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**The Strategy for Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration
of the (Statutory) Victims of Trafficking in Persons**

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Introduction

The state shall promote prevention of trafficking in persons, protection of human rights of (statutory) victims of human trafficking, their assistance and rehabilitation and shall implement measures to combat trafficking in persons.

*Law of Georgia on Combating Trafficking in Persons
Article 4.2*

Fighting against trafficking in persons within the country, as well as outside Georgia along with the international community is one of the priorities of the Government of Georgia.

The Government of Georgia actively implements the measures aimed at preventing the trafficking in persons, promoting the fight against it, effective investigating of this crime, prosecution of offenders, providing efficient support to the victims and their solid rehabilitation and social reintegration.

The aim of this strategy is to promote the firm rehabilitation and social reintegration of the victims of trafficking in persons, stemming from their needs and available resources.

The rehabilitation activities for the victims of (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons shall be carried out by the competent authorities of Georgian Government only on the basis of informed written consent of a victim of (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons, through the close cooperation with the NGOs and international organizations operating in Georgia and their direct involvement in implementation of rehabilitation and reintegration measures.

The Strategy on rehabilitation and social reintegration may apply to the (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons, whether or not they are in a shelter, and despite their willingness to cooperate with the law enforcement authorities.

Definition of Rehabilitation and Reintegration

For the purposes of this Strategy:

“Rehabilitation” shall mean:

Recovery of physical and mental health of the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons through the service, free medical and psychological assistance provided to him/her either in a shelter or outside of it.

“Reintegration” shall mean:

Dignified return of (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons to his/her family and/or common social life, through the provided assistance, and raising level of his/her social functioning (gaining the skills, which will help him/her to find a job, etc.)

1. Coordination of the rehabilitation and social reintegration activities for the (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons

- 1.1. The Georgian authorities shall closely cooperate with the local NGOs and International Organizations to achieve the goals of rehabilitation and social reintegration of the (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons.

While implementing the rehabilitation and reintegration programs, the State Fund for the Protection of and Assistance to (Statutory) Victims of Trafficking in Persons acts on behalf of the State; it is entitled to coordinate rehabilitation/reintegration activities.

- 1.2. In order to coordinate the activities in the field of rehabilitation and social reintegration of the victims of trafficking in persons, the Fund once in three months holds meetings with the actors dealing with the rehabilitation and reintegration processes, sums up together with them the results of the previous quarter, discusses problematic issues and designs the plans for the next quarter.

2. The actors dealing with the rehabilitation and social reintegration processes

2.1. In order to achieve the goals of the present Strategy, the process of rehabilitation and social reintegration of the (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons shall be carried out on the basis of individual plans for the (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons, by the following actors:

- a) The State Fund for the Protection of and Assistance to (Statutory) Victims of Trafficking in Persons;
- b) Local Non-Governmental organization;
- c) International organization;
- d) Social worker.

3. Drafting the individual plan for social reintegration of (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons

- 3.1. The rehabilitation process starts from the moment of rendering the status of a (statutory) victim to a person.
- 3.2. Social reintegration measures for (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons shall be carried out only on the basis of informed, written consent of the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons.
- 3.3. A social worker shall provide the assistance to the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons throughout the entire period of implementation of individual plan¹ drawn up in accordance with the relevant regulations.
- 3.4. The drafting of Individual Plan of Reintegration shall be conducted in two stages:
 - a) The initial plan of social reintegration shall be designed by the social worker and the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons; on the basis of this document, in agreement with the Fund, a social worker shall seek for the available resources and design the final individual plan of social rehabilitation together with the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons.
 - b) A social worker shall submit the individual plan of social reintegration to the Fund for approval. The final social reintegration plan shall be designed in agreement with the Fund, bearing in mind the available resources.
- 3.5. During the implementation, the social reintegration plan may change due to changes of needs of the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons or offered services that are envisaged in the plan. The modification of the plan shall be formalized in writing and approved by the signature of a social worker and a (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons.

4. The role of the Fund in the process of rehabilitation and social reintegration of (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons

- 4.1. The State Fund for the Protection of and Assistance to Statutory Victims of Trafficking in Persons shall guide the process of rehabilitation and reintegration of (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons on behalf of the State.
- 4.2. The Fund, together with other actors leading the rehabilitation and reintegration process, shall elaborate the list of services promoting the rehabilitation and social reintegration of the (statutory) victims of trafficking in persons.
- 4.3. The Fund shall receive on a quarterly basis (or when necessary) the written information from the actors ensuring the rehabilitation and social reintegration processes about changes in services provided by them for the purposes of rehabilitation and reintegration. After receiving and

¹ see, Annex 1, sample of the Individual Reintegration Plan

processing such information the Fund shall renew the list of services offered by NGOs and international organizations.

