

## **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE SPHERE OF COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Human trafficking is the trade of humans, most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. This activity is the fastest growing criminal activity in the world and tied with the illegal arms trade as the second largest after the drug trade.

In our time - it's the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. Globally, it tied with the illegal arms trade as the second largest criminal activity after drug trafficking. Total annual income from human trafficking is from 5 to 9 billion USD. The Council of Europe States said that "human trafficking has reached epidemic proportions over the past decade, with a global annual market of about 42.5 billion USD." According to UN estimates, about 2.5 million people from 127 different countries are being trafficked throughout the world.

A common mistake is that trade can only happen in poor countries. But every country in the world is involved in this underground system, which brings benefits.

In may 2000, with the aim of purposeful combat crimes related to the sale of people abroad for sexual or labor exploitation, use in pornography and poverty, involvement in prostitution, the Ministry of Internal Affairs there were divisions (departments, groups) in the fight against crime in cases of human trafficking in the sphere of public morality.

From November 2015, after completing certification, the Department of fight against crimes connected with human trafficking operates as part of the National police of Ukraine.

Ukraine participates in international cooperation in the sphere of combating human trafficking at the state, regional and local levels.

The Functions of the Department:

Detection and investigation of crimes related to human trafficking;  
Analyzes and summarizes the results and the effectiveness of the prevention units of the Commission, detection, termination and disclosure of criminal offences related to trafficking in human beings and illegal migration;

Identify the causes and conditions facilitating Commission of criminal offences related to trafficking, illegal migration and offenses in the sphere of public morality, takes measures for their elimination;

Drawn within its competence with the requests for enforcement (law enforcement) other States or international organizations in accordance with law, international treaties of Ukraine, the constituent acts and rules of international police organizations which member is Ukraine, and carries out the requests of the above bodies;

Develops and implements programs, integrated and targeted preventive operation and other measures to combat crime in certain priority areas. Taking part in international operations on the invitation;

In the prescribed manner interacts with the media on the activities of the Department.

Performs within the limits of powers stipulated by the law, international cooperation, preparing materials for international meetings, conferences on issues related to the competence of service.

Another task of the Department is prevention of human trafficking, which is carried out in the following areas:

- the study of the situation;

- awareness-raising;

- reduce vulnerability of the population;

- overcoming demand through implementation of organizational, research, informational, educational, legal, socioeconomic and other activities.

The objectives of the Department in the field of prevention of trafficking include:

- a study of the status, causes and preconditions of the spread of the phenomenon of trafficking in persons;

raising public awareness about the causes and consequences of human trafficking through information campaigns on prevention of trafficking among the population, including among children;

ensuring the regulation of processes of external and internal labour migration.

International organizations in accordance with established procedures are involved in the development and implementation of joint programmes on combating human trafficking.

In the end I would like to say that the list of measures to combat human trafficking is defined in the State program of combating trafficking in human beings.