Since 2000, four (4) programs – a holistic, victim-centred approach
- Prevention, education and campaigns
- Victims assistance and SOS helpline
- Policy and advocacy work: laws, NRM, compensation, national rapporteur, non punishment, services and support
- Network of NGOs, 20 therapists and 25 lawyers
- More than 580 supported victims (children 32%, 79% women and girls for sex. expl.),
- Trends: internal trafficking, domestic citizens, modus operandi, massive labor exploitation cases
- COVID 19 – increased 130% calls and 44% field actions
Labor exploitation as the new/old trend

- **Characteristics:**
  - Massive cases (Serb Az 2009, China 2019, India 2019/2020, Turkey 2020, Vietnam 2021) in construction, agriculture, car industry)
  - State-supported infrastructure projects involving corruption and high lucrative interest
  - Male victims for construction work
  - Female victims for domestic work (hidden work)
Violence against women and human trafficking

- More than 95% of female victims of human trafficking had previous experience of some form of violence

Human Trafficking in Serbia

Overview of the situation in the context of the 21st century

Risk factors for becoming a victim*

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<th>Factor</th>
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<td>Inability to find a job</td>
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<td>Illegal immigrant status</td>
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<td>Personal characteristics such as curiosity and gullibility</td>
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<td>Problems in family, exposure to violence, alcoholism in family and the like</td>
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Source: SeConS, Research on Trafficking in Human Beings in Serbia, 2021
Main challenges and how to overcome them

- In communication with victims: establishing trust relation, respecting privacy, intimacy, individual dynamics in recovery process
- In communication with institutions: bureaucracy, rigidity, non-transparency, inadequate speed of reaction
- Victim centred approach and continuous education of professionals
- Better and prompter response from institution to the victims needs
- More regular communication among care providers working with victims
"I didn't know who to trust, so I ended up as a slave. Now they tell me that in order to be free and get help, I need to trust all of you, complete strangers."

REMEMBER!

The known is always less scary than unknown!
Thank you for your attention!

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