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APRAMP has been working alongside sexually exploited women for more than 25 years.

In the last 15 years, it has focused on the holistic care of victims of sex trafficking.

Its unique methodology helps hundreds of women each year achieve their freedom and physical and social recovery.

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1. Introduction

APRAMP was established in 1984 as an association aimed at the Prevention, Reintegration and Care of Prostituted Women. It emerged as the first comprehensive resource directed towards working with women in situations of sexual exploitation; “the excluded among the excluded”, in the words of its founder.

The Association intends, from the very first moment, to attend to the unmet needs of sexually-exploited women and to bridge the gap between them and public services. Its purpose was and is to contribute to changing reality, overcoming assistentialism and making the woman the protagonist, offering her opportunities and contributing to the recovery of her freedom, rights and dignity. All interventions are carried out with flexibility and adaptability.

These criteria have allowed the Association to adapt its programmes and services to the needs detected in its daily work, focusing on the identification, empowerment and protection of sexually-exploited persons, particularly those who are victims of human trafficking.

APRAMP has progressively become the resource of reference for women and girls in situations of sexual exploitation, thanks to its special intervention model, today, considered an example of good practise. In the last 15 years, and coinciding with the increase of the migration phenomenon, **APRAMP**'s teams have been able to provide an answer to the growing reality of the phenomenon of human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation in Spain.

APRAMP was born thanks to the drive of Rocío Nieto, its founder and legal representative, a social worker with a long career in the world of social intervention and concretely with people who are prostituted, victims of human trafficking and, the sexually-exploited.

“A feeling of frustration moved me; the resources offered at that moment didn't offer solutions, or change the precarious reality of or the exclusion faced by women who exercise prostitution.”

APRAMP TODAY

Today, **APRAMP** centres its intervention on people who have suffered **sexual exploitation** and particularly, **human trafficking**. They are, primarily, women and girls.

The Association is aware that the reality of modern slavery in Spain includes other forms of exploitation that aren't being addressed. And, therefore, lays out how to respond to these other needs that are emerging with its discovery, such as trafficking for purposes of labour exploitation, domestic work or street begging, among others.

With time, the Association has evolved and today offers a variety of useful services and resources –health, social and legal- for these individuals in 7 cities in Spain. Aware of the need to facilitate access to employment as an alternative to the emerging exploitative situation, **APRAMP** provides progressive training for those individuals who can achieve personal, social and economic autonomy. Additionally, it promotes cooperation projects with the countries of origin of the women it attends to, for example, Brazil and Paraguay. They are projects centred on the prevention of trafficking and the coordination with authorities to guarantee, where relevant, the adequate return to their countries of origin. Always attentive to the needs of individuals, the Association doesn't cease to innovate and generate proposals of collaboration and training with authorities, with other entities and with society.

APRAMP has specialized and specific resources at the national level that is of insurmountable support for professionals and organizations working in the field. APRAMP's 24-hour emergency telephone is becoming a "mechanism of national referral", due to its quick, effective and coordinated response, to which law enforcement resort, as well as different organizations from all over Spain, looking for information, direction and protection for possible victims.

Since 2009, APRAMP is detecting and identifying minor victims of trafficking, by means of a project subsidized by the Ministry of Health, Social Policy and Equality, identifying a large amount of minors. The detected reality has forced us as well to take in, to protect and to take care of these minors, in our protective housing, offering them specialized protection and care through an individualized itinerary of insertion adapted to the specific necessities of these minors.

Since 2012, the age range of minors attended to is decreasing, finding more minors of 14 and 15 years of age. A close coordination exists between APRAMP and the General Directorate of the Family and Minor - IMFM- in order to follow-up on each one of the previous cases. In addition, during 2015, APRAMP has attended to two minors from other Autonomous Communities. In 2015, there were thirteen cases, five of them who entered the protective housing program.

2. Mission and Vision

One of the greatest achievements of the contemporary world is the recognition of human rights as inherent attributes of the human person. The United Nations, the Council of Europe, the European Union, the majority of governments and, also, **APRAMP**, consider that sexual exploitation and human trafficking are, in addition to being a crime, grave violations of human rights.

