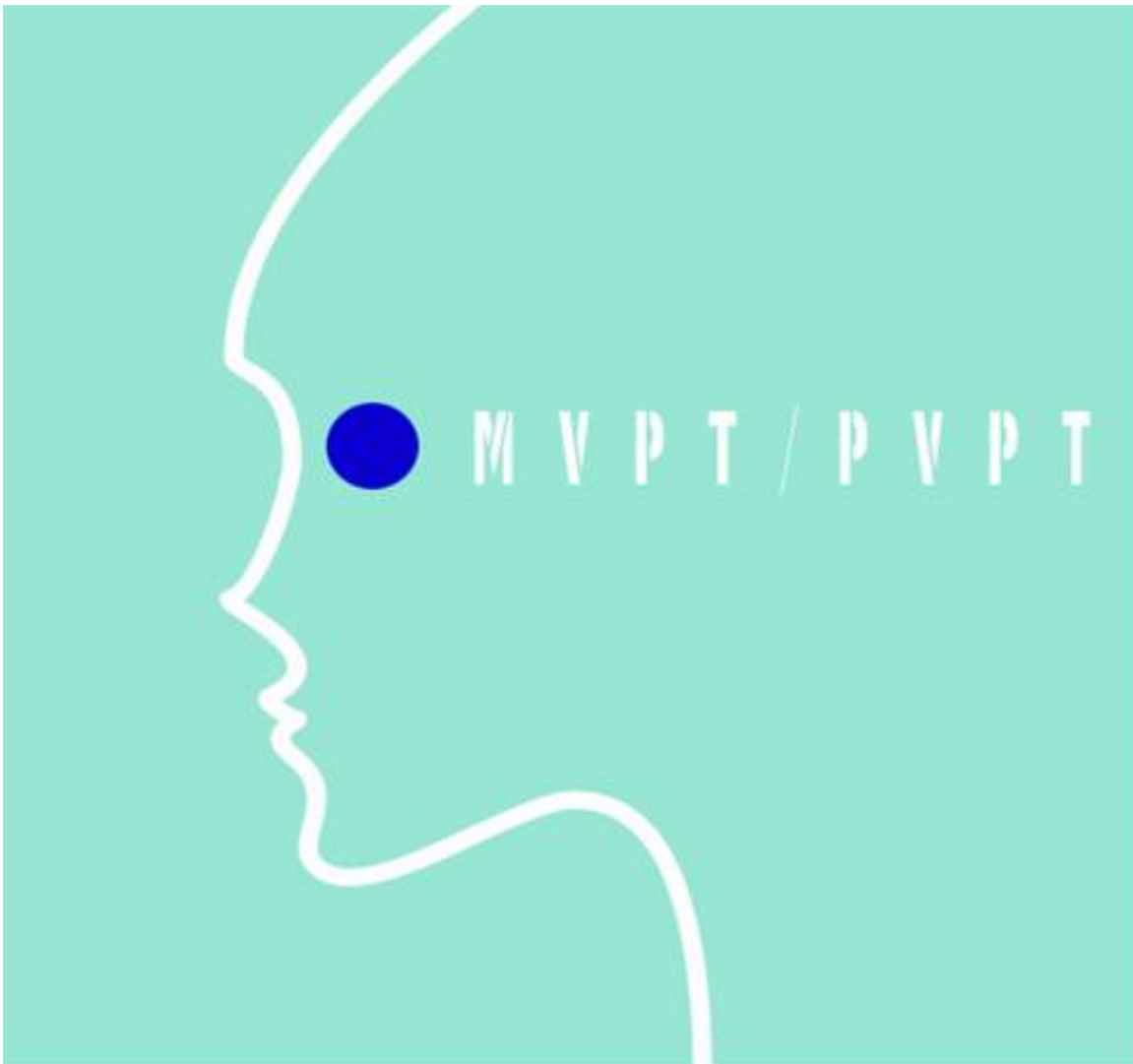


Summary of five year Report

January 2000 – December 2005

Center for Protection of Victims and Prevention of Trafficking in
Human Beings



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PVPT's Center Board of Directors

PVPT's Center Board of Directors Consists of seven (7) members and it is responsible for the supervision and guidance of centers wealth and issues, and acts always in accordance with the Organization Mission. It plays the role of the counseling Board and at the same time is proficient to represent and act on behalf of the organization as well as bind the organization in any kind of beneficial agreement signed by the part of each director, nominate and select organization representatives including determining the representatives as well as their authority and duties towards the organization tasks.

Names of the Board Directors members in our center

Mrs. Selvete Gergjaliu Board Director

Mr. Bashkim Rrahmani Board Member

Mrs. Rukije Mehmeti Board Member

Mr. Mazllum Baraliu Board Member

Mrs. Flora Macula Board Member

Ms. Besim Kelmendi Board Member

Ms. Dylaver Dranqolli Board Member

PVPT's Staff Photo, names and their positions

Managerial and professional capacity, respectively the centers personnel's structure consists of employees with special knowledge and experience regarding counter-trafficking. PVPT's Center has employed a total of fourteen employees (14) with different structure of experts on different levels and profiles like: lawyers, doctors, psychologists, social workers, nurses, pedagogues and actors.

