

2010 Annual Report

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Trafficking in Human Beings

Mrs. Tatiana worked as a waitress in a small town somewhere in Bulgaria. One day she met a family friend that offered her a job in Prague that she accepted without hesitation. She had been willing to try her luck abroad for long and the conditions. Her friend offered seemed very favourable. Mrs. Tatiana was meant to make money as a bar woman. The employer was supposed to pay for her accommodation and food and promised to pay her in cash every day.

After her arrival in Czech Republic, she found it to be made up of false promises except for the free accommodation and food. Mrs. Tatiana was locked in one-room apartment and forced to provide sexual services. In meantime she had to clean a next door apartment inhabited by the couple that forced her into prostitution. She was paid no money. After two months Mrs. Tatiana confided this to her client and he reported the issue to police.

Police told her how to contact our organization. During her first interview with social worker she stated, that the only thing she wants is to return back home and forget about all of this as fast as possible. While waiting for all necessary formalities she stayed in La Strada shelter in a secret place for a week. Within the Crises Aid Service our organization provided her with money for board and arranged a ticket back to Bulgaria.

Mr. Martin did not succeed in finding a full-time job after graduating school. He took few short-term jobs in various places as a temporary worker. Periods with and without work alternated and Mr. Martin soon got into financial troubles. He got into situation when he could not afford to pay rent for a place to stay any longer and became homeless. While walking out from a place that offers help to people in need he was addressed by a man that told him about a chance of getting work in construction in England. He promised to arrange all the necessary formalities as well as accommodation in place.

In a bus station in London two men waited to take him to a hostel. Mr. Martin worked with other workers on a construction site out of the city – every day 12 hours. From the salary he was promised they withhold money for accommodation, board and transport to work and the remaining money was taken away to pay off a loan for a bus ticket to England. Mr. Martin had to open a bank account where his wages were supposed to be sent, but he was never paid. Three months later when he decided to return to Czech Republic he had no money to buy a bus ticket. Even though his employer helped him to get a bank loan of 1000 pounds, he was given only 200 pounds needed for journey.

After returning back again he turned to the organization that offers help to homeless people. They recommended him to contact La Strada to get accommodation. Mr. Martin decided to accept sheltered housing/crises accommodation. Within social services La Strada was able to provide him with material and financial aid. A social worker helped him to find work and communicate with Czech authorities. She also helped him to conclude a payment schedule in British bank and arranged legal counselling.

Half a year later Mr. Martin was able to stand on his own feet and left La Strada services. He found a job he liked and began to pay off „his“ debts. Nowadays he lives in a rented flat in Prague and comments this state as „a return to normal life“.

Mr. Martin's story shows the ease of abusing someone's duress. People that are unemployed, homeless, with irregular status become highly vulnerable from the point of trafficking in persons and work exploitation. We have recorded several cases of homeless people being approached on the street for purpose to exploit them.

Mrs. Tatiana that came from Bulgaria had been hired by a family friend. Persons, whose concern is to hire people in their home countries, are often a member of a wide organized network with an image of an example job agency arranging work abroad. This, at first sight seems attractive work, can be advertised not only in newspapers and on internet, but also in job centres.

The very core of trafficking in human beings and their exploitation is that someone abuses someone else's work for the purpose of his own profit, and this in most cases cannot do without a kind of compulsion. There is a long-range trend of decline on physical violence that is being replaced with less apparent forms of coercion. However we still meet clients that tell us about being beaten, threatened with death (their own or their family members) or coming across someone demonstratively punished or suddenly vanished. Among other ways of coercion docility belong for example retention of documents, threats of visa cancellation and deportation, restriction of free movement.

Even though the media and help organizations mention hundreds of men and women working in Czech Republic under circumstances of modern slavery, no person has been condemned for crime of trafficking in human beings for purpose of forced labour yet. Identification of trafficked persons still remains a big issue not only for NGO dealing with this issue, but also for Prosecution, Law Enforcement and Judicial Authorities.

La Strada Czech Republic 1995 - 2010

After the fall of the iron curtain NGOs in « the west » noted a growing number of trafficked persons from Central and Eastern European countries. In this context program La Strada was founded as a pilot project connecting Czech Republic, Poland and the Netherlands.

La Strada began to operate in Czech Republic in 1995 as a project of the proFem organization. As an independent legal entity La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s. has been registred since 1998.

History :

1995 : pilot project La Strada

1996 : SOS and Infoline

1998 : La Strada registred as « o.p.s. » (NGO, «public beneficial society »)

2000 : first shelter

2003 : first time providing services to exploited women outside sex industry

2004 : La Strada Czech co-founding La Strada International

first time Recommendation to the Czech Government

change of crime of trafficking in human beings definition

launching La Strada Counselling Centre

services provided also to male clients

2006 : concept on field work

providing legal representation

2007 : registration of social services Counselling Service, Crisis Aid and Sheltered Accommodation

2010 : Low-threshhold Councelling Centre

concept of strategical litigation

free line

Values of Our Organization

The widest frame that defines our activities in the field of prevention of and fight against trafficking in human beings is formed with our values that La Strada shares with all La Strada International network. These values are: human rights, empowerment, equal opportunities, feminism and non-abolitionism.

