

CV - LA STRADA, Moldova

Full Name	International Center for Women's Rights Protection and Promotion "La Strada"
Founded	February 2001
Mission	International Center "La Strada" strives to assure protection of human rights and legal interests of women and children from the Republic of Moldova, at all levels – individual, legislative and executive – through awareness rising and training activities as well as through support and direct assistance
Thematic areas	Prevention of Trafficking in womenPrevention of domestic violencePrevention of child sexual commercial exploitation
Target groups	 risk groups - women and children vulnerable to violence and exploitation; persons who have suffered from trafficking especially women; children vulnerable/who have suffered from various forms of sexual abuse or exploitation; women who have suffered from gender-based/domestic violence; professional groups, state officials, international community.
Vision	The International Center "La Strada" strives to build a society based on the principle of respect for huma rights, sensible to the issue of violence and trafficking in persons and which makes available favorable conditions for the protection and (re) integration of persons suffering from violence and exploitation
Values	 Respect for the human rights - we consider trafficking in persons and violence/abuse against women and children as a grave violation of human rights; Holistic approach - from the grass root level - of the issue trafficking in persons a violence/abuse against women and children and national and international cooperation; Respect for the beneficiary's decision; individual approach and treatment with dignity; Team work, exigency and responsibility
Structure	 <u>Analytical and Lobby Centre</u> Technical support to policy makers, researches and studies, monitoring and assessment; Public Relations <u>Women's program</u> Prevention of trafficking in human beings and Domestic Violence; Identification and assistance of trafficked persons and women suffering from domestic violen <u>Child program</u> Prevention of commercial sexual exploitation; Identification and assistance of children victims of commercial sexual exploitation; Child Interviewing room Safety on-line prevention and support
Staff	• 18 full-time, 2 part-time, 25 volunteers
Memberships with non-state groups	 "La Strada" International Association National Alliance of Social NGOs ECPAT Moldova Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women
Membership with state groups	 National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings in RM National Council for the Protection of Children's Rights National Committee for the Assistance of Children left behind because of migration Interministerial Council to Prevent and Combat Domestic Violence
Geographical coverage	Republic of Moldova
Donors	 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Democracy Fund USA Embassy, ITACA, European Commission, ROLISP Swedish Agency for Development and Cooperation/ International Organization for Migration
Major State Partners	 Ministry of Education; Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family; Ministry of Internal Affairs/Center to Combat Trafficking in Persons; Office of Prosecutor General, National Institute of Justice; etc.

ACTIVITY AREA I	COUNTER-ACTING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALY WOMEN AND CHILDREN
Strategic objective 1	To support the Government of RM in streamlining national AT policies and promoting good practices
Activity stream 1.1.	Provide expert support to the National Anti-Trafficking Committee (NC) in developing anti-trafficking (AT) (policy) management system
Activity 1.1.1.	 Expert support in developing AT NAP 2012-2013 and facilitate NAPs follow-up development Expert support provided to Permanent Secretariat (PS) of NC in elaboration and monitoring of National Action Plan (NAP) 2012-2013, the NAP approved by the decision of the Government No.559 from 31 July 2012.
Activity 1.1.2.	 Expert support in developing AT M&E mechanism A research Report "Management of State Policy in Anti-trafficking Domain (2001-2011). Experience of the Republic of Moldova" with recommendations to improve the current Moldovan legislation, on methodology of the national AT policy management (planning, monitoring and evaluation) and institutional base, have been produced and passed to PS; A 2-days training on Monitoring & Evaluation(M&E) of AT policy for the PS and members of permanent WG on developing NAP have been delivered, a set of recommendations on elaboration, monitoring and evaluation of AT policy, have been developed to the future application by PS.
Activity stream I.2.	Provide expert support for the integration of issues associated to THB into the AT policies development process
Activity I.2.1.	 Conduct Independent Assessment on the national AT policies effect on the rights of trafficked persons The experience of other countries and info resources published in the field have been studied, the methodology developed (assessment to be conducted in 2013);
Activity I.2.2.	 Conduct analysis of THB and migration phenomena evolution in RM from the HL beneficiaries' perspectives A Report "Hotline – a decade of activity. Aspects of migration and trafficking in persons in the Republic of Moldova. An analytical retrospective" have been published in Romanian (200 ex.) and placed on LS's website.
