

Addressing public health and human rights abuses of trafficked persons."

NEW REPORT JUST RELEASED: The Health Risks and Consequences of Trafficking in Women and Adolescents. Findings from a European Study.

A report detailing the findings of a two-year multi-country study on the health risks and consequences identified among women and adolescents who have been trafficked to the European Union has just been released and can be found in electronic format at

http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/hpu/new_papers.htm.

This qualitative study was carried out by a team of university and NGO researchers, led by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, with support from the European Commission's Daphne Programme. The study represents one of the first comprehensive examinations into the area of health and trafficking. The findings are based on interviews conducted with trafficked women, service providers, law enforcement officials, and policy-makers in Ukraine, Italy, Albania, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, and Thailand. The report offers a set of conceptual frameworks for understanding various aspects of health and trafficking in women, details findings on a broad range of physical, psychological, social, economic, legal, occupational and environmental risks experienced by trafficked women and the corresponding health consequences, and describes issues related to service provision. In addition, the report provides a human rights analysis of health and trafficking, and a set of "Principles for Promoting the Health Rights of Trafficked Women." It also suggests recommendations for action to improve health policies and services for trafficked women.

Research partners included London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women (Thailand), La Strada Ukraine, University of Padua, Department of Sociology (Italy), Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (London Metropolitan University), STV Foundation Against Trafficking in Women (Netherlands), International Catholic Migration Committee (Albania). The report citation is:

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