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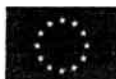
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nell'ambito del Progetto europeo, titolo "Protection First: early identification, protection and assistance of child victims and at risk of trafficking and exploitation" Codice HOME/2012/ISEC/AG/THB/4000003911 di cui si allega al presente Protocollo una descrizione, formandone parte integrante:



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Premesso che

la **Cooperativa Sociale Sirena** gestisce dal 2013 la Comunità Educativa per Minori “La Sirena”, con sede in via dei Saraceni, n.32, Terrabianca, Tortoreto (TE), struttura residenziale a carattere comunitario caratterizzata dalla flessibilità organizzativa e dalla partecipazione dei minori alla gestione del servizio con una azione specifica finalizzata all’inserimento o al reinserimento sociale, scolastico e lavorativo. La comunità accoglie fino ad un massimo di 10-12 minori, dai 11 ai 17 anni di età, di sesso maschile e femminile, privi del necessario supporto familiare o per i quali la permanenza nel nucleo familiare sia temporaneamente o definitivamente impossibile o contrastante con il piano personalizzato educativo assistenziale. Per ogni minore accolto viene stilato, in accordo con i Servizi Territoriali invianti, un progetto socio-educativo individuale ed in linea con il progetto globale della Comunità.

e che

L’Associazione ON THE ROAD ONLUS, attiva dal 1990 per intervenire nei fenomeni della prostituzione e della tratta, con particolare riferimento alla prostituzione di uomini, donne, trans gender e minori immigrati, spesso vittime della tratta di esseri umani a scopo di sfruttamento sessuale e/o lavorativo, promuove i diritti dei minori stranieri presenti in Italia, secondo i principi sanciti dalla Convenzione ONU sui Diritti dell’Infanzia e dell’Adolescenza, con particolare – ma non esclusiva – attenzione ai minori più vulnerabili ed emarginati (minori vittime di tratta e/o sfruttamento, minori stranieri non accompagnati, minori richiedenti asilo, minori sottoposti a procedimento penale), sensibilizzando fra l’altro, all’identificazione di strumenti necessari ad accrescere nei minori stessi la consapevolezza rispetto al rischio di essere e/o poter essere potenziali vittime del circuito della tratta.

le due parti si accordano a svolgere le seguenti attività:

- un’attività di sperimentazione, monitoraggio e di valutazione della metodologia utilizzata nel progetto ed in particolare dei TOOLS innovativi sviluppati dai partner del progetto allo scopo di accrescere la autovalutazione e migliorare la sensibilizzazione dei minori sui meccanismi di tratta e sfruttamento, così come la capacità di identificare i minori vittime ed a rischio da parte degli operatori della comunità.

Inoltre si impegnano a:

L’ASSOCIAZIONE ON THE ROAD ONLUS s’impegna a:

- condividere le metodologie e gli strumenti di ricerca e analisi prima di svolgere le rispettive attività con i minori e gli operatori;
- fornire alla comunità qualsiasi informazione o chiarimento inerente al progetto;
- utilizzare qualsiasi informazione attinente i minori ospiti della Comunità nel pieno rispetto della normativa vigente sulla privacy.



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la COOPERATIVA SOCIALE Sirena si impegna a:

- collaborare con l'ASSOCIAZIONE ON THE ROAD ONLUS del presente Protocollo;
- assicurare la nomina di almeno un referente per il progetto Protection First;
- assicurare loro il tempo da dedicare alle attività oggetto del presente Protocollo ed in particolare a ricevere e rispondere a comunicazioni inerenti al progetto da parte di Save the Children e ad essere attivamente coinvolti nelle attività previste all'interno della comunità.

Nome del referente FABIO SORGONI, Coordinatore del Progetto;
Nome del referente Cinzia Clementoni ed Elena Vigilante, Educatori.

Il presente Protocollo di Intesa non prevede e non prevederà nessun onere finanziario a carico delle parti per la partecipazione congiunta alle attività di cui all'accordo.

Il presente Protocollo di Intesa ha durata fino al compimento delle attività progettuali previste e, ad ogni modo, non oltre il 30 settembre 2015, data ultima per il termine del Progetto stesso.

MARTINSICURO, li 15/12/2014.

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Allegato – Summary of the project: “Protection First: early identification, protection and assistance of child victims and at risk of trafficking and exploitation” - HOME/2012/ISEC/AG/THB/4000003911 (English)

The 24 month project "PROTECTION FIRST" is implemented in Italy, The Netherlands and Romania. The Applicant is Save the Children Italia, its partners are On the Road and Dedalus in Italy, Defence for Children in The Netherlands and Save the Children Romania in Romania. The Associate Partners Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Department of Equal Opportunities, Municipality of Naples and Union of Municipalities of Tronto Valley in Italy; ANITP in Romania.

The general objective is to improve knowledge on child trafficking and to prevent child trafficking and protect child victims and children at risk of trafficking and any form of exploitation, including the less known ones (e.g. involvement in criminal activities) through research, the use of identification tools and awareness raising.

The specific objectives are:

- 1) To improve identification of child victims or at risk of trafficking and exploitation in care facilities in Italy, The Netherlands and Romania;
- 2) To raise child victims and children at risk's awareness and improve their capacity to self assess the risks and if they are in the process of trafficking/exploitation.