PVPT's Organization Structure

Managerial staff

Executive Director: Znj.Hamijet Dedolli

Programme Coordinator: Znj Teuta Abrashi

Finance Coordinator: Znj Flutra Dula

Administrative assistant: Znj Zeliha Vokrri

Staff working on Direct Assistance (Beneficiary Support Group)

Beneficiary Supporter: Ardiana Fetahu

Beneficiary Supporter: Elvane Ferri

Beneficiary Supporter: Kumrije Hoxha

Beneficiary Supporter: Nakshije Gjonbalaj

Beneficiary Supporter: Nurije Haziri

Shelters Doctor: Ariana Sokoli

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Project Coordinator: Edona Berisha Kida (Pristine)

Reintegration Officer: Mimoza Telaku (Prizren)

Reintegration Officer: Thaura Hyseini (Mitrovica)

Greeting Letter from PVPT's Executive Director 2005 – 2006

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen's, friends and co-operators of the Center for Protection of Victims and Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings

I am very proud to pronounce that after very serious and hard work we managed to publish the Summary of the five-year Report of the Center for Protection of Victims and Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings (PVPT).

This report is abridgment/summary of 5 years work of PVPT Center, which includes the period January 2000 – December 2005. Working in such a delicate field for five years, by giving direct assistance to the victims of trafficking regardless their age, gender or nationality in reality requires consecration and great willpower, qualities these that were never lack of PVPT centers staff.

Center for Protection of Victims and Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings (PVPT) is an independent local non-governmental, non-profit organization that addresses its mission towards assisting the victims of trafficking, protecting the human rights, ensuring the wellbeing for the violence survivors, as well as by increasing the level of education and information regarding the risks and trafficking consequences. At the same time PVPT Center through different activities aims to raise awareness for civic population regarding the trafficking with human beings including the long-term reintegration of children victims of trafficking and other worst forms of child labour.

Instantly after the war, when Kosovo was confronted with the phenomenon called “Trafficking with Human Beings” came across the need for assisting the victims of trafficking that managed to escape from the traffickers clutches. Thus the Center for offering direct assistance and support for victims of trafficking that were referred from various partners was established. However, seeing that this dangerous phenomenon came across Kosovo region as well, we decided to get engaged in Prevention field, as the second field that PVPT Center addresses to, by giving various training’s regarding the awareness raising for students of different ages as well as the community members.

During the course of our work we came across many constrains and challenges that toughen our professionalism. We were sure that we won’t fail, our dedicated work and willingness made us overcome all those constrains and at the same time crown our dedication with major success by rehabilitating a large number of victims as well as by preventing the trafficking and re-trafficking of many women and children in Kosovo region.

Our ambitions, our line of work, including there our experience made us push forward our activities by getting involved in the third field of combating the trafficking with HB by expanding our work in Children’s long-term Reintegration.

I won’t elaborate longer the activities in these three pillars, since they are described in details in the report below.

It is a great pleasure, for me and entire PVPT’s staff to declare that by combating trafficking in these three pillars throughout these years we managed to assist 630 beneficiaries.

Special thanks go for the donators as: Action Church Together (ACT)/United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Research & Exchange Board (IREX), Ministry of Justice, British Office Pristine, International Labour Office (ILO) and United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF): that honored us by selecting our organization as implementing partners of the projects.

I would like to acknowledge the members of the Board of Directors for their continuous dedication and support that they gave for PVPT Center, especially Mrs. Selvete Gerxhaliu Board Director, for her continuous work and support. Special gratitude goes for the former PVPT's Director Mrs. Belkez Ferri that with her work established this center as Local Non-Governmental Organization and created the high reputation that this organization holds up to day. I thank and acknowledge the entire PVPT staff for their diligent work in all working fields.

Mrs.Hamijet Dedolli

Ekzecutive Director of PVPT Center

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What is Trafficking in Human Beings?

Immediately after the war, Kosovo faced a very problematic occurrence that until that time it was almost unknown for Kosovo territory. In the first years after the war 2000-2003, Kosovo was accounted mostly as destination place for the Victims of Trafficking (VoT), when women and young girls of different ages and from different countries from Eastern-Europe were trafficked from their country of origin to Kosovo in enormous numbers mainly for sexual exploitation. During their traveling, most of these VoT were passed from one trafficker to another whilst at the same time were sold 3-4 times. Along this tormented journey they were raped, beaten and tortured every time that they objected the traffickers. Personal things of the victims like, passports and their money usually were confiscated by the traffickers making the VoT feel extremely infirm and losing their capability for liberty opportunities.

Most of the Kosovo community until that time hasn't heard of trafficking with human beings and the cruel ways of their exploitation. At the same time Kosovo despite being one of the Destination countries for these VoT it became one of the Transit places as well since the VoT continued to get trafficked outside Kosovo borders as well.

Later on, Kosovo except being only Destination and Transit country became also a country of Origin when traffickers started to sell and buy their "goods"/human beings within Kosovo borders without facing the risks of passing borders illegally and counting out the necessary expenses. This tragedy became even bigger in Kosovo, when the traffickers aimed mainly young girls aged 12 – 17.

Usually all trafficked victims had no freedom of movement during the day whilst in the evenings they were forced to offer sexual services for different clients chosen by the

traffickers. About 90% of the trafficked victims in Kosovo get exploited substantially for forced prostitution, whereas the other part gets exploited mainly for house work/ personal slaves, begging or other illegal activities.