Activity stream I.3.	To promote better transparency of Government efforts against THB
Activity I.3.1.	 To contribute to the international monitoring and evaluation mechanisms on prevention and combating trafficking in persons The recommendations for improvement of the mechanism of M&E resulted from the analysis of the First Report of GRETA on the implementation of the CoE Convention by the RM have been submitted to the Secretariat of the CoE Convention on Action against THB (GRETA and Committee of the Parties).
Activity stream I.4.	To support MLSPF in developing and advancing NRS and associated regulatory framework
Activity I.4.1.	 To provide Expert opinion on SOPs under NRS Due to expert support provided to MLSPF, a Guide on Identification of Victims and Potential Victims of THB has been approved by the order of MLSPF Nr. 33 as of February 20, 2012.
Activity I.4.2.	 To provide Expert opinion for the development of legal and regulatory framework pertaining to social contracting system The recommendations to assure the elimination of the gaps in general prevision of the Law on accreditation and improve its implementing mechanism have been elaborated, and presented to the MLSPF during a thematic workshop.
Activity stream I.5.	To promote good AT strategies and approaches within Moldova and in the region
Activity I.5.1.	 To support identification and exchange of good practices on addressing THB The good practices applied by LS in THB prevention have been presented and info on innovative approaches for analyzing and combating of THB through the prism of non-discrimination has been collected during 12th GAATW Conference "An Agenda for Prevention: Non-Discrimination and Empowerment" which took place on 11-12 October 2012 in Vienna.
Activity 1.5.2.	 To collect information on good practices in AT field in the region A research methodology and data collection on the existing situation and particularities of the identification process of the trafficked persons in those 15 NGOs from 11 countries – members of the ARIADNE Network- have been performed. Finally, the corresponding good practices have been published in the <i>"Regional Guidelines on Identification of Trafficked Persons: A manual for South-Eastern and Eastern Europe"</i> and distributed to the national and international counter-trafficking actors.
Strategic objective 2.	To contribute to reducing vulnerability of women and young persons to exploitation and trafficking
Activity stream 2.1.	To ensure availability of information and counseling on safe migration and dangers of trafficking and exploitation
Activity 2.1.1.	To provide individual case-based counseling via National Tool Free Hotline • 456 calls regarding safe migration tips have addressed via Hotline;
Activity 2.1.2.	 To disseminate information via printed materials and media 1048 printed materials (thematic Reports, booklets, posters, T-shirts, bags, rucksacks etc.) aimed at THB prevention, including via promotion of Tool free Hotline number, have been distributed on national and international levels; 40 newspaper articles have been written by staff for national press primarily in the area of safe migration and prevention THB;

Activity 2.1.3.	 To conduct media and outreach campaign targeting safe migration and prevention of exploitation The text for 2 Posters and 2 flyers have been elaborated in the framework of <i>Millennium Challenge</i> <i>Account-Moldova</i> Project aimed at prevention of THB/exploitation during the M2 Road construction. The printing and distribution of info materials within outreach campaign is planned for 2013.
Activity 2.1.4.	To facilitate access of public and professionals to information Running of the thematic website • 30504 unique visitors have accessed "La Strada"'s webpage;
	 Providing thematic information to professionals upon request more than 20 written requests of specific info on THB phenomenon in RM from researchers and students (mostly from abroad) have been answered during the reporting period; Media monitoring
	 7 nationalpublicationsNewspapers (Timpul, Ziarul de Gardă, Jurnal de Chişinău, Literatura şi Arta, Adevărul, Moldova Suverană and Panorama), 9 regional publications (Cuvântul from Rezina, Unghiul şi Expresul from Ungheni, Gazeta de Sud from Cimişlia, Observatorul de Nord from Soroca, Ora locală from Ialoveni and Cuvântul liber from Cantemir, СП (Спрос и Предложение) from Bălți; Glia drochianăfrom Drochia), 4 pressagencies (Info-Prim Neo, Infotag, Mediafax şi Moldpres) as well as 5 media portals (UNIMEDIA.md, Realitatea.net, Noi.md, site-ul Europa Liberă, Kommersant.md) havebeenmonitored. A total number of 27 articles/news on THB phenomenon, 19 on THB combatting/prosecution, 4 about organisations active in thefield and 98 on THB associatedphenomena (illegalmigration, smuggling etc.) have been identified in the printed mass media sources.