Human Rights

Human rights are not just abstract ideas on paper. Having one's human rights upheld is a prerequisite for a dignified life in society, not a bonus. Throughout our work we try to give human rights-related values a concrete form and advocate for the rights of trafficked persons and groups at risk.

Empowerment

The main thought behind empowerment is supporting individuals so that they can attain their own independence and take control of their own life. We work on the basis of equality with and respect for our clients and strive to furnish them with information and knowledge which will allow them in the future to make their own informed decisions.

Equal opportunities

Some people find themselves in a disadvantageous situation and therefore start out from a position which is vastly different from that of the majority. A consciousness of the existence of inequality amongst certain groups and individuals helps facilitate, in a targeted manner, the removal of certain concrete obstacles which prevent said individuals from taking part in political, social and economic life.

Feminism

Feminism is the ability and will to accept other interpretations and views of life than those which we have been, up to this point, used to. It is a philosophical approach which stresses rights, a demand to accept different people's otherness of outlook and approach, a right and a demand to interpret reality differently than how it is painted in the current canon.

Anti-abolitionism

Offering sexual services with the consent of the person involved we understand as a legitimate means of making a living. We oppose an abolitionist approach which does not differentiate between consensually- offered sexual services and prostitution, into which the person involved is forced.

Scheme of our Activities

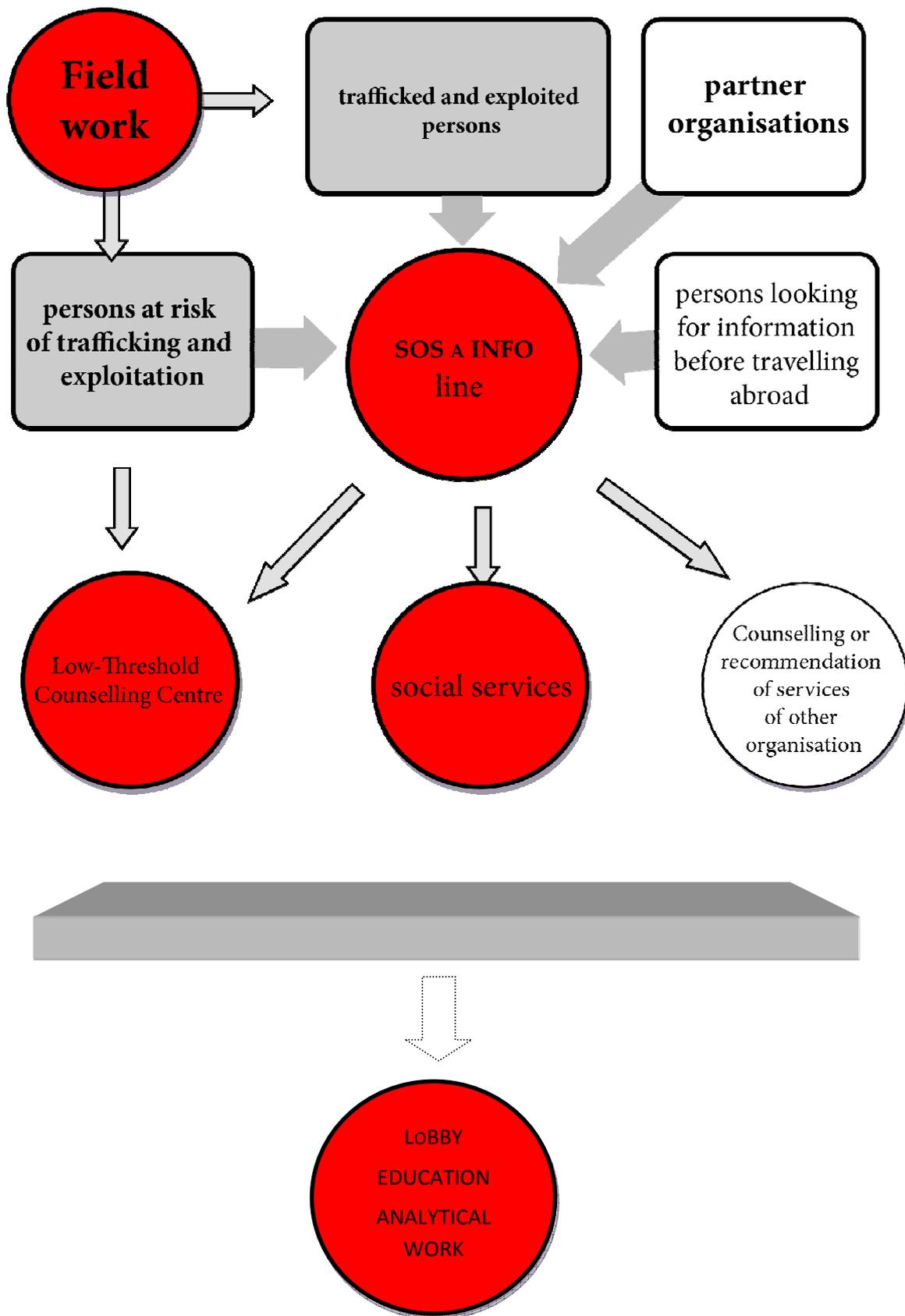
We work with people that are exploited and trafficked, as well as with people at risk of these phenomena on more different levels. The most intense cooperation we establish with clients which use social services of our organization (**Crisis Aid, Crisis Accommodation or Sheltered Housing, Social Counselling Services**). We can offer these people also a set of supplementary services, as: interpretation, procurement of medical and psychotherapeutic care, legal advice and representation, connecting with the Prosecution, law Enforcement and Judicial Authorities, Labour Law Counselling, assistance with entering the regular Czech labour market, assistance with return to the country of origin and other services.