- 4.4. The renewed document shall be kept at the Fund and the copies shall be distributed to the social workers.
- 4.5. The Fund shall elaborate and fund (as resources permit) such services that form the final package of services necessary for the purposes of rehabilitation and social reintegration, together with the services provided by the local NGOs and international organizations,.

5. Participation of a social worker in implementation of the individual plan of social reintegration

- 5.1. Social worker is a person who secures the services provided to the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons within the scope of the present Strategy; his/her activities are subject to state regulation provided for by the legislation. Social worker is an employee of the Fund.
- 5.2. A social worker, together with the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons, shall elaborate the individual plan of social reintegration. When elaborating the individual plan, the priorities shall be divided into two groups: a) necessary, and b) desired services.
- 5.3. In seeking the funds for services the priority shall be attached to the relevant services necessary for social reintegration. Within the scope of available resources the desired services for social reintegration can also be provided.
- 5.4. In order to receive the services referred to in the list of services provided by the local NGOs and international organizations, a social worker, in agreement with the Fund, shall request the provision of services from the relevant organizations on behalf of a (statutory) victim.
- 5.5. If the local NGOs and international organizations can not provide support in the implementation of necessary components of the individual social reintegration plan, the Fund shall consider financing of the implementation of given components from its own resources.
- 5.6. The service to be funded by the Fund shall be determined in accordance with the needs considered in the individual plan, and it may not exceed GEL 2,000 per (statutory) victim. The Fund makes a decision concerning financing the social reintegration service from its financial resources.

6. The role of local NGOs and international organizations in the reintegration process

6.1. The local NGOs and international organizations shall participate in the social reintegration process within the scope of their programs and services, in accordance with the needs and requirements developed in the individual social reintegration plan jointly elaborated by the social worker and the (statutory) victim.

7. The role of a social worker in the process of rehabilitation and social reintegration

7.1. The database on social workers shall be developed by the Fund.

7.2. After rendering the status of a (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons, the Fund shall designate a social worker to the (statutory) victim, who, from this very moment starts working with the (statutory) victim, and at an initial stage identifies the primary rehabilitation needs for physical and mental recovery of the (statutory) victim.

7.3. Individual plan of social reintegration

The individual plan of social reintegration shall be developed in two stages:

- upon identification of reintegration needs by the social worker and the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons, the initial plan shall be designed;
- after submitting the initial plan to the Fund, in agreement with the Fund and giving the due account to the available resources, the final individual plan of reintegration shall be developed, which determines the concrete services necessary for reintegration and identifies service provider organizations.

7.4. At the first stage a social worker shall explain to the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons the importance and need of social reintegration, also provide him/her with information regarding all necessary procedures on drafting the reintegration of individual plan. A social worker, on the basis of informed consent of the victim, together with the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons, shall identify the needs for social reintegration of the latter.

7.5. A social worker first shall submit the individual reintegration plan to the Fund. In agreement with the Fund a social worker shall make an appeal to the local NGOs and international organizations leading the rehabilitation and reintegration process to receive the service necessary for social reintegration.

7.6. After receiving the positive decision on provision of the certain service from the international and non-governmental organizations leading the rehabilitation and reintegration processes, including the funds, when necessary, provided by the Fund, a social worker, together with the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons shall elaborate the final individual social reintegration plan.

7.7. The individual action plan with the relevant time-table shall be developed by the social worker in accordance with the specially designed Guidelines on Individual Plans of Social Reintegration, approved by the Fund.

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- 7.8. The individual plan of social reintegration shall be signed by the (statutory) victim and the social worker.
- 7.9. Social worker is responsible for effective application of funds and services assigned for implementation of the individual reintegration plan. Social worker shall submit the reports on a monthly basis to the Fund and service providers about expenditures and completed works.
- 7.10. The individual social reintegration plan has the term of implementation and it may not exceed 12 months.
- 7.11. After completion of social reintegration process – as the term of individual plan has been exhausted – a social worker shall have communication with the (statutory) victim on a regular basis, within the form agreed with him/her, time and method, fully observing the confidentiality of communication.
- 7.12. Ground for termination of individual social reintegration plan

The individual social reintegration plan may be terminated based on the following grounds:

- upon expiry of the term of reintegration program;
- by the Fund, upon written request of the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons (if the needs included in the rehabilitation plan have been changed, for example, marriage, etc.)
- By the Fund, upon gross and repeated violation of the implementation process of individual plan by the (statutory) victim.

**8. Monitoring of implementation of the individual social reintegration plan of
the (statutory) victim of trafficking in persons**

- 8.1. A social worker is responsible for implementation of the individual plan. The monitoring over the implementation shall be exercised by the Fund, as well as international organizations and NGOs participating in the process of rehabilitation and social reintegration, within the scope of their competency.
- 8.2. In the process of monitoring the Fund is entitled to request from social worker information at any stage of implementation of the plan.