Factors that affected the appearance of this phenomenon in Kosovo were various, but we would categorize them in:

Attractable factors (post –conflict situation, lack of law, not enough control in borderlines, presence of a very large number of foreigners etc.), and

Impellent factors (mainly socio-economic conditions / will for a better life, family problems etc)

According to the United Nations Protocol (UN), “Trafficking in Persons” shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of the threat use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation.

Trafficking in persons implicates human trading organized by specific criminal’s network with the only aim that is **EXPLOITATION**.

As forementioned at the impellent factor, most of the victims are being trafficked as a result of their socio-economic status, looking for better life conditions for them and their families. Attractive false offers for better jobs outside their country of origin by friends, family and even unknown people are frequent in these cases of trafficking. Besides attractive job offers victims get trafficked by false marriage promises as well as traveling arrangements especially those for vocation. Some of the victims were trafficked after they were kidnapped by the traffickers.

Mission Statement

The Center for Protection of Victims and Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings (PVPT) is a local non-governmental, non-profit organization that addresses the causes and consequences of violence through a multi-sectoral approach (socio-economic services, awareness raising, advocacy, and research) and facilitates empowerment of the targeted population.

PVPT’s Center aim is to help victims of trafficking, increase their level of information and education regarding consequences and the risks of human trafficking, protect their human rights and ensure the wellbeing for survivors of violence. At the same time PVPT Center works towards prevention of trafficking through different activities on awareness raising for different group ages of civic population, as well as long-term reintegration of children victims of trafficking and children withdrawn from other worst form of child labour (WFCL).

Background/History

PVPT's staff have been working in the anti- trafficking field since 2000, firstly in close cooperation with Action Churches Together (ACT) and then continuing in affiliation with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), an international humanitarian aid organization. These Centers opened the first shelter in Kosovo to assist directly the foreign victims of trafficking (VoT), and during this working period its professional services increased in terms of giving the VoT more refined support services. However, PVPT was founded as an independent local organization in November 2003.

PVPT accomplishes its mission and policy by developing a multi –disciplinary approach by providing: social assistance to the victims of trafficking (VoT), prevention and education, advocacy and information, awareness raising and empowerment, vocational trainings and other recreational activities, whilst in the reintegration field, 135 children victims of trafficking and other worst forms of child labour (WFCL) are being assisted.

Activities pillars

PVPT Center from 2000 – 2005 combats trafficking in human beings through these three pillars

- **Direct Assistance 2000 –2005**
- **Prevention/Awareness Rising 2002 - 2005**
- **Long-term reintegration of children 2005**

DIRECT ASSISTANCE:

PVPT Center offers direct assistance for the Victims of trafficking which consists of accommodation, safe and warm environment, support and special medical care, psycho – social services, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) treatments, health education session on basic medical care, vocational skills training and different educational and recreational activities.

The goal of the Center through this project is to combat trafficking in human beings by providing direct assistance to the trafficked persons, raising awareness about trafficking and human rights. Center offers comfortable and safe shelter, with very healthy and productive environment.

PREVENTION/AWARENESS RISING:

In the field of **Prevention and Education**, PVPT Center offers trainings on awareness rising of different groups of community regarding the trafficking with Human Beings as well as prevention and combating this phenomenon. These activities are conducted in the form of educational sessions (trainings), for youngsters especially for ages 12 -18, teachers of civic education, different activists of youth networks and the human rights, children withdrawn from schools, children and mothers from the “Center for Rehabilitation of Mother and Children” etc. Whilst at the same time deals with promoting cooperation between target groups and law enforcement agencies. The aim of the above mentioned activities is to empower individuals that are at risk of becoming trafficked to make informed decisions on protecting their own rights. PVPT Center worked towards capacity building of different institutions that are involved in combating trafficking, by offering trainings for community police in order to achieve better and more efficient co-operation between institutions. Aim of these educational sessions was to comprehend different regions of Kosovo especially rural regions and the municipalities that based on conducted research are considered more vulnerable and as areas where trafficking is manifested evidently. These activities PVPT Center commenced since September 2002. Since September 2002 until December 2005, PVPT Center has managed to offer 68 trainings in different Kosovo regions like; Prishtina, Ferizaj, Kastriot, Peja/Vitomerica, Prizren/Has and Gjilan for 2101 beneficiaries (mostly school children) with different ethnicity.

REINTEGRATION:



Project:

Long Term Reintegration of Children Victims of Trafficking and other Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL)

PVPT Center in close cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MLSW), in 2005 started its activities in its third action field - Reintegration, by implementing a pilot project “Long-Term reintegration Project for the Reintegration of Children Victims of Trafficking (VoT) and Children Withdrawn from Other Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL).

This Pilot Project is a model of socio-economic reintegration that is implemented in three Kosovo municipalities, Prishtina, Mitrovica and Prizren for over two years period and it is thought to be the base for further replication.

Towards implementation of this project three of the Reintegration Officers work in close cooperation with the social workers based in the offices of the Ministry of Social Welfare in the aforementioned municipalities. This way Reintegration Officers in cooperation with Social Workers can successfully implement the planned Reintegration for the targeted children.