Last year we opened **Low-Threshold Counselling Centre**. This is intended for people on the edge of exploitation, who usually want only one-time consultation.

Generally, our clients-to-be of various nationalities contact us through our **SOS and INFO line**. The line is used not only by exploited and trafficked persons, but also by their intimates and relatives, other NGOs and public. The line works both as a gateway for clients-to-be and as a specific channel for counselling.

We meet people at risk of exploitation and trafficking while doing fieldwork. We go right to the areas where we assume that people could be exploited and trafficked, and there distributes information to people from the target group, or people close to them.

La Strada as an expert organization also distributes information on the issue and carries out lobbying activities in accordance with its knowledge so as to represent the rights of trafficked and exploited persons in the development of policies and legislation.



Fieldwork and Low-Threshold Activities

We consider Field Work as a specific form of intervention into the environment of target groups, which is based on methods and principles of social work in the field and social work in general.

Trafficking in human beings often finds its roots in bad work conditions where human rights are not upheld. For this reason our field workers visit workplaces, where the above mentioned exploiting work conditions can be expected (such as seasonal farm work), and other areas, where the target group can be found (such as cheap hostels, unofficial job labour markets).

In 2010 we realized field work interventions mainly in the district of Central Bohemia, in Prague capital and in Plzeň and Pardubice districts. Within the whole year we contacted 1 197 people from target group and over 300 people, that are in a close touch with our target group.

Last year we carried mapping out the Thai community, which although is not very numerous in the CR, mostly works in the sector which is from the view of possible exploitation rather problematic. As the research indicates, the migrants are mostly burdened with big debts, which have to be paid off over the first years in the CR. Our research also shows, that the workers in massage parlours owe their employers about 50 thousand crowns. For this reason they cannot freely decide to change their jobs, because they have liabilities in their present work place. In this context, some of the interviewed women had experienced restrictions of free movement as well retention of travel documents, seldomly physical violence. We found out, that most of them had regular access to internet and used Thai embassy web pages as a source of information. This information is crucially important in matter of enlarging of the informational channel with Thai migrants.

Last year most contacts were established with persons of Ukrainian and Romanian nationalities, followed by contacts with Bulgarian, Slovakian, Moldavian, Thai, Slovenian, Chinese, Serbian, Bosnian, Kazakhstani and Nigerian nationalities.

In mid-2010 Low Thresh-Hold Counselling Centre was launched in cooperation with our partner organisation "Diakonie ČCE". We conceived this service as a possible next step after fieldwork. It is dedicated to people that find themselves in difficult situations related to exploiting or that are at risk of human trafficking. The vast majority of 60 people, who used this service, were exploited outside the sex industry. We noted overwhelming demand for labour-law counselling.

In 2010 there were several one-off cases where in one place there was large number of people found in a difficult, health-threatening situation. It turned out that the set-up network of social services is not able to cope with a large number of people in this situation. La Strada joined the activity of Diakonie ČCE and Charita Prague, which suggests in situation like this, a possibility of using Integrated Rescue System according to Law No. 239/2000 Coll.

For the last few years Fieldwork has been financed mostly from resources of The Ministry of Interior, Crime Prevention Department, program Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Help to Victims of Trafficking and Exploitation.



In 2010 it was co-financed by OSF Praha (Emergency Fund), foundation Open Society Institute and European Commission (Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme of the European Union European Commission-Directorate General Home Affairs).



SOS and INFO line

This line has been operating since 1996. Today it works as an entrance gate for potential clients. This chance to contact us is used by trafficked and exploited people, their relatives, acquaintances or the public, which suspects human trafficking and exploitation. For the same purpose line operators are approached by other organisations and institutions, which have got in touch with human trafficking or exploitation. On different level the line is a specific channel providing a preventive counselling mostly to people who contact us on the point of travelling to work abroad.

In 2010 operating hours of the line were extended to 4 days of the week. In specified hours of the week consultations are available also in Russian, Romanian, Moldavian and in the English language. Since October 2010 on Wednesdays the service is toll free. Outside of operating hours clients have a chance to use a voicemail service. Within SOS and INFO line we also run email accounts pomoc@strada.cz.

SOS and INFO line operating hours:

(+420) 222 71 71 71

Mon: 10.00 – 16:00 (Czech and Russian)

Tues: 10.00 – 16.00 (Czech and English)

Thurs: 10.00 – 16.00 (Czech)

800 07 77 77 (toll free)

Weds: 12.00 – 20.00 (Czech, Russian and Romanian)

Operation of the SOS and INFO line has been on a long-term basis funded by subsidy from the national budget for providers of social service, from resources of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Department of Social Services and Social Inclusion.