Strategic objective 3.	To increase accessibility to protection and support for (presumed) victims of trafficking and exploitation
Activity stream 3.1.	To ensure availability of information about trafficked persons rights and protection mechanism
Activity 3.1.1.	 Reports and provision of social/legal protection and mediation on presumed cases of trafficking 215 calls have been received (from 118 relatives, 58 professionals and 39 victims) and counseled resulting with identification of above 65 cases of (presumed) trafficked/exploitation cases via SOS-Line (Hotline); 23 victims of trafficking (16 women and 7 men) have been identified via SOS-Line (Hotline) being trafficked to Turkey, Russia and Ukraine;
	 5 victims of trafficking have been provided with support/facilitated rescuing and return to Moldova; 2 victims of trafficking (a woman and a man, trafficked to Cyprus and Russia) have been provided, at the request of CCTP, with mediation services during criminal and court proceedings; 16 missing persons (14 women and 2 men) identified as presumed cases of trafficking, have been registered and their relatives facilitated access to international search assistance; 65 calls on tortiary cases (demotic yielence, family running, labor micrants exploitation) have been
	• 65 calls on tertiary cases (domestic violence, family reunion, labor migrants exploitation) have been registered via Hotline and referred to the competent agencies for the competent assistance.

ACTIVITY AREA III	COUNTER-ACTING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN
Strategic objective 1	To support the Government of RM in streamlining national child rights protection policies
Activity stream 1.1.	To support development of national legal mechanism facilitating protection of HR of children victims- witnesses
Activity 1.1.1.	To provide Expert support in supplementing national laws pertaining to vulnerable witnesses
	 As the result of advocacy activities conducted by "La Strada" and other civil society organization via workshops, meetings with governmental authorities, the Criminal Criminal Procedure suffered changes. Thus, starting with October 27th, and according to Art. 110¹ of the CPC the children witnesses should be mandatorily interviewed in the special rooms, CIRs.
Activity 1.1.2.	To provide Expert support to relevant bodies in developing SOPs on interviewing vulnerable witness in
	 particular child Several meetings were held with PS and General Prosecutor Office discussing what elements SOPs have to include, additionally to the provisions of art. 110¹. A draft concept of the CIR was presented during one of the meeting organized by the PS. Several meetings were held with the administration of CNPAC stipulating the competencies and areas of future cooperation in the field. The SOPs will be finalized in 2013.
Activity stream 1.2.	To support lining-up national law to international and European treaties and directives
Activity 1.2.1.	 To provide Expert support in ratification of the European Convention and directives "La Strada" provided expert support to Government in the process of ratification of <i>CoE Convention on child protection against sexual exploitation and abuses</i>, taking part in the working group activities responsible for analyzing and changing the national law. "La Strada" experts were lobbying the improving of the PC as to correspond to the provision of the Convention. Thus, the other forms of sexual abuse against children have been criminalized, such as: grooming, having recourse to child prostitution, coercing a child into participating in pornographic performances or profiting from or otherwise exploiting a child for such purposes
Activity 1.2.2.	To provide Expert support in developing/amending National Children Rights Protection Strategy/ relevant
	 Programmes referring to protection of children against SCE and abuse At the end of 2012 "La Strada" launched Online Hotline service aimed at gathering information and offering support to children who happened to be abused online; "La Strada" and CCTP has elaborated the mechanism of reporting to CCTP of such cases to be the
Activity Stream 1. 3.	Competence of the newly created within CCTP direction on Combating human trafficking via Internet. To support integration of emerging on CR into national policies on CR protection
Activity 1.3.1.	
