



Extracts of Presentations and Recommendations for Anti-trafficking work in the **DURRËSI QARK** from the 2006 CAAHT Annual Conference Report

This document extracts key data for Durrësi Qark from the report of the **2006 Annual Conference of the USAID program *The Albanian Initiative: Coordinated Action Against Human Trafficking (CAAHT)***. Information includes highlights from presentations and working groups regarding good practices and ideas for anti-trafficking programs and activities implemented by governmental structures and civil society actors. The full conference report is available in PDF format on the CAAHT website: www.caaht.com.

Recent developments in the work of the Regional Committee in the Fight Against Trafficking in Human Beings

Durres—Prefect's Office (Technical Secretariat) — Mr. Dilaver Tepelena
(2006 AC Report, page 30)

Highlights of the presentation

- Based on the Prime Minister's Order, in Durres the Regional Anti-trafficking Committee has established the Technical Secretariat which meets every two months. The Technical Secretariat has developed the regulation in accordance with the Order and guidelines.
- Its location makes Durres an attractive place for illegal activities, including human trafficking. However, because of strong governmental institutions, Durres has had only one case of trafficking during the last three months.
- The registration of population influences the anti-trafficking efforts. Many families are not registered, and their family members might be potential victims of human trafficking; it is difficult to identify them. Enforcement of laws is a very important step in dealing with these issues.
- Attention is paid to the integration of children who have dropped out of school. In the framework of the "Second Chance" project, five teachers are working with four schools from the poorest zones for 25 weeks. Such work will help anti-trafficking efforts and improve social conditions. An issue to be addressed is to give these children some kind of certificate. It might not be the same as regular pupils because then other children might dropout from school thinking they can complete classes the other way. In this context, there is coordination between the Education Directorate and different NGOs.
- The Regional Employment Office of Durres is implementing different projects taking into consideration the labor market needs and focusing on the most problematic areas. The Regional Committee has required public and civil society institutions to coordinate for better results.

- The Municipality has designated a fund for poor families. Such measures will have an impact on minimizing human trafficking.
- On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, 10 December, the Regional Committee is going to organize activities (leaflet, posters, demonstration of the youth parliament, painting exhibition, musical concert, and round table on local TV) focusing on anti-trafficking with the contribution of both governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Highlights of the discussion

- Second Chance is a project of the Ministry of Education that aims at integrating children from poor areas that have dropped out of school.
- An issue that has come up from the discussions at the Regional Committee is the need to increase the presence of the police at school through organizing different presentations on different topics, including anti-trafficking.
- The main cause of human trafficking is poverty, especially in rural areas.
- A major issue is the lack of mechanisms to determine the poverty level. Because of the high level of informality, it is difficult to identify the real needs.
- The government spends a lot for employment but in an old-fashioned and ineffective way. The importance of professional schools/education that have a greater impact on employment must be emphasized.
- A major issue is registration of children. This might require coordination of different institutions starting at the maternity hospital.
- A high level of informality aggravates the social problems and decreases the possibility of identification.
- The projects for children who have dropped out of school seem to contradict the law on education as eight years of education is obligatory. Children staying at home because of a blood feud are another major issue. On the other hand, the Regional Education Directorate should have its strategies to manage this process.
- Hidden dropouts are more dangerous because they alter how much intervention is needed. The Education Directorate should cooperate with other institutions to find effective mechanisms for monitoring school attendance.
- There is a tendency toward a decrease in trafficking abroad and an increase in trafficking domestically.
- Governmental institutions have a positive approach and predisposition for working with NGOs.

Identifying Actions in Qark Groups

Qarqe: Durrësi and Elbasani

(2006 AC Report, page 49)

Five chosen actions:

1. Efficient work and coordination of the Regional Committees.
2. Creation of action plans that will clearly define the needs for capacity building in the technical working groups.

3. Retaining qualified and trained specialists who know the anti-trafficking topic.
4. Using the knowledge and expertise of the experienced NGOs to help the work of the Regional Committee.
5. Victim's integration and work possibilities as well as returning them to normal life. Can the Regional Committees coordinate the vocational courses offered by local government and NGOs in our *qarqe*?

All actions from Qark Discussions

Qark Group: Durrësi and Elbasani

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All Actions

- Efficient work and coordination of the Regional Committees.
- Creation of the action plans that will clearly define the needs for capacity building in the technical working groups.
- Keeping in work the qualified and trained specialists that know the anti-trafficking topic.
- Using the knowledge and expertise of the experienced NGOs to help the work of the Regional Committees.
- Victim's integration, work possibility and returning them in the normal life. Can we Regional Committees work for a plan to coordinate the vocational courses offered by local government and NGO's in our *qarqe*?