In 2010 operation of the SOS and INFO line was co financed from a general support grant from Global Fund for Woman.



Social Services of our Organisation

La Strada provides three registered social services aimed for trafficked and exploited persons, i.e. people. Who have been deceived and/or forced to carry out work or provide service, including prostitution, and whose work has been exploited by others”

- Counselling Services - §37 Act on Social Services
- Crisis Aid - §60 Act on Social Services
- Sheltered Accommodation - § 57 Act on Social Services

Crises Aid and Counselling Services are offered to individuals, which have gone through or find themselves in a situation close to human trafficking or exploitation. Counselling services are intended as well as for persons looking for work or travelling abroad and other people, who are interested in information how to prevent trafficking in human beings and their exploitation.

In 2010 La Strada provided ambulatory or residential services to 96 clients. Out of overall amount of 29 persons, that used more than one social service of La Strada, there were 15 women and 14 men. While forced prostitution or trafficking in persons for purpose of prostitution was behind all the cases of women, the cases of men were always about work exploitation and/or trafficking in persons for purpose of forced labour and other forms of exploitation. Female clients of our organisation came solely from the sex industry. This fact does not reflect present situation, when women are exploited as well as in many other sectors. La Strada registers this problem and discovering and gaining female clients outside sex industry remains a challenge for next year.

Crisis Aid

The mission of Crisis Aid is to create a secure and dignified space where people can discuss their needs and share their experience related to trafficking and exploitation they have lived through. Through crisis intervention, passing on a professional knowledge and support we assist our clients in a process of strengthening their own resources in resolving difficult situation in their lives.

Service Crisis Aid includes as well service Sheltered Accommodation in a usual lengths of seven days. Its goal is to establish apt conditions for stabilization of overall situation and to solve acute crisis situation that have been caused by trafficking in people and exploitation.

The service is provided to people who are facing risks to their health and lives and who are older than 18 years, regardless of their residential status. Ambulatory form of the service can be provided anonymously.

Counselling Service

The mission of La Strada’s Counselling Centre is to create a secure and respectable space where people can discuss their needs and share their experience of the trafficking or exploitation they have gone through. Passing professional knowledge to the clients and supporting them on their way towards strengthening their own resources in resolving the difficult situations they find themselves in is the very meaning of this service.

This service is provided face-to-face or over the phone, regardless of client's residential status. It can also be provided anonymously.

Shelters

The service offers a free temporary accommodation in a secure and respectable environment and through its included social work it contributes on broadening client's range of options for living an independent life.

The mission of La Strada sheltered accommodation is to creation of conditions for stabilising the overall situation of the respective clients. Sheltered accommodation incorporates providing motivation and support to clients in resolving difficult situations in their lives, caused by trafficking in persons and their exploitation.

The service is provided face to face or over the phone to people older than 18 years of Czech and foreign nationals, regardless of their residential status. It can be provided anonymously.

Social services of our organisation are mostly funded by a subsidy from the national budget for providers of social services, from resources of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Department of Social Services and Social Inclusion.



In 2010 social services were co financed from following recourses: Foundation Open Society Institute, European Commission (Prevention of and Fight against Crime programme of the European Union European Commission-Directorate General Home Affairs) and Global Fund for Women.



Lobbying and Advocacy

Measures against human trafficking often emphasize the restrictive migration policy on one hand, prosecution of offenders on the other hand. Many times this happens at the expense of protecting the rights of vulnerable groups and trafficked persons. Violation of human rights is the cause, consequence and characteristic mark of human trafficking, and that's why human rights approach provides an adequate frame of reference for a comprehensive solution to this phenomenon.

Our advocacy and lobby activities are grounded in distributing expert information to decision points. The goal of La Strada is to give a voice for trafficked and exploited people and strive for their rights and interests. We are committed to systemic measures to eliminate factors that are increasing vulnerability of trafficked persons.

One of our lobby cases in the last year was our effort to abolish so called notification requirement on crimes of trafficking in persons and depriving of personal liberty, that came into effect on 1.1.2010 with the release of the new Criminal Code. The notification requirement is an obstacle in gaining the trust of trafficked persons and leads to higher latency of the phenomenon and lowers availability of social services. Withal it is inconsistent with international standards. The Czech Republic was appeal for considering change and reappraising this legislative processing by the UN Committee for Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Ongoing activity since 2004, when La Strada provided its first Recommendation to the Czech Government, is evaluation of policies on fighting against human trafficking. During the last year we published a study 'Too Narrow Gate To Human Rights, Process of Identification of Trafficked Persons in the Czech Republic'. According to the analyses the Czech Republic does not meet the requirements of international standards, which require the criminalization of human trafficking in all forms. The study's findings also confirmed that a number of measures, which should act preventively and also should protect the rights of trafficked people, exists only formally and do not function in practice.

Despite applicable legislative in the Czech Republic no one has been effectively convicted of the crime of trafficking in human beings in purpose of forced labour and other forms of exploiting. La Strada is developing the concept of so called strategic litigation, which aim is both to enable individual trafficked and exploited persons access to justice and to help to implement the definition of "forced labour" and "other forms of exploiting" into criminal law practice.