APRAMP is a non-profit association that offers holistic support to women and girls who are victims of human trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation. Its philosophy and principles of intervention are guided by a gender-sensitive human rights approach.

In the organisation, the proposals for social intervention are adapted to each person, tailoring the services with flexible hours. Taking into account the special vulnerability that can be found, there is no discrimination based on ethnicity, nationality or administrative situations, among others.

Mission

The goal of **APRAMP** is that women and girls who suffer from sexual exploitation and human trafficking recover their liberty and dignity, making their rights heard and achieving the necessary autonomy for learning a new life away from the control and abuse of their exploiters.

APRAMP, beginning with the defence and promotion of the rights of this population, contributes to the prevention and eradication of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

The Vision: **APRAMP** holistically incorporates the human rights approach to its daily work. The vision of the organisation is, therefore, that of a world in which recognizes sexual exploitation and human trafficking as violations of human rights.

The work of **APRAMP** includes, in the first place, those persons who have suffered from sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The organisation also seeks to change the reality that perpetuates the exploitation of women. For this reason, it is also included within its mission to contribute to eradicating this phenomenon.

A world in which there exists cooperation between non-government organisations and authorities, that permits the involvement of the society in the search for solutions, both in the causes and consequences that generate the exploitation and trafficking of human beings. Therefore, achieving a world free of exploitation and slavery.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE RECOVERY OF FREEDOM, RIGHTS AND DIGNITY

APRAMP has been working together with sexually exploited women and girls for more than 25 years, and in the last 15, has been centred on the holistic care of victims of human trafficking for purposes of sexual exploitation from a human rights and gender-sensitive approach. Its unique methodology achieves freedom and physical, psychological and social recovery.

Incorporating the human rights approach signifies acknowledging the rights of women and girls for having suffered human rights violations. They should be recognized as victims, but at the same time as rights holders with sufficient capacity to exercise such rights and to make decisions regarding their own life. All of the interventions and proposals in which the Association undertakes respond to the logic of guaranteeing and respecting the rights of victims, intending to improve their living conditions and not cause more harm than what they have already suffered.

APRAMP focuses on identifying women and girls who have been victims of human trafficking, to offer them a comprehensive approach to facilitate personal, social and economic autonomy. We carry out holistic care projects aimed at trafficked women and girls, which include a process of integral intervention, from the point of contact with the woman and her identification as a victim of human trafficking, through to the point of recovery and entrance into the Spanish labour market, or of safe return to her country of origin.

Furthermore, **APRAMP** is the only national resource that specializes in taking in and protecting minor victims of trafficking.

CONTRIBUTING TO ERADICATING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND THE TRAFFICKING OF HUMAN BEINGS

APRAMP documents reality and raises societal awareness, giving testimony to what they see day to day on the street. The Association analyses the causes that bring these individuals into slavery, from the countries of origin to the destination countries, and the terrible consequences in the lives of these individuals.

The objective is to achieve that society becomes aware of the existence of the exploitation and trafficking of persons and to avoid the stigma and guilt that victims of these crimes suffer as well. The intention, at the same time, is that the authorities offer the adequate response and to avoid the systematic criminalization that these victims suffer for carrying out activities subject to public norms such as prostitution, or for finding themselves in an irregular administrative situation.

APRAMP offers training based on the experience of these individuals and realizes recommendations and proposals to all of the actors involved in combatting sexual

exploitation and human trafficking from a human rights-based approach, always placing an emphasis on the rights and needs of people who have undergone this situation.

3. Philosophy and Principles of Intervention

The fact that APRAMP has adopted a human rights approach supposes a concrete way of viewing sexual exploitation and human trafficking that conditions the positions and actions of the Association towards both affected women and children, and the State and society. It also signifies that the Association holistically incorporates the human rights-approach in their daily work.

VICTIMS VS. RIGHTS HOLDERS

In some parts of this statement the word “victim” is utilized, as it is a commonly accepted term. It is true that upon suffering sexual exploitation and human trafficking one is considered to be a victim of a crime and of a human rights violation; and in this sense, the individuals with whom APRAMP works are victims.