Activities in direct assistance field

PVPT Center possesses a closed type of shelter for direct support for VoT since January 2000.

This shelter starting from February 2000 up until now has offered direct assistance approximately to 500 VoT mainly international, by offering them wide range of services, including accommodation, psycho-social support, medical care, food and clothes provision, organizing different educational and professional activities on awareness raising and empowerment.

The goal of supporting the victims in the shelter is:

Offering accommodation, safe and comfortable environment, moral and psycho-social support, medical care, educational/professional, awareness raising and empowerment for the victims of trafficking with very qualified, sensitive and with experienced personnel for over several years.

Services offered in the shelter

- Accommodation
- Food and clothing
- Medical Assistance
- Psycho-social Support
- Emotional Support
- Awareness rising and empowerment
- Increasing Knowledge/ Education Activities
- Amusement and relaxation (entertainment)
- Admission Packages, Medical Packages and Dignified Return Packages (DRP)

All these activities are conducted in the shelter with full accordance and willingness of the beneficiaries. Within the Case Management System, a Case Manager is selected for each beneficiary accommodated at the shelter from the Beneficiary Support Group (BSG), which after the Plan Place Meeting compile the individual schedule for the aforementioned activities that beneficiary agrees to perform during her/his stay in the shelter.

- **Accommodation** – During the five year period the shelter accommodated approximately 500 victims of trafficking. The length of stay in the shelter was from one week to four months. Shelter offers a very warm environment and has the capacity to accommodate up to 15 victims at the same time. Crisis Shelter has a 24 hour schedule since its foundation and from January 2000 and up to day it has never been closed.
- **Medical Care** – is provided through these services:
 - Primary medical help
 - On-call doctor – 24 hours
 - Reproductive health care, including there treatment against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STI)
 - Visits and treatments in private and public clinics (as necessary)
 - Psychiatrist and psycho-therapeutic consulting on needed bases
- **Food and Clothing :**
 - Food in the shelter is provided as ordered by the beneficiaries will
 - Clothing is provided as well based on the beneficiaries needs and requirements
- **Psycho-social support** - is provided through these activities:
 - Relaxation
 - Meditation
 - Drama therapy
 - Handcrafts
 - Psycho-therapeutic sessions and consulting
- **Emotional support** – is conducted based on the beneficiaries needs through:
 - Conversations between the beneficiaries and the shelters staff, respectively emotional grumble of the VoT
 - Telephone calls in their families (always under supervision of the case manager)
- **Awareness raising and empowerment** – are conducted through:
 - Conversations of the VoT with beneficiary supporters
 - Moral busting by the beneficiary supporters
 - Videotapes (movies like “Lilja Forever” etc)

- Different books on trafficking (always in the native language of the VoT) to be commented later with the beneficiary supporters
- Other materials regarding trafficking in human beings
- **Education Activities** - are conducted through these activities:
 - Computer classes
 - Sewing classes
 - Cooking classes
 - Foreign languages (English, Serbo-Croatian, Albanian)
 - Health education sessions
 - Human and legal rights sessions
- **Relaxation and amusement (entertainment)**
 - Aerobic
 - Ping-pong
 - Social games
 - Dancing classes
 - Reading library and discussions afterwards the read literature always in the VoT native language
 - Movies – of various topics (in the VoT native language as well)
- **Admission, Medical and Repatriation Packages** – include
 - Clothing for the VoT as necessary
 - Hygienic materials
 - Medication as needed
 - Family gifts

Victims Profile/ Statistics
(Nationality, age, gender, marital status)

In the paragraphs below as well as in the designed graphics you will find described the victims profile, including their nationality, age, gender as well as marital status of the victims. Since for the year 2000, PVPT Center did not register the exact number, nationality, age or any other relevant information of the assisted victims, this year is excluded from the graphics below. According to the information inherited from ACT/UMCOR, the number of the victims of trafficking assisted during the year 2000 was way higher than the number of the victims assisted in year 2001.

The chart below presents the number of the assisted victims for the 2001 – 2005 periods. Total number of the assisted victims for that period of time is 335.

Chart

In year 2001 PVPT Center offered direct assistance for 160 international VoT. As presented on the chart above, the number of the assisted victims decreases evidently from year to year. This fact does not prove that the number of the VoT in Kosovo has really decreased, but proves only that the number of assisted victims has fallen since the traffickers have become a bit smarter towards choosing the way of treating the victims. They offer better living conditions, offer payments for their services even though lower ones, but this evidently influenced their interest towards repatriation and traffickers commination. For year 2002 in the Crises Shelter a total of 82 international victims were assisted whilst 45 international victims for year 2003. For year 2004, 31 international victims were assisted, whereas for year 2005 a total of 17 victims, 2 of which were local/Kosovo victims of trafficking were referred to our shelter for assistance.

Victims Nationality (2001-2005)

Out of the total number of assisted VoT since year 2001 up to year 2005, 48% were Moldavian, 19% Rumanian, 15% from Ukraine, 8% from Albania, 5% Bulgarian, 3% Russian, 1% from Serbia, 1% Kosovo, 0% Serbo-Rom, 0% from Nigeria and another 0% from Bosnia.

