

Trafficking in human beings: achievements and challenges of Estonia

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—Women Who Run With the Wolves by Clarissa Pinkola Estes, PhD

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Trafficking in human beings in Estonia

- ▶ 2002 Sexual exploitation
- ▶ Labor trafficking
- ▶ Organ trafficking
- ▶ Changing face of trafficking
- ▶ Statistics talk...but about what?

52% of human trafficking recruitment is done by men, 42% is done by women, and 6% involve both men and women.

No single gender is culpable, and we can all be part of the solution.

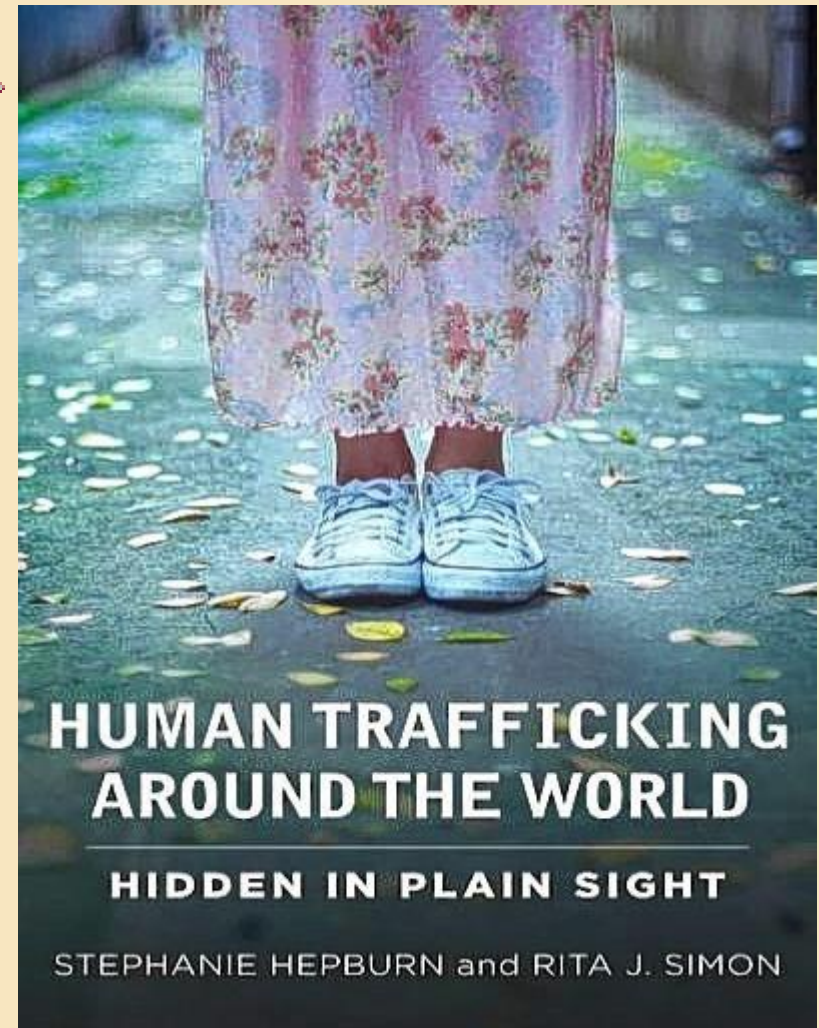
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Main responsibilities of Ministry of Social Affairs

- ▶ Policy development, constant lobby in state level (Why? -> How?)
- ▶ Services for victims /SIB
- ▶ Prevention + awareness raising (1/8)
- ▶ Guiding materials, procedural rules
- ▶ Co-operation, participation in network





Factors that feed gender based violence

- ▶ Non-understanding of the importance of gender equality
- ▶ Attitudes that justify and favor violence
- ▶ Myths about victims and perpetrators
- ▶ Insufficient amount of services/ rigidity of system
- ▶ Inability to see the big picture (demand + perpetrator + mediator/recruiter)



Is there still hope in the world?



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Latest developments in Estonia

- ▶ Trafficking in penal code (04.2012)
- ▶ Changes in Victim protection Act, Social elfare Act, etc) (04.2013)
- ▶ Strategic documents (VVA 2010-2014)
- ▶ Trainings for police, judges, lawyers, social workers, etc
- ▶ Procedural working groups + agreed rules
- ▶ Improvement of services (EEC)
- ▶ Co-operation, network



Which road should it be – wasting or saving money in the long run?

Expensive, not effective

Helping victims

Addressing demand

Punishing criminals

Finland: 91 milj EUR

US: 10 mlrd \$

GB: 23 mlrd £

Denmark: 70 milj EUR

Expensive + effective

▶ Helping victims

▶ Addressing demand

▶ Punishing criminals

▶ PREVENTION





Remaining challenges

- ▶ THB (and GBV) is very expensive problem for the state.
- ▶ Lack of services, quality of services, supervision of services,)
- ▶ Rotation of specialists...
- ▶ Co-operation between different institutions
- ▶ Lack of preventive activities
- ▶ Attitudes towards THB, GBV, gender inequality (women!)
- ▶ **More taking responsibility, co-operation, valuing good quality. Less confrontation**





Thank you!