

What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is widely viewed as a form of modern day slavery. It can be referred to as 'trafficking in human beings' (THB) and 'trafficking in people' (TIP).

It is a crime committed against an individual and can happen to anyone, from any background, young and old, male and female, British nationals, Europeans, third country nationals, asylum seekers and refugees.

Human trafficking means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of a person. This can be through threats or the use of force, or other forms of coercion and deception for the purpose of exploitation.

ACT

Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons which can include either domestic or cross-border movement – it can be into, within, or out of the UK.

MEANS

Threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or giving payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of exploitation, this includes sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or similar practices and the removal of organs or body tissue.



“They treated me **kindly**,
with **understanding**.
They **respected** me.”

ICMPD (2007) *Listening to victims: Experiences of identification, return and assistance on South Eastern Europe.*

Please contact 999 if you or somebody is in immediate danger. Please follow British Red Cross Safeguarding procedures if you have a concern for somebody's safety.

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STEP

Sustainable integration
of **T**rafficked human
beings through proactive
identification and
Enhanced **P**rotection

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Integration Fund of the European Union



The STEP Project was designed in the context of the refugee crisis and the increased migration flow across Europe. The project brings together transit and destination countries, and aims to develop and promote a consistent approach to identification, protection and integration of survivors of trafficking across the EU.

Countries across Europe are struggling to meet the needs of people desperately seeking safety. People are at risk of trafficking and exploitation on their journey. This has brought new challenges in transit and destination countries. Agencies responding to immediate basic needs are struggling to identify and support survivors of human trafficking.

STEP is funded through the European Commission's Asylum, Migration and Integration fund (AMIF) programme.



STEP will bring together partners from the UK, France, Croatia and the Netherlands to:

- **Increase visibility and awareness** of the risks of trafficking, targeted directly at migrants in transit; refugees and asylum seekers arriving in destination countries; and frontline workers
- **Pilot a robust integration and protection support programme** for survivors with clear indicators of increased independence and integration in host countries
- **Build a Red Cross Red Crescent hub**, to promote best practice, share tools and expand networks to ensure a consistent global approach to human trafficking

The British Red Cross is partnering with Ashiana and Hestia on a 12 month pilot project for survivors of trafficking. A total of 50 survivors of trafficking outside the National Referral Mechanism will be supported from February 2018 – February 2019.

Offering three complimentary models of support in three different locations across the UK, the STEP pilot will test different methods for supporting survivors of trafficking.

The pilot will support survivors through different models to access:

- accommodation
- legal advice
- health care including mental health services
- volunteering opportunities
- education and training

The models of support include a casework and advocacy approach, along with community connectors. The support offered through the pilot is holistic and person centred, allowing the survivor to identify and prioritise their needs.

The pilot's outcomes will be measured and presented to promote change and encourage public bodies to adopt a sustainable integration model.

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