

# IDENTIFICATION OF THB VICTIMS

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# POSSIBLE EXERCISE 3 MIGRANTS PROFILES

## IDENTIFY POTENTIAL VICTIMS AND EXPLAIN WHY

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**Country:** Eritrea  
**Place of origin:** Keren (Anseba region)  
**Ethnic group:** Tigriynia  
**Age:** 22  
**Documents:** none  
**Situation:**  
 Travels with a small group.  
 Seems to know the other members of the group.  
 Carries a bag and some personal items  
 Wants to go to Sweden, to Malmo, where she has a sister.  
 She can explain the route (Eritreia-Sudan-Libya)

**Behaviour:** Seems afraid to talk to authorities. But talks freely with her group  
 She is able to explain parts of the trip and the arrangements made

**Country:** Ghana  
**Place of origin:** Aflao (Volta region)  
**Ethnic group:** Ewe  
**Age:** claims to be 18 (looks younger)  
**Documents:** none  
**Situation:**  
 Travels with a man that she says it's her father. Shows no familiarity with him and no physical resemblance.  
 Doesn't carry personal items.  
 Doesn't know where she is going (country or city), but say she will be joining family.  
 Cannot give information about the route and travel.  
**Behaviour:** Show signs of distress. She is shy and avoids eye contact. Looks to the "father" when you ask her questions, looking for answers. Seems afraid to answer.

**Country:** Nigeria  
**Place of origin:** Benin City (Edo State)  
**Age:** claims to be 20  
**Documents:** none  
**Situation:**  
 Acts like she is travelling alone, but it is visible that she travels with a group of 4 women (3 younger and one older, around 40y).  
 She gives contradictory information about the journey and personal situation.  
 As few personal items, that include small notes with Bible verses.  
 As some dissimulated signs of physical abuse  
**Behaviour:** Shows an aggressive attitude when asked questions. When asked questions looks to the older women.

# HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

Keep in mind:



- Victims of trafficking include men, women and children



- Victims of THB are victims of a crime - not criminals

# HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

Keep in mind:



- Identification is fundamental to assist and protect the rights of victims
- THB is a human rights violation - victims might need special protection
- In many cases the victims may not identify themselves as victims of THB and/or ask for help

# HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

## THB Indicators:

- An **indicator** is a signal that should attract the attention of the officer.
- It is a clue
- They are not evidence
- There are general basic indicators and specific indicators

**Rule 0+0+0+0+0=1**

# HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

## General basis indicators:

- Age
- Gender
- Location of Origin
- Documents
- Last location
- Transport
- Signs of abuse or mistreatment/self-harm
- Behaviour

## Indications may vary:

- Type of exploitation
- In time
- In place (may even be local)

# HOW TO IDENTIFY THB VICTIMS

Most common types of THB are those for:



**Sexual exploitation**



**Labour exploitation**



With means of **control** used by traffickers

**Child victim** of THB



# HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

By identifying a potential victim of trafficking, you can contribute to:

- Help **prevent** criminal acts and continuation of exploitation
- Contribute to the **protection** of (potential) victims
- Facilitate and start procedures for the **prosecution** of traffickers

The identification is crucial to allow victims to receive:

- Assistance
- Protection (including international protection)

# HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

What kind of assistance should be provided (before, during and after):

- Information and communication
- Medical, psychological and emotional
- Direct support

# HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

## Information and communication to VOT

Use of trustworthy and impartial  
Interpreter

Keep in mind that the victim  
might suffer from TRAUMA

Obtain informed consent for  
examinations (medical or physical)

# HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

## Information and communication to VOT

Legal  
Social security mechanisms

Always inform what is happening  
and why

Always inform who you are what  
is your role  
And the role of others

# HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

## Information and communication to VOT

Confirm that she/he understood what was told

Never  
make  
promises  
that you  
can't keep

Provide any available  
informative leaflet (and explain)

Protect their privacy and  
confidentiality (accordingly to national law)

# HOW TO ASSIST / NEEDS OF VICTIMS

## Victim risk assessment



THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR ATTENTION!

ANY QUESTIONS?