Publication Too Narrow Gate to Human Rights was created as a part of project Assessment of the Human Rights Impact of Anti-Trafficking Laws and Measures financed by the European Commission – program Daphne III. And The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Strategic litigation was financed within a project Discovering Trafficking for the Purpose of Forced Labour and Labour Exploitation (Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme of the European

Union European Commission-Directorate General Home Affairs). Strategic litigation was also realized thanks to financial support of Open Society Foundation – project Paving the Pathway to Justice.



In 2010 lobby a advocacy was financed by Open Society Fund Praha.



International Cooperation

La Strada is a member of an international network La Strada International (LSI), which unites organisations from another seven European countries (Belarus, Macedonia, Moldova, The Netherlands, Poland, and Ukraine). Regular meetings of members take place twice a year through a General Assembly. In addition, spring 2010 in Prague a seminar was held, which aimed to set minimum quality standards for services provided by members of LSI network. The national coordinator and the director of La Strada Czech Republic have been a member of LSI General Assembly since autumn 2010.

La Strada Czech Republic is a member organization of the international association BAATW (Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women). In summer 2010 a representative of La Strada Czech Republic attended a meeting in Bangkok within the program Access to Justice, which aims to create an expert knowledge on the field of policies related to trafficking in human beings with respect to the rights of trafficked people, with special focus on their access to justice.

Since 2008 La Strada Czech Republic has been a member of European Coalition COMP-ACT EUROPE (European Action Pact for Compensation for Trafficked Persons), which objective is to promote the right of trafficked people to be redressed. Financial compensation for their work, which was exploited for profit by others, and for psychical and health damages they have suffered, is a crucial right of trafficked persons and can help to repair the damages and make their return to a normal life easier. Practical experience shows, that this right still remains on a level of a theoretical idea. In 2010 La Strada Czech Republic co organized within The European Coalition COMP-ACT an international gathering of NGOs. In this three-day meeting in Prague, under the auspices of the Council of Europe and organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, problems related to compensation for trafficked persons were discussed.

Within a project Assessment of The Human Rights Impact of Anti-Trafficking Laws and Measures, on which La Strada Czech Republic participates as a partner organization, in 2010 a worldwide meeting of experts was held in Prague. There were discussed effects of certain measures to combat fight against trafficking in persons on rights of various groups (groups of migrants, providers of sexual services and finally, rights of trafficked people). Objective of the project was to create tools which will enable to evaluate measures of policies related to prevention and fight against trafficking in persons from a view of human rights-related discourse.

In 2010 we implemented a project in Bosnia and Herzegovina aimed at strengthening of civil society in promoting human rights-related approach in the fight against human trafficking. Throughout the year four trips were made by Czech experts to Mostar, Bosnia to provide schooling to seven teams of non-profit organisations. The meaning of the project was to pass on expert knowledge prevention and combat against Trafficking in persons onto local organisations.

Project COMP.ACT (The European Action for Compensation for Trafficked Persons) was financed by The European Commission: Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme of the European Union, European Commission-Directorate General Home Affairs).



Project Assessment of the Human Rights Impact of Anti-Trafficking Laws and Measures was financed by The European Commission – Program Daphne III and The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Project Implementation of Human Rights –based approach in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina was realised within a Transition Promotion Project of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

