these groups to address human trafficking and the strengthening of cooperation with NGOs in smaller towns in Serbia. ASTRA network gathers ten local NGOs.

❖ **Regional network**

ASTRA is one of the founders of international NVO **ACTA - Anti Corruption Anti Trafficking Action**, which deals with human trafficking and corruption issues, gathering ten relevant NGOs from ten European countries.

IV Publications and Reports - research of the phenomenon of human trafficking

1. *Trafficking in Women – manual for journalists*
2. *Working materials for trainings and trainings of trainers*
3. *Shadow report for the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva*
4. *ASTRA E-Newsletter*
5. *Peer education manual of THB*
6. *Internet as a way of recruitment*

Being among the first to raise the issue of human trafficking in our country, ASTRA is a member of the **National Team for Combating Human Trafficking** since its establishment, where our organization coordinates the Working Group for prevention and education.

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