

# Combatting Human Trafficking Through Victim and Survivor Centered Approach

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Protection



Prevention

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# Protection Policy of TIP Victims in Israel

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**Special Rights  
and Aid  
Mechanisms**

Non conditional on cooperation with the  
enforcement authorities

**Frameworks for  
TIP Victims**

Funded and supervised by the Ministry of  
Labor, Welfare and Social Services

**National TIP  
Combating Plan**

Designated Work Team in the Field of  
Protection

# TIP Victims Rights

## Rights in Criminal Procedures

Non Punishment  
principle

Early Testimony

Testifying Not in  
Face of the  
Defendant

## Compensatio ns from Traffickers

Order to  
Compensate the  
Victim in as Part  
of the Sentence

Allocation of  
Compensations  
not Collected  
from Traffickers  
via the Forfeiture  
Fund

## Rehabilitatio n and Therapy

Year of  
Rehabilitation

Medical,  
Psychological and  
Social Care

Vocational  
Trainings and  
Education

## Status in Israel

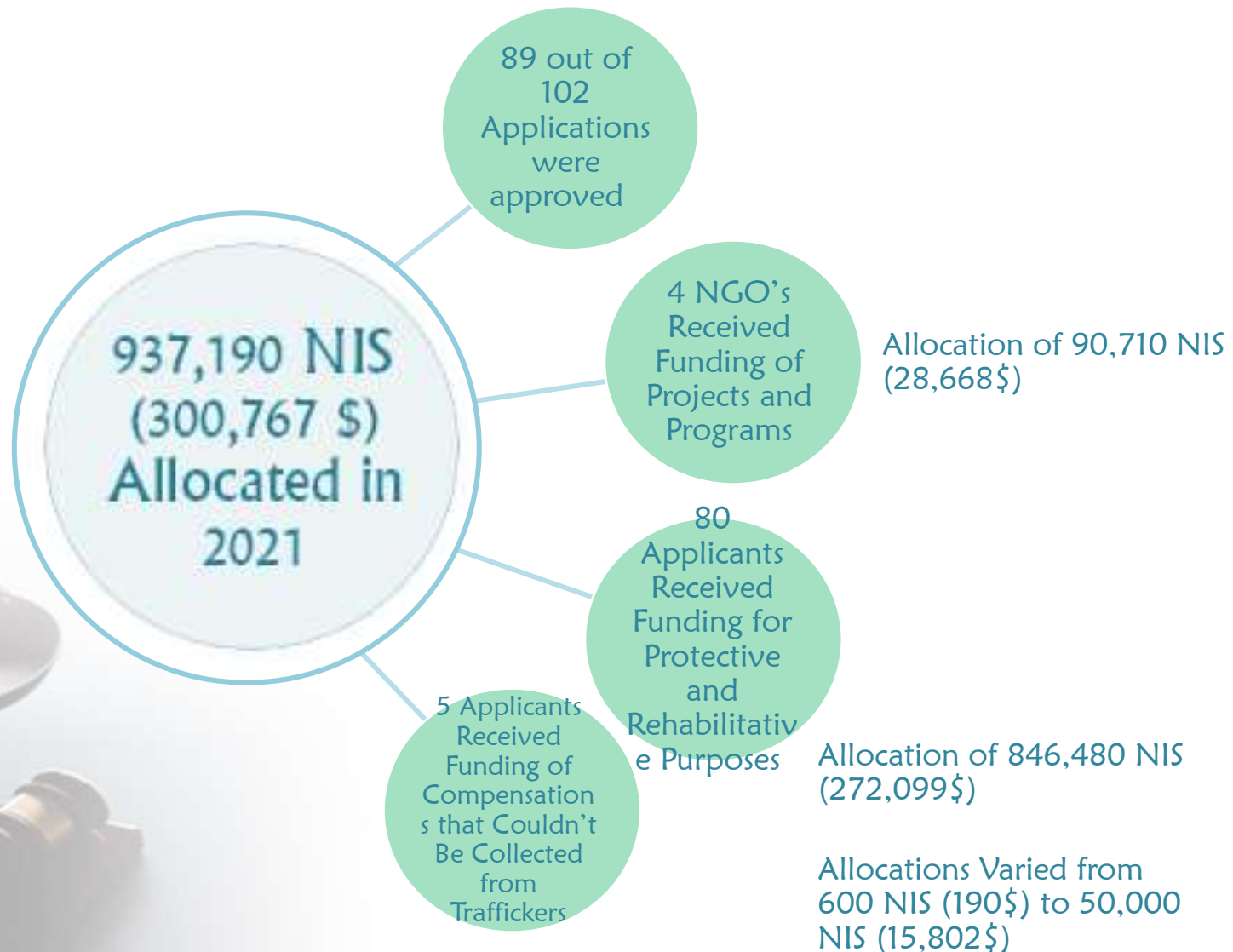
Special Stay and  
Work Visas

Witness Visas

Voluntary and  
aided safe Return

# Forfeiture Fund

- Established in 2016
- Allocates funds for rehabilitative needs and compensations for NGO's and Individual Victims