The target groups are:

- GROUP 1: child victims and children at risk of trafficking and any form of exploitation: in particular, this target group involves unaccompanied children and children placed in alternative care. Main countries of origin: Romania, Egypt, Bangladesh, Somalia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, others from North and Sub-Saharan Africa
- GROUP 2: relevant stakeholders including LEAs, Care, outreach and social workers, Guardians, NGOs, institutions, Judiciary, researchers, representatives of the EU, other European institutions and organisations

The beneficiaries are:

- GROUP 1: child victims and children at risk of trafficking and any form of exploitation: in particular, this target group involves unaccompanied children placed in alternative care. Main countries of origin: Romania, Egypt, Bangladesh, Somalia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, others from North and Sub-Saharan Africa
- GROUP 2: Care, outreach, social workers and Guardians

The activities conducted are:

research, collection of 18 case studies on child trafficking and exploitation; development of 9 new tools on early identification, children's self assessment and awareness raising, also through consultation with



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75 key stakeholders and involvement of 24 children in participation activities; 4 trainings to 105 care workers and guardians; testing of tools for 10 months; discussion of project results and recommendations with 15 representatives of EU NGOs, IGOs and Institutions in a roundtable in Brussels

The main project results are:

- 1 desk review and 1 research
- 3 early identification tools, 3 child victims' self-assessment tools, 3 children's awareness raising tools developed and tested
- 1 consultation of 75 stakeholders
- child participation with 24 children
- 4 trainings to 105 care workers and guardians
- 1 EU final event in Brussels with 15 participants
- Recommendations

The main project deliverables are:

agendas and minutes of 4 meetings between Applicant/partners; 1 project workplan and 6 four-monthly reports of activities by partners; 3 workplans for multi-agency training; 18 case studies on child trafficking and exploitation; 85 interviews with stakeholders; 1 desk review report; 1 research report; 9 tools produced and tested; 75 stakeholders consulted; 32 participation workshops with 24 children; 105 care workers and guardians trained in 4 trainings; 1 document with recommendations; 15 European stakeholders involved in final event

Project methodology:

The project will be implemented by conducting research, and developing innovative tools to guarantee that child victims and children at risk know the risks and can be identified and protected. A child rights approach will be used, based on the principles and standards enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Children's participation will be guaranteed.

Expected results

MAIN RESULTS:

- 4 meetings of 2 days and 12 conference calls held between Applicant/partners
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SOME INDICATORS

- n of meetings with partners held
- n of interviews conducted
- n of profiles of child victims and at risk updated or developed
- n and typology of tools identified/developed and tested
- n of stakeholders involved in consultation and training events
- n. of children involved in participation
- children's knowledge of risks of trafficking/exploitation
- level of children's capacity to conduct self assessment
- n of children identified as victims or at risk
- n of children that use early assessment tools
- n of children that use awareness raising tools
- n of European stakeholders at final event

Conception

The situation of unaccompanied children living in care facilities and institutions is a growing concern in EU with regards to the risk of trafficking and exploitation. While programmes exist for the protection of child victims of trafficking/exploitation, particularly sexual and labour exploitation, proactive and early identification is still an issue - even more so for those who may be drawn into an exploitative situation after their arrival, including involvement in illegal activities and begging. In this sense, the AGIRE project (JLS/2007/ISEC/537) drew attention to such children at risk in its profiles and indicators developed in 4 EU countries, providing a methodology for their identification and provision of first assistance by way of standard operating procedures.



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A critical situation was faced in Italy in 2011 when 4000 children arrived during the North African Emergency. They were placed in care, including temporary facilities, where there was no capacity to identify children who were victims of trafficking/exploitation. In general, for all children in care, without practical tools childcare staff are not equipped for this kind of assessment. Further, without awareness raising tools, children themselves cannot consider their risky situation nor find through self-assessment, they are victims of trafficking.

The applicant decided that practical tools for these target groups was a priority and proposed it to the 2 Italian partners who have strong experience on trafficking and work in care facilities where child victims and those at risk are placed. SCRO and DCI were also contacted as they are well recognized for their experience with victims of trafficking and children at risk. The project objectives are priorities in those countries as well, so it was decided to conduct comparative development/selection and testing of practical tools in Italy and The Netherlands where children transit and stay, and Romania as an important country of origin.

Most recent developments

Several new EU instruments addressing trafficking highlight the need for more work on early identification: Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating TIB and protecting its victims, the Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors (COM(2010) 213 final); Directive 2009/52/EC on sanctions against employers who knowingly employ illegally staying third country workers; Directive on seasonal employment of third-country nationals (COM(2010) 379 final), and finally the EU Anti-Trafficking strategy - one of its 5 priorities being "Identifying, protecting and assisting victims of trafficking". Applicant and partners are abreast of the current child trafficking/exploitation situation and for unaccompanied children both through project work involving field staff, research and consultation, and through engagement in EU networking and strategic discussions. The applicant participated in the EC's Anti-Trafficking Strategy consultation in 09/2011 providing specific info on children at risk of trafficking at EU level and details about the applicant's research on trafficking and the use of new technologies.

Italian partners are regularly consulted by institutions on trafficking, including for the development of Italy's first anti-trafficking action plan. In project preparation the applicant's annual Trafficking Dossier (http://images.savethechildren.it/IT/f/img_publicazioni/img185_b.pdf) was considered, i.e. considering the flow of Romanian girls to Italy for the purposes of sexual exploitation and unaccompanied children, such as Afghanis, from Italy to The Netherlands. The applicant and SCRO recently concluded a study on child begging (EC tender led by ICMPD) and currently work on Daphne-funded project Interact involving awareness raising in care facilities. DCI led the Closing a Protection Gap project, producing standards for Child Guardians, and recently conducted research for the ISEC-funded "Guardians for separated children Against Trafficking and all forms of exploitation" project.