This recognition by the State confers determined rights that APRAMP actively defends and promotes, such as the right to protection, assistance, recovery, to not be criminalized for acts committed while subject to this situation, or the right to obtain justice and receive compensation, among others.

Nevertheless, the term “victim” makes the Association uncomfortable because it emphasizes a lack of power, and passivity and vulnerability, denying the capacity and courage of people to confront their situations. Many women recognize they had been victims of a crime, but feel that this term reduces their identity.

For that, APRAMP opts to also use other terms like “persons who have suffered sexual exploitation and human trafficking” or “persons affected by exploitation” or “trafficking survivors”.

*“Many have confronted with great courage their exploitation situation, risking, on occasion, their life in order to report the crime. They need to recuperate and recover everything they have been robbed of, which is a lot. Here, we don't treat them solely as victims; **they are survivors of trafficking.**”*

(Rocío Nieto. President and Founder)

HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH

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Therefore, the restitution and protection of the human rights of trafficked persons is the centre and driving force of all interventions APRAMP carries out, systematically taking into account a gender perspective.

Basic Principles of Intervention

The basic principles of intervention for victims of human trafficking are established by the Palermo Protocol and reinforced by the United Nations Guidelines and Recommendations on this matter. It is these principles that govern the comprehensive intervention developed by APRAMP:

- **The human rights of victims:**
 - Recognize victims as persons with rights, capacities and with their own culture.
 - Take the gender perspective into account.
 - Respect the decisions and time of each person.
 - The protection of victims is not conditioned by their cooperation in the judicial process.
 - Accompany and support in order to build capacities.

- **The right to information and assessment:**
 - Attend to the needs of information and assistance of victims.
 - Inform the victims in their own language and culture through mediators.
 - Provide factual information and do not generate false expectations.
 - Never judge.

- **The right to adequate physical, psychological and social assistance:**
 - APRAMP offers specialised and quality care services to human trafficking victims.
 - Access to accommodation and protective resources.
 - Support the process of trauma recovery and the acquisition of autonomy.
 - Access to education, training, and employment opportunities.
 - Design of individualized pathways to integration, with a comprehensive intervention in all areas (personal, psychological, medical, social and judicial).

- **Rights and guarantees to justice:**
 - Information of their rights in their native language.
 - Counsel, support and accompaniment in the judicial process.
 - Seek protected witness status.
 - Documents and procedures to legalise the situation of trafficking victims.

- **Methods of protection:**
 - Respect of privacy in all moments.
 - Protection is offered from the beginning, until the moment of recovery, regardless of whether the judicial case has been settled.
 - Avoid the re-victimization during the process of police and judicial investigation.
 - Clear proposal of available options in Spain, and in the country of origin, given in the victim's native language.

- **Adequate accommodation:**
 - Open to all victims who solicit **APRAMP**'s protection.
 - Offer the guarantee of protection and assistance to those women who decide to get away from the control of their exploiters.
 - Attend to the specific needs of victims, independently of whether or not a formal criminal complaint is filed.

- **Voluntary return, and in safe conditions:**
 - Manage the voluntary return in dignified and safe conditions.
 - Procedures with the embassies and consulates of the country of origin to guarantee the well-being and social integration of the victims, as well as the prevention of new victimizations.
 - Comprehensive support and assistance until the moment of voluntary return.

- **Specific norms of protection in respect to girls and adolescents:**
 - Provide adequate assistance and protection to the needs of victims according on their age.
 - Listen to and respect their opinions and consult them before taking action.
 - Evaluate the risk of family reunification, considering the opinion of the minor.
 - Guarantee adequate and holistic care, respecting the rights and dignity of the minor.

Therefore,

RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH IN PRACTISE SIGNIFIES THAT APRAMP:

- Adapts resources to each person.
- Does not discriminate against anyone.
- Respects personal decisions and rhythms.
- Encourages the prominence and participation of people.
- Empowers people, enhancing their autonomy and capacity to exercise their rights.
- Maximises the social inclusion of affected people so they achieve personal, social and economic autonomy through access to employment.
- Does not replace the State in its responsibilities.
- Demands that the State fulfils their obligations.
- Cooperates with authorities to guarantee the rights of victims.
- Gives testimony in order to raise societal awareness.
- Analyses the demand of commercial sex and addresses it as being partly responsible for the abuse.
- Realises plans of action and training to professionals in order to identify situations of exploitation and trafficking and know how to interact with victims.
- Promotes working within a network.
- Takes responsibility for its actions with transparent management and systematically evaluates the impact of its actions.