# The Child Online Protection Bureau

National Hotline that deals with offense and abuse behaviors against children committed in the online realm, calls are received by trained Police officers

Main platforms in which abuse was reported were Instagram and WhatsApp



The hotline handled over 11,771 events in 2021

22% of the events were sex-related:

threats and  
blackmail

distributing  
photos and  
videos

sexual  
abuse

solicitation  
and  
harassment

# Frameworks for TIP Victims – 2021

47 Women, Mainly Victims of TIP  
for Prostitution and Sexual Abuse,  
Mostly from eastern Europe  
countries

42 Men, Mainly Victims of TIP for  
Labor and Slavery, Mostly from  
Africa and Far East

99 Women, Victims of TIP for the  
Purpose of Prostitution and Sexual Abuse  
and Slavery, Coming from the Former  
Soviet Union and Africa

113 Men, Victims of TIP for the Purpose  
of Slavery, Mostly from Africa

Shelters

Halfway  
Apartmen  
ts

Day  
Center

One  
Size  
Fits  
All

7 Women

17 Children  
Victims of the Sinai Torture Camps  
and Catalogue Brides

Coming from Eritrea, Ethiopia  
and Sudan

# From One Size Model to One Stop Shop

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Shelters as Only  
Initial Framework

Focus on an  
individual  
Rehabilitative  
Program in the  
Community

Expanding  
Opportunities for  
Occupational  
Rehabilitation

Cultural and  
Gender Sensitivity



# Legal Aid

## Pro Bono representation in Civil Procedures by the Legal Aid Department (LAA) in the Ministry of Justice

Exempted from the  
Economic Eligibility  
Test

Liability Determined  
According to Administrative  
Evidence

Independent  
Discretion of the  
LAA

## 135 Victims of TIP Received Legal Aid During 2021

Prostitution and  
Sexual Abuse

33 Victims

Slavery and  
Forced Labor

41 Victims

Sinai Torture  
Camps

28 Victims

Abusive Cults

24 Victims

## New Model - Expansion of the Legal Aid to Criminal Procedures Against Traffickers

Legal Representation  
Starting from the Criminal  
Investigation

Accompaniment During  
Testimony Procedures

Exhaustion of Rights and  
Compensations

# Changing Victim Recognition Mechanism



Transferring  
the  
Recognition  
Authority to  
NATU

Pilot Starting During  
2022

TIP Survivors  
NGO Representatives

Establishment of an  
Advisory  
Committee

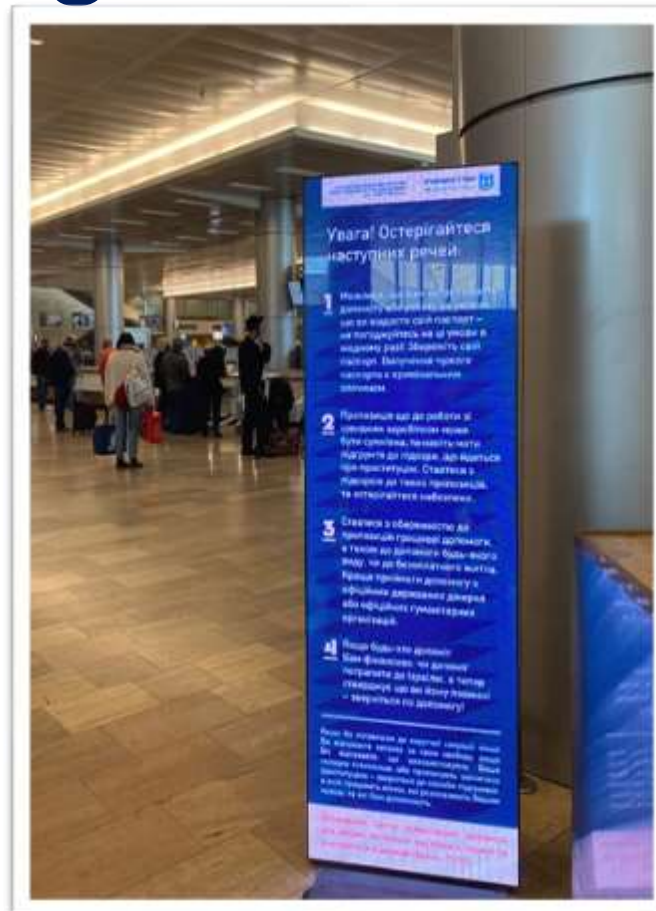


Victim  
Centralized  
Approach

Emphasis on  
Protection and  
Rehabilitation  
Survivor Input



# Protection efforts for Ukrainian Refugees



# Questions?

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