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Project proposal

SEARCHING, IDENTIFICATION AND FINDING OUT THE LOST AND TRAFFICKED CHILDREN



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Summary

The project "Searching, identification and finding out the lost and trafficked children" has as its aim the gathering of useful information and identification through this information and data of the lost and trafficked children in the neighboring countries and wide world, and the collaboration with the specialized state organs, international institutions and missions and with the children care organizations within the frame work of Convention 44 / 25 of September 2 1990 of the General Assembly of UNO "For children's right "and "Minimal Standard rules for justice administration for the children" (Beijing rules), Resolution 40 / 33 of November 29 1985, to enable their bringing to their families.

Being based on the Republic Constitution, on the laws of the Albanian State, on the International Standards and on the mission of the Albanian Centre of the Studying of the Struggle Against Terrorism and Organized Crimes, this project will serve even for the making of evidence of the full list of the trafficked children, who are used by organized crime, the children who actually happen to be in prisons in the Countries they have emigrated or they have been trafficked to, even to give the proper help, juridical and professional for a just, fair trial according to the international conventions for the children rights.

Abstract

We appreciate of a special importance the starting and incitement of the activity for searching, identification and finding out the lost and trafficked people for the simple fact that this makes up a very disturbing phenomenon of the Albanian Society of this period of time of a long transition and a very hard one towards democracy, for the mere fact that, in spite of the efforts made in sporadic ways and not professional by individuals and organizations , the problem continues to be very acute and disturbing.

Only in Greece, based on the information we have according to Greek Official Sources and media ones there are about 1 800 prisoners, 37 % of them are children and youngsters. Whereas following an everyday program of a television channel of Tirana, we, receive announcements and worries for many children and young people who have lost contact with their families or are considered to have been disappeared.

Being based on the mission, objectives and qualifications of the members of the Albanian Centre of Studying the Struggle Against Terrorism and Organized Crime, we have the capabilities and necessary qualifications to achieve success fully the aim and objectives of this project, giving our contribution for minimizing and eliminating of such a worry, apart from all for the fact, that from the current information we counter they have emigrated have been or are victims of human being trafficking by crime organizations, who are used as distributors, beggars, killers minor, prostitutes, in the networks of pedophiles or they are trafficked for organ transplantation.

We believe that this is an achievable objective if the forces are joined and if the necessary and professional means are found for solving this hard, delicate problem.

Consummation of forces, means and efforts in these children to their families has to do with the care of society for its future and with the efforts to prevent one of the causes of spreading of organized crime.

Project description

Our aim is to create a necessary database in the web for making a catalogue and identification of all the lost and trafficked children through searching in press information published by competent organs, in the contacts with the members and the interested people in our branches in the district, with the specialized sectors of police, with the Ombudsman, with the Ministry of Justice, General Prosecutor office, embassies accredited in Tirana.

The results of this phase will be compared with the official data for the second phase where work will be done to find out, to keep contact and in the third phase the concrete step will be undertaken in the countries giving professional and qualified help and juridical assistance to bring them back to their own families.

The project will begin with a preliminary work for gathering, systematization studying and putting in a catalogue of all the information at hand, from informal and official sources.

During this phase, a full time service will function, in a permanent way, to keep phone contacts and to fill in the filing cards for every minor searched person, a lost or trafficked one.

A free phone number and e – mail address will be at the disposal to facilitate receiving the announcements from the interested people, family members and relatives. Every branch of the centre in the districts will appoint a person to receive information and requests from citizens for the lost children. A sensibility spot will be prepared, a press announcement and a leaflet for the readiness and contact ways of accessing the project helping the interested people information will be exchanged in joint working tables with the Ministry of Interior, with the Prosecutor's office and Ministry of justice and a joint action plan will be drawn out for the second and third phase. A special file will be created contain in data for every child, who is being searched by his relatives or who results unidentified by state institutions, this file will be administered in the project centre. A workshop will be held with all the people included in the project, to make known to them, and to train them in gathering, systematizing, and processing the information.

In March 2006, the second phase will begin, searching, finding out his residence and identification of the children proved to have been lost.