NO DISCRIMINATION

APRAMP does not discriminate against people for their ethnicity, nationality, administrative situation, etc. The special vulnerability of determined persons for their nationality, origin, sexual identity and orientation is always taken into account, comprehensively incorporating a gender perspective in all interventions.

GENDER PERSPECTIVE

The work of **APRAMP** is centred on and specialised in sexual exploitation and the trafficking of persons for purposes of sexual exploitation.

Women and girls are the most vulnerable group to human trafficking and suffer greater negative consequences for the types of abuses that they bare and for the social stigmatization in which they are submitted to.

That said, **APRAMP** incorporates the specific needs and desires of every woman and girl attended to and implements the necessary resources and programs helping them develop the necessary social skills and abilities in order to begin a new and empowered life.

APRAMP ADAPTS TO NEEDS

APRAMP adapts the social intervention plans to the needs and concerns of victims. No action is taken without having analysed the actual needs of the affected persons and what consequences they would have over them.

The services are adjusted to each individual –not the other way around-, with flexible schedules, a 24-hour emergency helpline, and a rescue unit present in places where sexually exploited persons and/or trafficking victims can be found. The services offered are adapted to the native language and customs of each person through socio-cultural mediators.

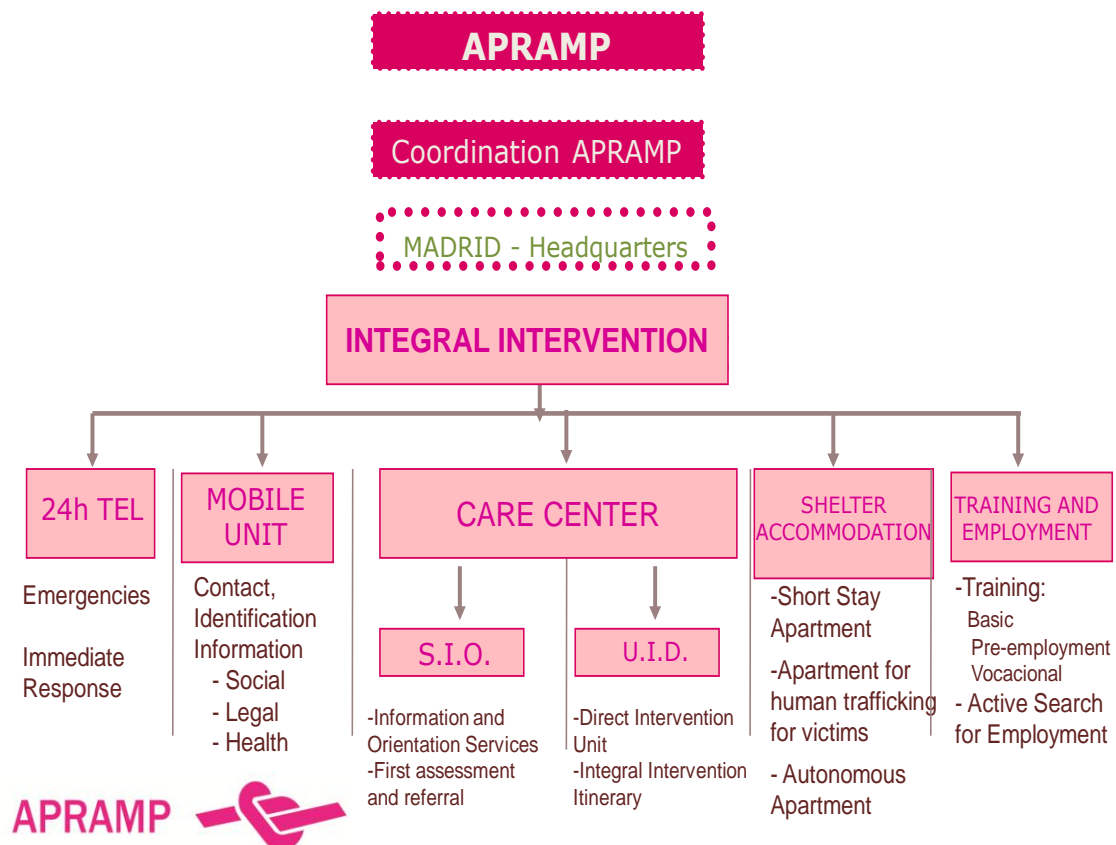
APRAMP refers victims to public services and **only creates its own programmes to address unmet needs.** **APRAMP** acts as a bridge between the needs of people and government, since the most important thing is to ensure the access to their rights.