	 To conduct research on child risk-taking behavior on-line/child safety on-line In the end of 2011, "La Strada" Center conducted a representative national wide study on children's safety online in the Republic of Moldova. The study Report is based on data obtained entitled "Children in the Republic of Moldova: alone online? Safe online?" was intended to inform the teaching staff, parents, people involved in the process of children's education, including civil society representatives, about the online behavior of children in the Republic of Moldova, as to give the impulse for unification and consolidation of the national efforts of all actors focused exactly on children - active users of new information technologies. The Report was published in Romanian and English languages and distributed to the main stakeholder in the field. The Report have been officially presented to the public within the Press Conference organized by "La Strada" on February 7, 2012 designated to the "European Safer Internet Day".
Activity 1.3.2.	 To conduct case-based analysis of the organics of CSCE and vulnerability of children At the beginning of 2012, an electronic Data Base on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse cases have been created within "La Strada" Hotline service. The electronic Data Base includes information on the background of the children, vulnerability factors to exploitation, specifics of recruitment, manipulation and control applied by exploiters and other parameters. The software also allows to search or extract easily the quantitative and qualitative information statistical reports on very many parameters. The systematic registration and analysis of calls/cases allows to a deeper understanding of the specifics of CSCE issue and therefore to build effective prevention and assistance campaigns. The analysis of cases is planned for 2013.
Strategic objective 2.	To contribute to reducing vulnerability of children to CSCE and abuse
Activity stream 2.1. Activity 2.1.1.	To ensure availability and accessibility of information about online safety for children Informing about online safety for children
ατιντιγ 2.1.1.	 Media - articles 2 articles were written by "La Strada" staff for mass media on thematic of CSCE; Media-interviews 30 facts of cooperation of "La Strada" representatives with different media sources (newspapers, TV, radio) have been registered on the topic CSCE and child abuse.
Activity 2.1.2.	To conduct outreach activities in rural areas
	 Organize Peer-to-Peer Educators Program On November 24-25 a Training <i>"Promoting a Safer Internet for Children"</i> have been organized by the Int. Center "La Strada" for its 18 volunteers. The main objective of this seminar was to inform the participants about safer navigation on the Internet and about online safety measures. At the end of seminar participants simulated a seminar for the young people, applying in practice the learned

	 information and techniques. Following information gained by the training, volunteers will be involved in informational activities at educational institutions in the whole country. Each participant got an <i>Information Guide</i> to be used for their future awareness rising activities. Carry out educational seminars and outreach activities 43 seminars on the issue of child safety online with participation of 1307 pupils have been organized; 73 seminars focused on prevention other forms of CSEC with participation of 1693 pupils/students have
	been delivered. The seminars' time-table was elaborated based on agreements with Educational Departments on regional level. In June 2012, the Ministry of Internal Affairs addressed to "La Strada" to organize awareness rising activities for CSCE prevention for the youth in the summer camps all over Moldova.
Activity Stream 2. 2.	To mobilize private business and society for the prevention of CSCE
Activity 2.1.1.	 Organizing info and awareness events for travel/tourism and IT business/associations On March 20 the International Conference "Promoting tourism and child-friendly ICT in Moldova" have been organized by Int. Center "La Strada" and ITACA Italian NGO in partnership with the National Association of Travel Agencies of Moldova (NATA) and the National Association of ICT Companies (ATIC). Over 40 participants from Moldova including 16 representatives of local businesses in the area and over 25 representatives of state institutions, NGOs, representatives of diplomatic missions and international organizations, policy makers and resource centers in the field of child protection and associated participated in the Conference. A total number of 10 international experts have been invited to the event, representatives of IT business and tourism as well as representatives of the Child protection centers from Germany, Poland, Switzerland, Romania, Ukraine and the Russian Federation who presented Internet security initiatives for child protection and activities promoting child friendly tourism. Organizations and companies such as TUI Travel, REWE Group Travel, KUONI, NASK, ECPAT, "La Strada", Kaspersky Lab, Russia Safer Internet Center shared their experience in implementing the Code of Conduct for Prevention of Sexual Exploitation of Children in Tourism. The purpose of the conference was to encourage the active involvement of the business representatives in prevention of CSCE in Moldova, hearing international practices and experiences to prevent CSCE, identify opportunities and collect recommendations on public-private partnerships (business-civil society - state) in order to promote the tourism industry and child-friendly ITs. Representatives of the business-hotels, travel agencies, mobile operators and Internet-providers in Moldova had the opportunity to familiarize with the experience of other countries and shared their views regarding initiatives that can be taken and implemented in Mo
Activity 2.1.2.	 implement immediate actions. To organize trainings and debriefings for private travel and IT companies As a result of the conference organized by "La Strada" in March, with participation of business representatives, starting with April, 2012, a series of seminars on topic "Prevention CSCE involving the tourism sector resources" with the business agents were organized aimed at raising awareness among business sector about the phenomenon of CSCE, motivating them to practice socially responsible businesses and to brainstorm on possible solutions that businesses could find in order to protect children from sexual abuses/ exploitation: 6 seminars with participation of 69 participants from Hotel "Flowers", "Moldova Discovery" Travel Agency, Travel agency "Soley tourism", "Air Moldova" company have been organized (April-October 2012).