Chart

Marital Status (2001-2005)

Chart

As featured in the chart below, from the total number of the assisted victim's (335), 209 were single women out of which 132 were single mothers that had to take care of their children, 58 were divorced, 55 married, 3 widows. Whilst for the 10 remaining victims the marital status was unknown.

Average Age Of The Victims (2001-2005)

As presented in the chart below, most of the international victims identified in Kosovo and assisted by PVPT Center were of ages between 18 – 24 years old. From the total number of the assisted cases 12 percent (41) were minor cases aged 14 – 17, 54 percent (178) were between 18 – 24 years old, 27 percent (91) were between 25 – 30 years old and 7 percent (25) were over 30 years old. It is worth mentioning that Crisis Shelter has

assisted also two women over 50 years old, what proves that traffickers have no limit over the victim's age and that they traffic the same way children of 12 years old same way as women of 52 years old.

Chart

Victims Gender (2001-2005)

Based in the chart below most of the assisted victims during these years were females that were used mainly for providing sexual services. PVPT Center has assisted as well two male minors, victims of trafficking that were mainly used for begging.

Chart

Activities in prevention/ raising awareness field

Centers Objective in Prevention field is:

Keeping in view that trafficking is a very problematic issue for the society, PVPT Center besides the direct assistance activities has focused in combating trafficking with human beings through prevention activities as well. These activities are conducted by raising awareness of different target groups over the risks, entrapment and trafficking ways, negative consequences including the ways of victim's referral to the organizations that provide assistance and support the victims.

One of the aforementioned activities towards awareness rising/ prevention of trafficking are awareness rising sessions with various groups of community, especially with youth aged from 12-18 years old of different ethnicity and from different regions of Kosovo. This form of prevention is considered to be very fruitful keeping in mind that youngsters of this age are mainly youth in secondary and high schools, age this that is considered to be very vulnerable and most likely to become victim of the traffickers network. By attending these sessions this youngsters gain knowledge and all necessary information regarding the meaning of trafficking with human beings, best ways of protecting themselves from this very dangerous phenomenon for this age-group and the community as a whole.

Since September 2002, when PVPT Center started these activities on awareness rising for Trafficking with Human Beings, has managed to conduct a total of 68 training's with 2101 participants from different Kosovo municipalities like: Prishtina, Ferizaj, Kastriot, Peja/Vitimirica, Prizren/Has and Gjilan.

Period September- December 2002

Throughout year 2002 first training sessions have started in Prishtina in “Elena Gjika” primary school and in the high school “28 November”. During this period a total of 13 training’s was conducted where the total number of the participants was 358. Students were from the high cycle classes and Albanians and Turkish by nationality.

Pristine: Primary School “Elena Gjika”
High School “28 November”

Period January – December 2003

Along this period training’s continued in Pristine at “28 November” high school, and later at the “28 November” high school and “Gjon Sereqi” primary school in Ferizaj. Total number of the training’s on year 2003 was 11 with a total of 277 participants.

Pristine: High School “28 November”
Ferizaj: High School “28 November”
Primary school “Gjon Sereqi”

Period January – December 2004

During this period PVPT Center continued the trainings in Ferizaj, “Gjon Sereqi” primary school reaching a total of 14 trainings with 408 participants.

Ferizaj Primary school “Gjon Sereqi”

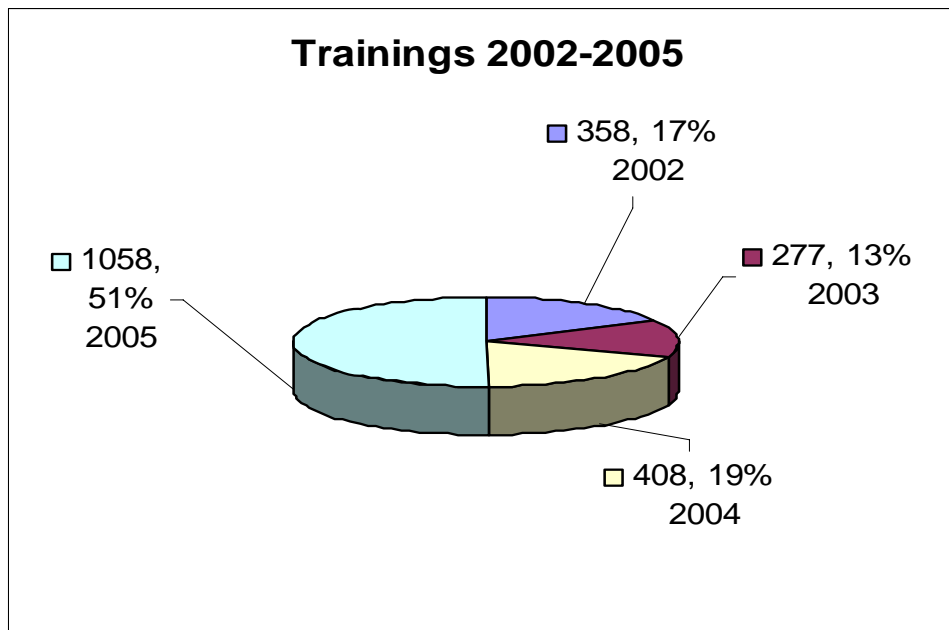
Period January – December 2005

In the course of this period trainings have been realized in different Kosovo regions like: Kastriot, Peja/Vitomerica, Prizren/Has, Pristine and Gjilan municipalities. Participants in these trainings were mainly students of VII, VIII and IX grades, children from Plemetin Camp, as well as children and mothers from the “Center for Rehabilitation of Mother and Children”. In these trainings participants were of different ethnicities like: albanian’s, bosnian, ashkali and rom. 30 trainings were conducted during the year 2005 including one debate, with a total of 1058 participants.

