

## **2022-2023 Anti-Trafficking Action Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Below please find recommendations for specific goals and objectives to further the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina's anti-trafficking efforts over the next year:

1. Vigorously investigate, prosecute, and convict traffickers and impose adequate penalties, which should involve significant prison terms.
2. Allocate sufficient funding for NGO-run shelters and NGOs providing legal assistance.
3. Train first responders on victim identification and referral and increase proactive identification efforts, particularly for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and Roma.
4. Implement the law that exempts victims from penalties for unlawful acts their traffickers compel them to commit, particularly victims of sex trafficking, forced begging, and forced criminality.
5. Establish and implement policies to formally disconnect identification procedures and official victim status from cooperation on investigations and prosecutions.
6. Increase resources, personnel, and training for law enforcement to investigate complex trafficking cases.
7. Institutionalize and implement screening procedures for irregular migrant flows.
8. Train judges to understand the severity of trafficking when issuing sentences and sensitize prosecutors and judges to the issues of secondary trauma and victim-centered approaches.
9. Establish procedures to ensure trafficking cases are handled by trained prosecutors.
10. Standardize victim assistance throughout the country, including the ability to access assistance and support outside of shelters and specialized assistance

for male victims.

11. Integrate Romani advocates into decision-making processes regarding victim protection.
12. Train judges on restitution in criminal cases, establish procedures to seize assets from traffickers, and create effective methods to allocate restitution in a timely manner.