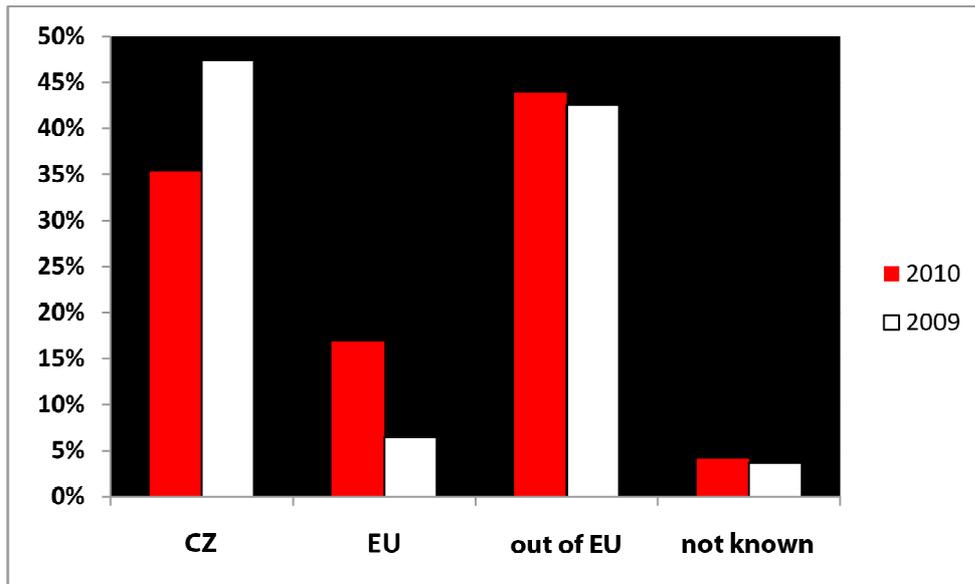
2010 Grants, Subsidies and Projects

- **Discovering Trafficking for the Purpose of Forced Labour and Labour Exploitation (6/2010 – 5/2013)**
Prevention of and Fight against Crime programme of the European Union, European Commission-Directorate General Home Affairs
- **Paving the Pathway to Justice (5/2010 – 5/2011)**
Foundation Open Society Institute
- **Far from Home ... I'm in a crisis**
Foundation Open Society Fund Prague
- **Subsidy from the national budget for providers of social services (1/2010 – 12/2010)**
The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Czech Republic, Department of Social Services and Social Inclusion.
- **Help to and Support of people at risk of Trafficking and Exploiting, specially Focused on Exercising their Rights (1/2010 – 12/2010)**
The Ministry of Interior of Czech Republic, Crime Prevention Department, program Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Help to Victims of Trafficking
- **COMP.ACT (The European Action for Compensation for Trafficked persons) (1/2010 – 12/2010, partnership in the project)**
Prevention of and Fight against Crime programme of the European Union European Commission-Directorate General Home Affairs
- **General Support Grant (10/2009 – 10/2010)**
Global Fund for Women
- **Implementation of Human Rights –based approach in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2/2010 – 12/2010)**
Transition Promotion Project of The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic
- **Stop to Labour Exploitation – Close-Up View (5/2009 – 1/2010)**
Foundation Open Society Fund Prague
- **Assessment of the Human Rights Impact of Anti-Trafficking Laws and Measures (1/2009 – 12/2010)**
The European Commission – Program Daphne III

2010 in Graphs and Figures

SOS and INFO line	
Number of callers	317
Number of activities	701

Nationality of SOS a INFO line callers

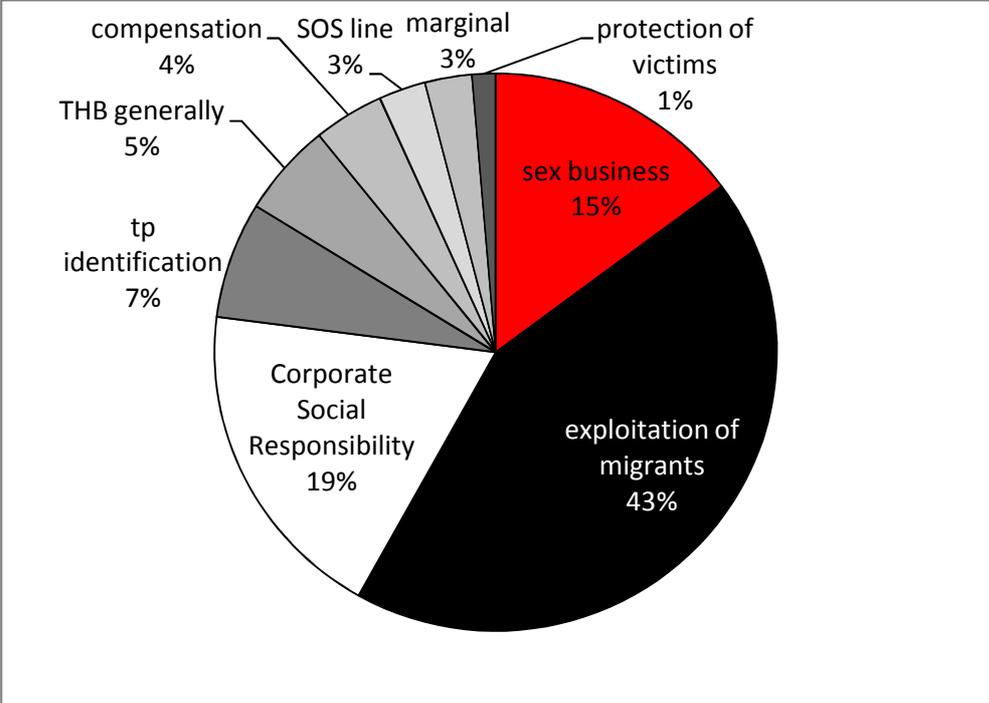


Social Counselling	
Contact counselling	60 osob
Comprehensive social services	29 osob

Fieldwork	
Number of contacts with target group	1197
Number of contacts with persons close to target group	aprox. 300
Disseminated materials	10453
Disseminated materials of partner organisations	aprox. 600

Media Activities of La Strada	
Press releases of organisation	6
Press conferences of organisation	1
Number of media outputs	53

Categories of media information related to La Strada



Cooperation with NGOs and Public Sector

Membership in Expert Networks and Workgroups

- La Strada International
- Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women (GAATW)
- Platform for Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
- Fórum pro integraci (FORINT)
- Workgroup of the Ministry of Justice of Czech Republic on a proposal of Act about Victims of Crime
- Inter-institutional Co-ordination Group for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- Expert Group for creation of Strategies to Combat Social Exclusion