Strategic objective 3.	To contribute to human institutional capacities to effectively respond to the cases of CSCE and abuse
Activity stream 3.1.	To enhance skills and abilities of professionals to secure rights of children during criminal and court
Activity 3.1.1.	 proceedings To organize and conduct training for law enforcement and judiciary At the invitation of IOM, in November 2012, Int. Center "La Strada" conducted a training session on topic of victims of trafficking profile and interviewing techniques applied to vulnerable witnesses. 30 employees from CCTP divisions, among which were police officers, detectives and prosecutors took part in the training. At the end of November, with support of ROLISP, NIJ managed to organize a pilot course designed by "La Strada" professionals who were also invited as trainers to the training sessions on topic securing rights of children during criminal and court procedures.
Activity 3.1.2.	 To provide case-based consultations to law enforcement on the treatment of child victim-witness All cases assisted by "La Strada" in 2012 have been accompanied by consultations with police officers and prosecutor involved per case.
Activity 3.1.3.	 To provide guidance on application of procedures for interviewing vulnerable witnesses In February, at Glodeni's Court request, La Strada"s Child Interviewing Room (CIR) was offered for interviewing an abused child in the context of court procedures having at disposal a psychologist who will mediate child interviewing; In May, another hearing of children victims of traffficking was conducted in the CIR. The attorney of "La Strada" who assisted victims made a request to the Court. As a result, the court (the court from Center district) admitted the request, and disposed the hearing of children in the CIR of "La Strada", in the absence of the offender. Since the judicial precedent exist, it became easier to request hearing of

	 children victims and witnesses in CIR; In April and September "La Strada" organized and facilitated the hearing of children victims of DV in one case and of sexual abuse in other case, in the CIR, at the pretrial stage. As a result the procedure that took place in described above circumstances helped to overcome child's stress and blockages. The psychologist that conducted interiew managed to establish a trustfull relation and to help child to talk about abusive exprinences;
	• "La Strada"s representatives offers consultative support to the CIR created in Balti Appeal Court and in
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Activity stream 3.2.	To strengthen knowledge of practitioners about CSCE and abuse
Activity 3.2.1.	 To conduct seminars and debriefings for local specialists The experts from "La Strada" have been involved as co-trainers in 3 seminars organized by NIJ on May 15th, 23rd and on June 5th entitled "Qualification of the offense, the particular criminal prosecution and judging and punishment offenses to combat human trafficking", with participation of 76 prosecutors and judges. "La Strada" representative presented practices of cooperation with law enforcement in interviewing child victims-witnesses. The objectives of presentation was to acknowledge participants with problems identified in working with victims, to let them know solutions and methodologies applied in solving cases, to share experience about multidisciplinary approach to trafficking cases and shearing good practices of cooperation with the law enforcement.
Activity Stream 3.3.	To support institutionalization of professional education on interviewing vulnerable witnesses
Activity 3.3.1.	 To provide Expert support in developing the training course In partnership with NIJ, "La Strada" launched and institutionalize a new curriculum entitled "Interviewing techniques of children victims-witnesses of sexual exploitation" tailored upon prosecutors' and investigative judges' needs for the continuous education, a training course with duration of two days. Besides interviewing skills applied to children victims/witnesses of sexual exploitation covers study of new amendment to the Criminal Procedural Code regarding approach to the cases of CSCE as well. The pilot training have been organized on November 29th - 30th that allowed to adjust/improve the curricula; In December, "La Strada" was invited by IOM to train professionals from districts were CIR was created or is planed to be created in near future. The event was organized in partnership with PS. The seminar was dedicated to the Interviewing techniques of child victims/witnesses of sexual exploitation and was attended by 11 psychologists, 5 prosecutors and 5 leaders of Multidisciplinary teams.
