

HUNGARIAN VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ABROAD

Hungary is a country of origin and transit for victims of trafficking (VoTs) within the European Union. According to the TIP Report (2021), human traffickers exploit domestic and foreign victims in Hungary, and traffickers exploit victims from Hungary abroad.

Vulnerable groups include Hungarians in extreme poverty, undereducated young adults, Roma, single mothers, asylum-seekers, unaccompanied children, and homeless men.

Traffickers exploit Hungarian women, boys, and girls in sex trafficking within the country and abroad, mostly within Europe, with particularly high numbers in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom (UK).

Traffickers exploit Hungarians in labour trafficking in agriculture, construction, hospitality, and factories domestically and abroad, particularly in Belgium, the UK, and the Netherlands.

Approximately 23,000 Hungarian children live in state-run childcare institutions who are vulnerable to trafficking. Many child sex trafficking victims exploited within the country and abroad come from state-run institutions and correctional facilities, and traffickers recruit them when they leave these institutions.

SERVICES AVAILABLE IN HUNGARY

For detailed information please visit the Hungarian Government's [national homepage](#) on the field of combatting THB. You may find there detailed information on:

- institutional and legal framework in Hungary,
- the national anti-trafficking strategy and its action plans,
- ongoing projects,
- the national Victim Referral Protocol:

thb.kormany.hu

NATIONAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION TELEPHONE SERVICE (OKIT)

For victims of human trafficking, the [National Crisis Management and Information Telephone Service \(OKIT\)](#) can also provide more information on available legal, administrative, housing and other forms of assistance at +36 80 205 520. This phone number is free to call from Hungary 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

OKIT also helps victims to use the services of the victim support system, they refer VoTs to [specialized shelters](#). The purpose of these accommodations created and maintained specifically for victims of human trafficking is to provide complex, comprehensive assistance in rehabilitation and reintegration to severely traumatized and exploited victims with the help of professionals (lawyers, psychologists or mental health specialists, social workers). You can get more information about the available services at OKIT's phone number and website (okit.eu).

Victims of crime may also turn to the [Victim Support Centres](#) which provide free legal, psychological and financial assistance to persons in trouble. These can be reached through the Victim Support Hotline at +36 80 225 225, and more information is available at the homepage of the Centres at vansegitseg.im.gov.hu.

The Victim Support Centres work in close professional cooperation with the [Victim Support Services](#). The regional Victim Support Services operating in the capital and county government offices can provide assistance to victims of crimes and property violations in a number of areas.

IOM Hungary has an excellent working relationship with the members of the national referral mechanism for victims of trafficking and can provide assistance in finding the most relevant partner for your clients.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING
UPON RETURN TO HUNGARY CAN BE FOUND HERE:

hungary.iom.int/ct-return