Commented-on Documents, Consultations and Contributions to Monitoring Reports

- 2009 Status Report on Trafficking in Human Beings in Czech Republic (OBP MVČR)
- 2009 Report on the State of Human Rights in the Czech Republic in 2009 (Czech Government Council)
- 2010 Trafficking in Persons Report (Department of State, USA)
- Shadow Report UN Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women
- Recommendations for Revision of the Methodical Instructions of the First Deputy Minister of Interior on the Functioning of The Program of Support and protection of Victims of Human Trafficking
- Materials for Asylum and Migration Policy of The Ministry for the New Act on Residence of Foreigners
- Consulting a preventive spot for Informational Channel for Schools
- Expert consultations to a legal firm representing “Tree Workers”

Lectures and Training Courses

- ANTIOCH University Ohio
- Archdiocesan Charity in Prague
- Children’s Home in Olomouc
- Justice Academy

- New York University of Prague

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- Young Leaders Dialogue Conference in Prague: Prague, February 2010
- EU Services providers Meeting on Return and Reintegration of Migrant Workers “Strengthening the Cooperation and Referral System” (ILO): Bangkok, February 2010
- Migra: International Seminar on WOMEN AND Migration: Prague, March 2010
- Workshop of the Human Rights Section of the Green Party
- Consultative Conference Assessment of the Human Rights Impact of anti-trafficking policies: Prague, June 2010
- GAATW International Conference Beyond Borders: Trafficking in the Context of Migrant, Labour and Women’s Rights: Bangkok, July 2010
- 10th meeting of the Informal Council of Europe network on Gender Mainstreaming – Migrant Women and the labour Market, Strasbourg CoE: Strasbourg, September 2010
- COMP-ACT presentation in Serbian Parliament: Belgrade, October 2010
- Workshop Standards for Quality in Social Services: Kyjev, October 2010
- Seminar on Labour Trafficking, European House (Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Prague on the occasion of the Belgian Presidency of the EU Council)

La Strada Press Releases:

- Labour Exploitation of Foreigners (27.1.2010)
- Compensation for Trafficked Persons - A Real Chance or Utopia? (8.3.2010)
- Compensation for Trafficked Persons in Practice does not Work Yet. International project COMP.ACT will focus on system obstacles, Minister-to-be Pospíšil wants to enforce an amendment to the new Criminal Procedure Code (2.7.2010)
- He Bequeathed his Property to Non-Profit Organizations and Was Awarded In Memoriam (24.9.2010)
- People, Who Work In Conditions of Modern Slavery Can Now Contact the Toll-Free Link of La Strada Organisation
- Czech Republic Fails to Face Trafficking of persons for Purpose of Other Forms of Exploiting and Forced Labour (7.12.2010)

La Strada Monographs:

- Too Narrow Gate to Human Rights, Process of identification of Trafficked Persons in Czech Republic (Kutálková, Petra. 2010)

Who Supports and Finances us

Sincerely and with respect we would like to thank organisations, institutions and individuals for material and financial donations. We thank them for sacrificing their time, money and energy to support our organisations' activities and to enable us to achieve our goals.

In 2010 we received financial support from these donors:

- Václav Pokorný
- Ivan Vlasyuk
- Talitha kay Brauer
- Jan Fingerland

Thank you! We also thank Wolters Kluver Company for a significant discount on ASPI licences. We would like to thank Manpower which supports our mission to inform about the risks of human trafficking and exploitation. Thanks a lot also to Mr. Lubomír Kohout. In 2010 he bequeathed a great amount of his heritage to us. The funds from Mr. Kohout remain in a reserve fund of our organisation and are used to bridge the times when we have to pre-finance some of our projects. We sincerely thank our volunteers, especially Rosamund Johnston for proofreading of English texts.

Activities of our organisation are covered from following subsidies and grant programs:

- European Commission, Daphne III programme
- Global Fund for Woman
- Ministry of labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic
- Foundation open Society Fund Prague
- Crime Prevention Department, Ministry of Interior of Czech Republic
- Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme of the European Union European Commission-Directorate General home Affairs
- Transition Promotion Project of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic

Independent Auditor's Report on Audit of the 2010 Financial Statements

I have carried out the audit at the public benefit organization La Strada Česká republika, obecně prospěšná společnost, P.O.BOX 305, Prague 1, ZIP 111 21, ID 25656317, for the period of the year 2010 pursuant to the Contract on Performing the 2010 Audit No. 73-129/11.

The regular financial statements as at 31 December 2010 and the 2010 Annual Report were the **subject-matter** of the audit.

In accordance with the International Standards on Auditing ISA 120-800 as well as with the Act No. 93/2009 Coll. on Auditors, the audit **aimed** at verifying whether

- accounting was kept in accordance with
 - the Act No. 563/1991 Coll. on Accounting, as amended,
 - the Decree No. 504/2002 Coll., by which some provisions of the Act No. 563/1991 Coll. on Accounting, as amended, are carried out by accounting units whose main object of activity is not entrepreneurial, as long as they keep accounts in a double entry accounting system, as implied by modifications implemented by the Decrees No. 476/2003 Coll., No. 548/2004 Coll., No. 400/2005 Coll., and the Decree No. 471/2008 Coll.,
 - recommendations included in Czech accounting standards for accounting units keeping their accounts pursuant to the Decree No. 504/2002 Coll., as amended by regulations nos. 401 through 414,
- entries of the financial statements based on the underlying accounts truly and fairly show the situation of assets and liabilities, equity, financial position and the accounting unit's financial results.