Getting the first results in the objectives of the second phase marks the beginning of the third phase, the collaboration with the Albanian official organs and those of the country where the child is resident to give professional and juridical help to turn them back to their own families. This is to be done because there are children who have problems with justice in the countries they are resident and in these cases, juridical help needed, such a help according to the information we have lacks or is inadequate. In addition,

many of them are still under the influence of traffickers and tutors of organized crime, so a professional support needed to detach them without harmed.

Social background

A. Social and personal factors

The long and hard social transition of the country, political and economic reveals a number of factors with influence on maintaining of criminal organizations of trafficking and terrorism.

The traditional problems, the custom tradition of vendetta, the differences in the race or regional cultures, the frequent migration displacing of the population towards cities, especially towards the capital city and the legal and illegal emigration have created a heterogeneous picture of the composition of the communities and have often brought about loss of contact between the emigrated people in the other countries and their relatives in Albania.

The new problems coming out from a hard transition, the spreading of corruption, the conflict policy followed during these years by the political forces and their reflection in social life, the activity and sophistication of the activity of the Albanian criminal organizations, and the internationalization of their links, the lack of training in the professional competence and the presence of incriminated people and involved in these activities even within the organs of law execution troops in connection with the social problems of the time on one hand have created often a favorable terrain for the flourishing of children trafficking for prostitution purposes, for organ transplantation, for criminal adoptions, for exploring the illegal work and for using them as operative forces of the criminal groups, on the other hand have decreased the efficacy of responding efficiently by the organs of law execution or have directed it in those directions where the pressure is much higher from the political conjunctures of the moment and media neglecting other crimes less obvious.

The psychic and family problems, social and economic, the subcultures and regional differences, and those in the features of the way living have created a variable picture of the geographical extension of the kind of organized crime activity being focused on children and youngsters: in some areas there is a spreading in the indulgence and in the use and distribution of drugs, in some there is a traffic spreading for prostitution or organ transplantation, in some other areas to use them as beggars, or as striking forces, exploiting the facilities that are created by the legislation of different countries towards the children, are some of the causes which influence negatively on the situations and problems in connection with care the society has to show, and the law execution organs towards the children and in the struggle against organized crime.

B. Organizational factors

- The in stability and structural ambiguity, the unsuitable means of working and living conditions, the obvious lack in the selection of personnel according to professional criteria, the inadequacy of training skills, the continual political pressure in connection with the places of work, in spite of capabilities, the inadequate salaries and the explosion of phenomenon of corruption within the officials who execute laws.

- The ambiguity to know the functional duties coming out by the lack of legal definition and the lack of specific training.
- The inadequacy in the professional competence and in the genuine searching and studying structures to recognize and identify rigorously and scientifically the problems and inclination of the criminal activity towards the children and youngsters.
- The accusative nature mainly and the proactive methods used against organized crime from the law execution organs neglected sometimes, the appealing of citizens for help in finding out the lost children and people, that do not come out from the internal criminal activity or that have been committed for social causes.
- The absence of genuine experts for counseling, searching, identification, finding out and legal protection for children-these factors comprise an inadequacy for law execution organs and a cause to intrude in this field and a legal problem to be studied and solved out.

Beneficiaries

The first beneficiary

Children: children, youngsters in particular, but other lost people as well, or declared to have disappeared will be the main beneficiaries because they not only will be helped to establish the lost familiar contacts, because they will feel the care of the society towards them its absence often compels them to leave house and family and to break off links with them and more over to find again the opportunity to break off from the claws of criminal groups, a thing they find hard to do and leave and they will have the necessary legal support which has lacked before (but which they enjoy as universal legal right).

The second beneficiary

The parents and their family members will be the second beneficiaries from the project because many of them don't have the adequate means to meet their needs, to meet their social obligations and don't have the right to enjoy a healthy family life and to fulfill their responsibility as parents. The social and economic conditions have often obliged them not to be able to act or accept the victimizing and criminalizing conditions of the criminal groups for their children. Giving a legal and professional protection point would detach the latter ones from the dependence of organized crime or from the requirements to pay in an unlawful way to search and find their children.