4. Projects and Services

The **periodic evaluation and attitude of self-criticism** are some of the characteristics of **APRAMP**'s intervention model, as an organisation that doesn't stop learning and improving. Its progressive evolution shows its capacity to learn and improve constantly in order to adapt itself to the ever-changing reality.

APRAMP began its activity in Madrid and has been expanding to distinct autonomous communities: Andalucía, Castilla-León, Extremadura, Asturias, C. Valenciana y Murcia; strategic places of transit and destination of victims. In reality, **APRAMP** is present in 7 communities, counting the rescue units and drop-in centres where legal, social and medical information and support is provided. Currently, **APRAMP** is in the process of establishing two more delegations: Castilla-La Mancha and Galicia.



A) HOLISTIC CARE PROGRAMME

Throughout its more than 30 years of experience, **APRAMP** has been able to affirm that the percentage of individuals in situations of human trafficking amongst those who engage in prostitution is very elevated, exceeding 90%.

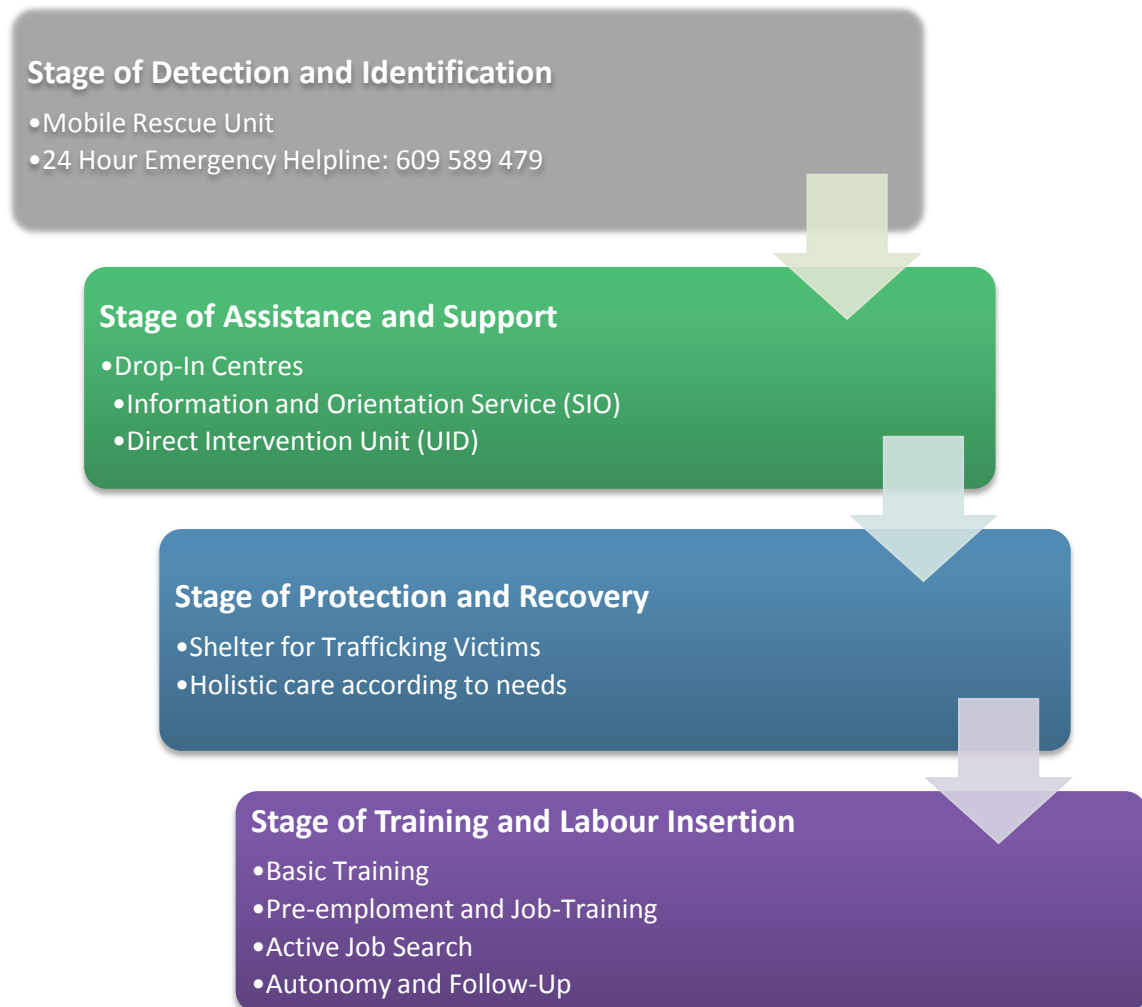
However, it is often that these individuals do not seek help nor even consider themselves in a situation of exploitation. This tends to occur because they are controlled under threats –against them or their families- or because, on many occasions, the victims do not recognize them as such, normalizing situations of violence.