The organization's authorised representative is **responsible** for drawing up the financial statements and for keeping accounts that are complete, evidentiary, correct, comprehensible and kept in a way guaranteeing durability of accounting records and in accordance with applicable legal regulations. My task is to draw up a report giving my opinion on the financial statements based on auditing the information submitted.

I have **audited** the enclosed annual financial statements in accordance with the Act No. 93/2009 Coll. on Auditors and on Amendment of Certain Acts, as amended by the Act No. 227/2009 Coll., with the International Standards on Auditing ISA 120-800, and with auditing guidelines of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic. The said standards require that an auditor complies with ethical standards and designs and performs an audit in a way that allows obtaining a reasonable degree of certainty that the financial statements do not show any material irregularities.

In order to give an opinion, I have carried out an appropriate selective audit of accounting records and other information justifying the data stated within the financial statements and an assessment of procedures applied by the accounting unit while drawing up the financial statements.

An audit involves a selective verification of completeness and provability of the amounts and facts stated within the financial statements and assessment of correctness and suitability of accounting procedures. I have obtained the information needed by reading accounting statements, accounting documents and accounting records as well as enquiring the personnel in charge.

I believe that the extent of the audit performed and the thereby obtained information I gathered have provided me with an appropriate and sufficient bases to give an opinion on the financial statements of the public benefit organization La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s.

In my opinion, the financial statements give, in all significant respects, a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, equity and financial position of the public benefit organization La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s., as at 31 December 2010 and of its financial results for 2010, and they are in accordance with the Accounting Act and the respective regulations of the Czech Republic; therefore

for the financial statements audited, I issue the

no-reservations opinion.

The annual financial statements of the public benefit organization La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s. have been drawn up on the basis of accounts kept in line with applicable legal regulations, notably with the Act No. 563/1991 Coll. on Accounting, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the Accounting Act), the Decree of the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic no. 504/2002 Coll., by which some provisions of the Act No. 563/1991 Coll. on Accounting are carried out by accounting units whose main object of activity is not entrepreneurial, as long as they keep accounts in a double entry accounting system, and in accordance with Czech accounting standards for accounting units whose main object of activity is not entrepreneurial.

I have audited the consistency of information relating the public benefit organization for the period stated within the annual report with the financial statements being audited. In my opinion, the information presented in the annual report is consistent, in all material respects, with those financial statements, from which they have been taken. The annual report includes data pursuant to the Act No. 248/1995 Coll. on Public Benefit Organizations, as amended.

The public benefit organization complies with the conditions applicable to providing public benefit services.

In Prague on 23 June 2011

official stamp:

Ing. Jan ZEMAN

Auditor

Chamber of Auditors of the CR

Certification no. 1765

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Ing. Jan Zeman

Auditor, registered on the List of Auditors of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic under the certification no. 1765

Annexes:

- Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2010, in simplified extent
- Profit and Loss Account as at 31 December 2010, in simplified extent
- Annex to accounting statements for the year 2010 – La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s.
- 2010 Annual Report

Balance Sheet according to Annex No. 1

of the Decree No. 504/2002 Coll.

Balance Sheet in Simplified Extent

as at 31 December 2010

(in rounded thousands of CZK)

The accounting unit shall
deliver:

ID
25656317

Name, registered office and legal
form of the accounting unit

La Strada Česká republika

Roživoiova 1007/105

ASSETS		Line num ber	Balance as at	Balance as at
			the first day of accounting period	the last day
a		b	1	2
A.	Total fixed assets	1		
I.	Total long-term intangible assets	2	27	27
II.	Total long-term tangible assets	3	709	709
III.	Total long-term financial assets	4		
IV.	Overall depreciation of long-term assets	5	-736	-736
B.	Total current assets	6	1 393	5 469
I.	Total inventory	7		
II.	Total accounts receivable	8	450	784
III.	Total short-term financial assets	9	943	4 685
IV.	Total other assets	10		

	Total assets	11	1 393	5 469
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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		Line number	Balance as at the first day of accounting period	Balance as at the last day
a		b	3	4
A.	Total equity	12	1 125	5 106
I.	Total equity	13	1 093	5 412
II.	Total retained earnings	14	32	-306
B.	Total external sources	15	268	363
I.	Total reserves	16		
II.	Total long-term liabilities	17	120	149
III.	Total short-term liabilities	18	24	214
IV.	Total other liabilities	19	124	
	Total equity and liabilities	20	1 393	5 469

Sent on:	Stamp: <i>LA STRADA ČR O.P.S.</i> <i>Bořivojova 105</i> <i>130 00 PRAHA 3</i> <i>Tel./fax: +420 222 721 810</i> <i>ID: 25656317 Tax ID: CZ25656317</i>	Signature of the responsible person: <i>Irena Konečná - autograph</i>	Signature of the person responsible for drawing-up: <i>Illegible autograph</i> Telephone:	Draw-up date: 10 June 2011
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