Activity 3.3.2.	To offer support in integration of the training course into the formal curricula
	curriculum for judges and prosecutor's continuous education was elaborated and institutionalized. The topic of new curricula is focused mostly on procedures and skills requested from law's professionals in dealing with CSEC cases. The new curricula appeared in the frame of ratification of Lanzarote Convention by Moldova and new article provided by the Criminal Procedures code regarding interviewing procedures applied to children witnesses.
Strategic objective 4.	To ensure accessibility and availability of specialized services to children victims of CSCE and abuse
Activity streamline 4.1.	To provide children and their families with specialized support throughout criminal proceedings
Activity 4.1.1.	 Providing mediation of legal interviews 42 legal interviews have been performed using mediation service of "La Strada", in the frame of police investigations and court hearings. All cases were consulted by "La Strada"'s attorney who had in this regard over 134 debriefings with police, prosecutors and judges.
Activity 4.1.2.	 Providing legal representation "La Strada"'s attorney defended children's rights in over 87 trials representing 34 cases of CSCE. Many of these cases are still under court investigation, promising a long time trial considering number of actors involved. Child interviews use to take place either in "La Strada"'s CIR or in police commissariats/court. In each case the child was interviewed only once in pretrial period and once in the court, in the absence of the offender.
Activity 4.1.3.	 Providing psychological counseling and support "La Strada" consulted and referred to NRS 1 case of incest, 11 cases of rape (all girls) and provided legal counseling in investigation of 90 cases classified as CSCE (human trafficking, child pornography, child prostitution). Among these, in 6 cases children's rights in the court have been protected by "La Strada"s attorney; Over 134 consultations of police officers and prosecutor working on the mentioned cases have been provided by "La Strada"'s attorney. The entrance point for most of the cases were CCTP, General prosecution and police officers who used to participate in previously organized by "La Strada" trainings targeting law enforcement structures; 268 sessions of psychological counseling (140 girls and 128 boys) have been offered by "La Strada" psychologist in cases of child victims assisted by mobile team; 15 child victims of sexual exploitation and abuse have been facilitated access to shelter assistance.
Activity streamline 4.2.	To provide (presumed) victims of CSCE and their careers with easy-to-access info and protection tool
Activity 4.2.1.	 Providing Hotline counseling on the issues of CSCE and abuse Access to assistance was facilitated/provided in 14 cases including 2 children victims of CSCE (in one case the number of children is unknown), 1 child victim of trafficking, 5 children victims of various forms of sexual abuse and 4 missing children presumed victims of CSCE/sexual abuse and 2 children of various abuse;

	• 14 cases of missing children, identified as presumed cases of trafficking in persons have been identified
	via Hotline.
Activity 4.2.2.	 Providing counseling via Trust line on the issues of CSCE and abuse Assistance was facilitated/provided in 9 cases including 9 children victims of various forms of sexual abuse (6 children victims of rape, 2 children victims of sexual abuse between peers, 1 children victim of molestation; 9 cases of presumed children considered as trafficked/sexual abuse/exploitation and missing children,
Activity 4.2.3.	 via TL, have been registered. Functioning of the mobile team to respond to field requests on case identification and assistance The mobile team processed all the cases that came from Hotline, Trust Line, CCTP, prosecutors, police officers (see statistics above). At the need the team was traveling across the country in order to assist a case, to mediate an interview, to represent a child in the court or to consult specialists on CIR requirements. The cases that did not refer to CSCE were readdressed either to CNPAC either to local Directions of Child Protection Services.
Activity 4.2.4.	 Organizing referral to social service providers All the cases assisted by "La Strada" (see statistics above) have been referred to the NSR by police or prosecutor offices; just in few cases families refused to be referred.