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Project Description

Being in line with the *Swiss Migration Partnership Strategy for the Western Balkans 2012-2015*, the Project 'Support to Unaccompanied Minor Migrants in Serbia' is designed to contribute and facilitate the implementation of legal mechanisms such as identification of the most vulnerable subgroups of illegal foreign migrants, their protection and controlled / systematic assistance, return and reintegration. This is to be achieved through strengthening migration policy, implementing strategic instruments, human capacity building and improving accommodation capacities for female UAMs.

As the field of migration management is multi-sectorial in its character, a variety of Serbian ministries and institutions are involved in the Project through the Project Steering Committee and the specific activities that will gather various stakeholders to attend the issue at hand.

Activities

- Workload analysis and review of current practices, policies and legislation in the field;
- Development and adoption of National Standards for centres for unaccompanied foreign minors that will contain both functional and structural aspects of the work within the centres;
- Assessment of training needs of centres for social work and centres for unaccompanied foreign minors personnel, training Programme development and training of all relevant personnel;
- Network building within the civil-society stakeholders for the exchange of information and experience in service provision for UAMs, workshops with Swiss CSOs experts on service provision for UAMs;
- Development of the Guidelines for potential applicants for support services for UAMs and distribution of small grants for the implementation of specific 'localized' projects;
- Development of a study, preparation and implementation of a plan for reconstruction and/or adaptation of accommodation units for UAMs.

Expected Results

- Improved legislative protection of unaccompanied minor migrants in the Republic of Serbia through adoption of National Standards for centres for unaccompanied foreign minors;
- Series of trainings conducted for civil servants whose competence includes working with migrants;
- Series of workshops and round tables conducted enabling the exchange of best practices in the field of migrant protection involving stakeholders from public sector and civil society;
- Expanded reception and accommodation capacities for female unaccompanied minor migrants.