



BULGARIAN-SWISS COOPERATION PROGRAMME  
БЪЛГАРО-ШВЕЙЦАРСКА ПРОГРАМА ЗА СЪТРУДНИЧЕСТВО

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**PROJECT:**

**“Return and Reintegration of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings”**

**Overall objective:** The project aims to support the Bulgarian government in its efforts to combat trafficking in human beings by contributing to the improvement of the protection of both Bulgarian nationals who have been victims of trafficking in human beings and of foreign nationals trafficked to Bulgaria. The project also aims to improve the administrative capacity of the Bulgarian authorities to provide protection and assistance to victims and witnesses of trafficking.

In particular, the project will ensure the return of victims of trafficking to their countries of origin and their access to needs-specific and reintegration services and will, at the same time, strengthen the capacity of Bulgarian stakeholders to provide assistance for the protection and reintegration of victims and witnesses of trafficking in human beings.

In addition, a hotline (02 93 94 777) was opened for the purposes of the project, providing information, advice and support to victims of trafficking, as well as to vulnerable persons who might be potential victims of trafficking.

In the period 2016-2017, IOM will organize two trainings on identification and referral of victims of trafficking with the participation of representatives of state authorities and NGOs.

The project’s **target group** are Bulgarian citizens identified as victims of trafficking outside Bulgaria, as well as foreign citizens identified on the territory of the country.

The following will be assisted within the project’s framework:

- **The return to Bulgaria of over 100 people** identified as victims of trafficking both abroad and in Bulgaria;
- **A minimum of 90 victims of trafficking will receive reintegration support** for sustainable reintegration after their return to their country of origin;
- **More than 120 people will receive humanitarian aid**, medical care, psychological counseling, social support, qualification courses, legal and work counseling, access to a safe environment and witness protection in human trafficking cases and other consultations and services tailored to the specific needs of the victims.

**IOM partners** in assisting victims of trafficking in human beings:

- Global Network Missions of the International Organization for Migration
- The National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- Ministry of Interior - General Directorate "Border Police", General Directorate "Combating Organized Crime", Directorate "Migration"
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the embassies and consulates of the Republic of Bulgaria abroad
- State Agency for Child Protection
- Agency for Social Assistance
- State Agency for Refugees
- The Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Association Foundation "Animus"
- Non-governmental organizations providing services to victims of trafficking in human beings

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**End date:** 31.12.2018

**Term of implementation:** 48 months