Kastriot	Primary school “Pandeli Sotirri
Palaj – Kastriot	Primary school “Fazli Grajqevci”
Kastriot	Plemetin Camp –
Vitomerica	Primary school “7 September”
Gjonaj/Has/Prizren	Primary school “Zenun Qoqaj”
Pristine	Primary school “Zenel Hajdini”

Pristine
Gjilan

“Center for Rehabilitation of Mother and Children”
Primary school “Thimi Mitko”



All offered trainings were organized and held after the teaching classes. Trainings lasted for three teaching hours and during these sessions the schedule/agenda, pre-evaluation and post evaluation forms were distributed to all the participants. In order to boost their interest and refresh the participants, along these training sessions PVPT Center every time has offered refreshments and chocolates. By the end of the trainings gift packages that contained note-books, pens and tee-shirts with the written inscription “Stop Trafficking with Human Beings” were distributed for students, teachers as well as the school directors, together with the information material.

Activities in the reintegration field:

In the reintegration field PVPT Center in close cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MLSW) as well as the Centers for Social Labour (CSL) with its social workers aims to manage to reintegrate in long – terms 135 children that are withdrawn from trafficking and other worst forms of child labour.

Project Objectives:

- Long –term reintegration and rehabilitation of children VT and other WFCL;
- Capacity building for 50 social workers in reintegration field for supporting the children VT and other WFCL

- Support for 135 children VT and other WFCL, by reintegrating them in socio - economical aspect, 60 of them will be reintegrated in education, 55 will benefit from professional training's and to 20 of them will be given the opportunity for employment
- Psycho-social counseling and professional training's for the children and their families
- Employment opportunities for 15 families of children VT and other WFCL
- One day training for 25 employees from the Centers for Professional Training's, regarding the working methodology with children VT and other WFCL
- Sharing the best knowledge and experience with the governmental authorities, social workers, and all other important authorities in reintegration as well as all other relevant actors.

Progress of the project:

- One day workshop was held on June 3rd and 7th 2005 aim of which was:
- Information gathering;
- Need assessments for long-term reintegration of children victims of trafficking and other worst form of child labour;
- Increasing the co-operation between all involved partners, in order to coordinate more effectively the services throughout reintegration project.

In this workshop participants were of different line of work that participate in this project like: employees from the CSW from the three appointed municipalities for this pilot project, Pristine, Mitrovica and Prizren. Employees from Department of Justice – Victims Assistance and Protection Unit, Centers for Vocational Training's, NGO's that offer counseling and psychosocial support as well as other NGO's that in their line of work include youth counseling.

The feedback from this workshop has been documented and was considered as base/need assessment for publication of a user manual as well as cultivating a special brand new category called “working children” which up until now did not exist as a separated category in CSW.

On 1st of September 2005, the reintegration officers were established in the targeted municipalities.

By 8th of September 2005, the agreement between Department of Social Welfare and the Center for Protection of Victims and Prevention of Trafficking, on cooperation towards implementation of the project was signed.

As a result of this project by year 2006 PVPT Center will publish the Manual that will serve as guide for the social workers and all other actors that work in Reintegration of Children Victims of Trafficking and Other Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL).

PARTNERS OF THE CENTER

PVPT Center appreciates highly principle of partnership and works directly (close cooperation) with a number of partners as: Action by Churches Together (ACT), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe-OSCE, United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo –UNMIK, Department of Justice-DOJ, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare –MLSW, Department of Social Labour and Ministry of Education Science and Technology.

PVPT Center is also a member of Direct Assistance Group (DAS) for assisting the Victims of trafficking consisting of: UNMIK Police, Trafficking in Human Beings and Prostitution Section, Department of Justice Victims Advocacy Assistance Unit, UNMIK, International Organization for Migration – Counter trafficking Unit (IOM), Mission in Kosovo, Counter trafficking Unit, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Department of Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MLSW), Department for Social Welfare (DSW) and various local Non-Governmental Organisations (LNGO). This group has signed the agreement based on which the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for victims of trafficking are executed in order to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each participating organization/agency and to ensure the full co-operation and co-ordination in the referral system.

In May 2005, in Kosovo the Kosovo National Action Plan (KNAP) in Counter Trafficking was approved. This plan was a result of the engagement of the Inter-Ministerial Group lead by Office for Good Governance, Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Gender Issues, from the Prime Minister's Office. PVPT Center as this Inter-Ministerial Group's member gave high contribution towards compilation of this Plan and was also acknowledged with special thanks for the hard work and involvement given. This National Action Plan serves as a concrete strategy of the Provisional Institutions, non-governmental institutions that work on combating trafficking with human beings. PVPT Center is a member of the Women's Network as well and gives it's contribution on needed bases and by being present always in the meetings that Women's Network prepares and organizes.

