



victims of human trafficking and viral hepatitis



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Steady jobs available abroad

No qualifications necessary



**You only pay with your dignity,
your health, and your freedom.**

Entertainer, dancer, model, waitress, au pair; so many interesting, well-paid jobs abroad these days. Why would anybody want to give you a job abroad? Because the real job is prostitution. There's a lot of money to be made in prostitution. But not for you. Your part will be sickness, violence, isolation and humiliation. And who will protect you? No one. You will be a stranger in a strange land.

Your life is in your hands. Don't trade it for a cage.

Trafficking

...the recruitment,
transportation, transfer,
harboring or receipt of
persons,

by the threat or use of
abduction, fraud, deception,
coercion, or the abuse of
power or by 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...

*(Art. 3 of the Palermo Protocol - Convention against
Transnational Organized Crime - 2000)*

Trafficking by numbers

- 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year - U.S. State Department
- In 2008, traffickers made an estimated \$31 billion buying and selling humans – UN
- 1019 victims were identified in Turkey between 2004-2009



Determinants of HT in Turkey

- Close to HT routes
- Loose border controls, easily obtained visas
- Huge informal sector including sex work – high demand
- Attractive for irregular migration – human smuggling
- Defined as a crime – Penal code – hard to identify



STI services for VOTs in Turkey

- All foreign sex workers is subjected for compulsory control for STIs
 - RPR, Anti-HIV 1+2, Anti-HCV, HBsAg
- Voluntary check-up on demand at the shelter
 - MOH provides free medical services
 - 59 victims are referred for STIs



Hepatitis B and C among victims

- HBsAg (+) in 5 victims (8%)
 - Last 18 victims with anti-HBs results
 - 1 HBsAg (+), anti-HBs (-)
 - 12 HBsAg (-), anti-HBs (+) 66% = vaccine?
 - 5 HBsAg (-), anti-HBs (-)
- Anti-HCV + in 6 victims (10%)
- HIV (+) 2 victims

Conclusion

- Hepatitis prevalence is high among VOTs
- Both hepatitis and human trafficking prevention is a priority
- Medical staff face with victims without knowing them, they may help in identification
- Prevention of STI activities should involve irregular migration including VOTs

Double effect of oppressive measures

- Oppressive measures for border control and sex work only helps HT operate underground
- More support for human rights
 - Right to movement
 - Right to work
 - Right for sex workers
 - Right to health



Number of Visitors Entering and Leaving Turkey (2004-2007)

(Only the citizens of countries that are subject to human trafficking in Turkey are taken into consideration.)*

Country	Number of visitors to Turkey 2004-2007	Number of trafficked persons 2004-2007	Number of persons involved in prostitution 2004-2007	Ratio of trafficked persons / prostitution (%)
Azerbaijan	1,554,577	65	1,256	5.18
Belarus	332,137	10	100	10.00
Bulgaria	5,349,744	9	50	18.00
Armenia	164,196	2	121	1.65
Georgia	1,780,269	44	1,386	3.17
Kazakhstan	519,951	19	83	22.89
Kyrgyzstan	141,322	84	491	17.11
Moldova	414,219	256	1,625	15.75
Uzbekistan	116,452	42	230	18.26
Romania	1,003,305	23	131	17.56
Russia	7,746,837	152	1,222	12.44
Turkmenistan	186,055	29	323	8.98
Ukraine	1,689,062	148	1,317	11.24
Sri Lanka		1		
Tunisia		1		
TOTAL	20,998,126	885	8,335	