The third beneficiary

Society: The Albanian and wide world benefit from the project because they demonstrate their will and care for the future, for an equal guarantee, of the democratic freedom for the Albanian citizens within the country and abroad, diminishes the risk of been harmed which comes out from the organized criminal and terrorist activity. In a regional and international plane, as well the society

will benefit from the project, even in the frame work of a force and efforts coordination in the struggle against organized crime and terrorism, even for the fact saving children and the youngsters from the crime claw and its influence will black up one of the causes of his extension in the future.

The criterion of success measurement.

The first criterion:

Gathering, putting in a catalogue and the setting up of a database for the people and lost, trafficked, disappeared or prisoner abroad. Research on the fashion, trends, geographical extension, problematic, and causes.

The second criterion:

Searching, identification and finding out of the people proved to have been lost, disappeared or imprisoned, who have lost contact with their families according to the numbers and comparable deadlines with similar cases from previous projects and the world experience on this field.

The third criterion:

The fulfillment on time and on the spot of the measures defined in the agreements made with the parties included in the project as partners, experts, members and interested people the organization and the efficient use, productivity and according to law of human resources, material means and financial as well of the project.

Requirements and premises

1 sensibility	articles, interviews	seminar	conference	publication
2 infrastructure	reception offices	free phone	car	stationery
3 staff	project leader	database	seekers	legal protection

First requirement

Training: Deep special training of the staff and other people included as partners in the project against organized crime, the nature of the youth and the methods against organized of finding out the lost people.

Sensibility: Sensibility of public opinion, mediate, civil society and state organs and international organisms operating in Albania and in the region for the problematic of the project and the need for a collaboration and partnership worldwide.

Second requirement

Infrastructure and logistics: Setting up and making efficient of the working place of the staff and co-operators of the project to get the information, statistical, computer and scientific procession of the data gathered from different sources, just like interviews with the interested who seek their own people, of the data

from the media, official and documentary sources, data and information from the confidential collaborators. Setting up and putting into function of the project and branches of the centre in the districts and the exchange of information with them in a permanent and secure way. Setting up and putting into effect efficiency of the information exchange in secure, legal ways with the organs, of executing the law and the international partners.

The third requirement

Staff: Selection, training and appointment of the people on their tasks (drawing out “ job descriptions for every position, definition of the volume of work and reward, the rights and duties according to the position).

The aim

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The results of this phase will be compared with the official data for second phase where it will be worked to find out, keep contact phase the concrete steps will be undertaken in the countries for the qualified help and professional and juridical assistance to bring them back to their own families.

Methods

First phase: documentary search, investigation, putting in the catalogue, the drawing out of the fascicle with the data.

Second phase: Searching in terrain, the contacts of the project in the places where the searched people result to be and their activity to identify the person and his residence. Trips, surveillance, security measures.

Third phase: security measures, surveillance, juridical help, trips.

What will be achieved

Be achieved:

The systematization and studying of the map of the traffic of the children and setting up the database of the data about the activity of criminal groups and organizations who traffic and use the children.

Sensibility of the state organs for drawing out a legislation which might be more suitable and taking the organizational and structural measures for the protection of children.

Identification and finding out the lost and trafficked children and their rescue.

Deadlines and stages

- First phase:
January 2006 – March 2006
- Second phase:
March 2006 – going o
- Third phase:
Going on
Organization and the structure of the project (staff)

Project staff			
Nr.	Responsibility	Supervisor	No (phone)
1.	Project leader	Executive Direct.	

Equipment, technology and necessary infrastructure

No	SORT	PRICE	TYPE	SPECIFICATIONS
1	Reception office, Working office			2
2	Office set			2
3	Pc work station NT			4
4	Laptop			1
5	Printer			1
6	Scanner			1
7	Digital video recorder			1
8	Video projector			1
9	Telephone			2
10	Fax machine			1
11	Service online			100 Mbs 1
12	File shelves			4
13	Safe			1
14	Vehicle		Car	1

Budget

- Personnel payment.
- Rent payments for offices.
- Payment for online service.
- Payment for stationery, fascicle. file card publishing registration and leaf lets.
- Payment for training workshops of the project personnel.
- Payment for travelling, travelling pay and accommodation.
- Payment for juridical services.
- Payments for vehicles, services, petrol, taxes.

TOTAL _____

Contact people from donators and potential partners.

Name _____

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