Donators – that supported financially the Crisis Shelter throughout these years are:

Donator	Period	Donations Sum	Project
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)	1 October 2003 – 31 July 2004	103,874.00	Crisis Shelter for Trafficked Persons
International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)	1 March 2004 – 31 March 2005	3,032.00	Counter Trafficking Training for Trainers for civic education teachers
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	July 2004 - December 2005	3,970.00	Dignified Return Packages for Victims of Trafficking
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	1 August 2004 – 30 September 2004	12,910.00	Crisis Shelter for Trafficked Persons
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	1 October 2004 – 30 September 2005	134,600.00	Crisis Shelter for Trafficked Persons
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)	1 November 2004 - 31 March 2005	1,371.00	Prevention of trafficking for Kosovo youth
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	1 January 2005 – 30 April 2005	3,016.00	Capacity building project
UNMIK - Kosovo Department of Justice	1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005	23,250.00	Prevention of trafficking for vulnerable Kosovo Youth and Women
International Labour Organization ILO-IPEC	15 April 2005 - 15 April 2007	75,233.00	Long Term Reintegration of Children Victims of Trafficking and other Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL)
British Office Pristine	1 October 2005 – 30 September 2006	160,000.00	Crisis Shelter for Trafficked Persons and Prevention of trafficking for vulnerable youth
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	December - 2005	1,500.00	Long Term Reintegration of Children Victims of Trafficking and other Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL) (manual printing)

TRAFFICKING DOES NOT NOW ABOUT AGE

Stories

First case

I am L. 55 years old from Sh. I have passed through very difficult periods and have had different sacrifices whilst taking care of my two children. I became widow very young, even before my second child was born, but I never gave up before the challenges that life brought me. I managed to educate and put through school my kids, even marry them with the possibilities that I had without giving in.

I worked all my life to ensure a better life for my children within my capabilities. After my retirement I started to lead a much quiet life taking care of my grandchildren, but I could not escape the entrapment that my neighbor prepared for me. Using my simplicity and loneliness, my friend offered me to accompany her to Kosovo telling me how Kosovo is a very nice place and that it is worth seeing it. I accepted the offer since I have never been to Kosovo before and I wanted to see it. So we started the journey accompanied by a third person that claimed to be my friend's husband from Kosovo.

After a very long journey we arrived, we did some sight seeing and walked around, after to be settled in some house for rest and sleep. Tired from the road I fell asleep immediately, whilst my friend and her "husband" left.

In the morning I understood that I was betrayed by my friend and that she had sold me to that man.

That day strange people came by to see the bride/me that the house owner had taken. I didn't know how to behave, I tried several times to persuade the man to go together to the police station and to report the traffickers but he never listened. Late night while everyone was asleep, I ran away from the house without knowing where I was going. The only thing that I wanted was to get out of that mess. Whilst running in the streets that I have never seen before I noticed a car and stopped it without thinking asking for help. This way I arrived to the police station where I told my sad story.

Second case

I am B.R and I come from Moldavia. I had a very difficult childhood living poorly. I got married very young, gave birth to three children confronting various challenges. My husband started to molest me, what made me leave him. I came back home to live with my parents, where I stayed for about seven months. By that time I got contacted by X and he asked me to marry him. I accepted the offer thinking that my life will start to change and transform into "fairytale".

That dream didn't last for long. As soon as we arrived to the destined city I understood that the man I was with was nothing more than a drunk and criminal. My life became hell. I got transformed into a slave. It got worst when he tried to get me into bed with his friends.

I used the first chance that I had to leave the house where I was staying, by hiding to the nearest town church. From there I was sent into a shelter outside from the Prizren, from where I was referred to the crisis shelter to await my repatriation.

Third case

I am G.G. a young girl from T..... life and friends have chosen the worst way of living for me. After my father got remarried my life changed from a very happy childhood into a total hell filled with fear and various tortures. One night after I went out with one of my friends to the nearest city, we stayed late and it got dark. Since I knew that if I was to go home I will get molested, I decided to spent the night at my friends house in order to have more time to think what to do or say after I go back home.

During the night at my friend's house as any young girl, having fun, laughing etc, my friend's sister called from Italy. As desperate that I was, I grabbed the phone out of my friends hand and asked her sister to take me to Italy. Even though she asked me several times if I was sure that was what I really wanted, I assured her that I meant it and that I really wanted to go. She called back again giving me some contact names and phone numbers of the people that will sent me to Italy. I followed the given instructions, and without thinking twice I was on my way to Italy with 3 unknown people. I was very lucky not to end up like many other naïve girls, since I had no passport with me. We got stopped by the police and after that I was referred into a shelter and at the same time understood that I was in Kosovo and not in Italy as planed. Anyway I was saved and repatriated.

Case four

I stayed in Kosovo for three years, when my story begins as well. It happened one usual night while we were having coffees at our favorite coffee shop. The coffee shop was full with customers and only one table was free. We sat down and started with our usual conversations when suddenly a young man approached us asking if he can sit with us since there were no other free tables. In fact it was very late when we understood that the whole thing was planed before, starting by asking us to sit at our table.

We started a spontaneous conversation and as any youngster we mentioned the life in the west, claiming a better life.

The aforementioned man started to provoke us regarding the west issue and he claimed that hi knew people that can help us go there and find a better life. We exchanged the phone numbers and after two days the boy called saying that he needs information about us regarding our passports. So very soon I and my friend have begun our trip to Italy. Accompanied by a total stranger we started the journey by car, passing a number of

borders in order to arrive in a very old house where we learned that it was Kosovo but not Italy.

Our vicissitude started from there, with a very long and tiring journey in a wagon covered with straw to be sold after in Kosovo separated from each other. I have experienced humiliation, physical and sexual abuse during the time I stayed there. The blessing day has come when the police came to harass the place and got me out of there. Police referred me into the crisis shelter where I had the opportunity to relax and be treated as a human being, feeling that I have forgotten a long time ago. After that I was repatriated to my country, my family was very happy since we haven't seen or heard about each other in three long years.

Case five

I am a divorced woman and have two four years old children, twins. I was living with my parents and our living conditions were very poor, since no one from the family worked and we had no incoming money. I was forced to leave my kids with my parents in order to go to work. Whilst talking with different people I heard that I can find work in Kosovo and earn enough to support my family as well as my children.

So I went to Kosovo, and I did find work as a cook. In the beginning I was really paid for what I did. After a while the owner said that I should give him my passport so he can keep it in a safe place, since than everything changed. He then started to force me to have sex with different clients of his, sometimes up to 10 a day. After sex most of them also physically abused me by beating me since I complained all the time and told them that I didn't want to do it.

One day I managed to escape, but I didn't go that far since the owner together with his brother found me very fast.

They forced me into the car beating me and started to drive towards the place where they kept me, by threatening me with death. Just before we arrived to the cafeteria police stopped us, and since I had no passport they took me with them to the station. After I went there I told the police man that they were keeping me against my will. The police then referred me into the crisis shelter where I awaited my repatriation.

Case six

I was raised in a very poor family, all together we were 6 family members. As the firstborn that I was even though female, I had to leave school in order to work and support my family.

During that time I fell in love with a young boy D, but as any early love went down the drain. Young and hurt I found comfort in one of my girlfriends hoping that she will help me get back with my first love D.

But my friend along with her mother has planned something totally different from what I have been expecting. They introduced me with R. from K. who promised me a better working place as well as living conditions. As desperate that I was I believed him. Everything went as planned during our journey, but when we arrived in Prizren in a bar everything changed and I realized that I have been deceived.

On my first night R. together with the bar owner raped and threatened me with death if I don't obey and fulfil their orders. In all this fatality I guess some luck was saved somewhere for me since I had to report to the police station for a working permit. After I went there a policewoman interviewed me. I gathered my guts and told her the whole truth, she helped me get back on my feet by referring me to the shelter where I have found comfort and support until my repatriation.

Case seven

Case ZH.C.

I am Moldavian, 33 years old. A mother of three children. Because of the hard economic conditions I was forced to work to earn more, to provide a better life for my children. With help of a friend of mine (female) I decided to have a trip for Italy at my aunt to look for a job because I heard that there was a better salary.

But my friend has had different plans for me. When we arrived in Serbia they told me that I must go to Macedonia and from there to continue trip to Albania in order to arrive to final destination, Italy.

Knowing nothing, when we arrived in Macedonia they set me on a place where I was forced to work as prostitute. After few months I was pregnant and the owner didn't want me there anymore, and sold me to someone else in Prizren.

I was lucky the day we arrived in Prizren, while the man that was with me stopped by on a store for a moment, I took my chance and entered in one bus that stopped nearby and that was going to Prishtina. When I arrived in Prishtina I asked for help from police service, and they provided that for me.

Case eight

Story of B.

I am B. from S. Since the early childhood I was forced to ask for charity. I was abused physically and psychically by my father, especially if I was not able to collect the appropriate sum of money that he asked for. Even though my father injured badly my head once, I still tried to collect as much more money to bring him. I stayed all night long in open sea, without float with only few bottles of Coca-Cola attached on my belt, because some man made me do that. They watched me all night long drinking and chatting, but in the end I was satisfied with the money I got from them. I worked as cleaner in one bordello in Sh. I was brought to Kosovo by 2 strangers, a married couple, after they cheated me and told me that I would be better there. They made me ask for charity, I spent all spring in the streets, and in the evening we were supposed to gather at

the church in Prishtina. To be more convincing these that brought me here burned my leg and stamped forever those marks on the leg. Later they forced me to color my hair and nails, and also to wear a dress to use me to work as a “prostitute” to have sex with males. I was rescued from that nightmare because I felt on the hands of police. I was taken care and I asked for repatriation to begin a new better life from scratch.

Case nine

S, I am 14 years old. I had a very sorely childhood. I was a kid that liked school very much.

We lived in very hard economical conditions, I worked in the village whilst trying to study and not miss a day at school, even though the school was very far from the village. My uncles so my interest in education and the way that I fought to keep my self in school, he offered me help. He said that he will send me to Belgium were I can finish my school. After my arrival in Kosovo luckily at the airport I was stopped by the border police and I did not end up like my uncle planed. After my conversation with the police I understood my uncle's intentions and considered my self very lucky since I was stopped by the police. I asked for repatriation and after I continued school. Entrapment was prepared very good but luckily I escaped.