As such, **APRAMP** develops holistic care programmes directed to individuals who desire to overcome situations of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Each individual follows an individualized treatment plan according to their situation and personal circumstances, going through the following stages:



Cómo trabajamos





1. Stage of Detection and Identification

APRAMP carries out a proactive identification, seeking and analysing the places where potential victims can be located. On-the-ground intervention of experienced individuals is the first step to detecting indicators in order to come in contact with possible human trafficking victims. It consists of two mechanisms:

- **MOBILE RESCUE UNIT**

The Rescue Unit is responsible for detecting and identifying women and girls who find themselves in situations of trafficking, and for rescuing and offering them incorporation into a specialised resource that puts in place all of the mechanisms needed to take them out of their high-risk situation and that offers them a place of protection and security.

APRAMP has developed its own methodology of progressive approach that offers assessment and useful services from a holistic perspective, and that permits the effective rescue of suspected victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation.

It is for that reason, **APRAMP**, through the RESCUE UNIT, carries out proactive identification and searches and analyses those places where potential victims can be found, in the morning, afternoon, and evening. On-the-ground work with experienced individuals is the first step in detecting indicators allowing us to find and identify possible victims of human trafficking.

APRAMP learned the enormous value in having the presence of women from the world of exploitation and trafficking, who as a result, can identify exploitation better than anyone. **The social agents are individuals who have previously gone through situations**



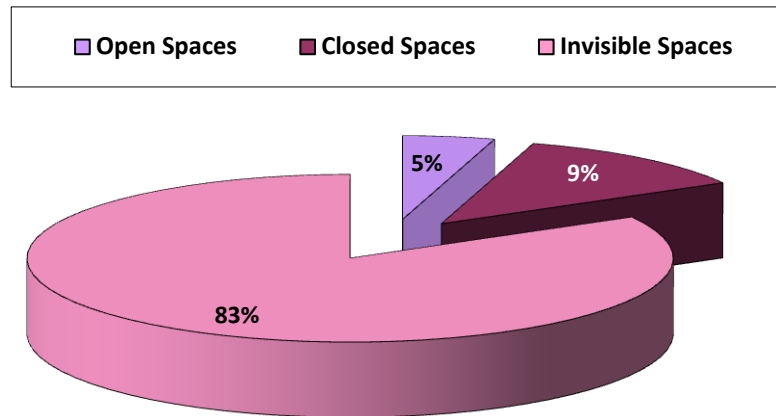
of sexual exploitation and human trafficking and who have overcome their situation through APRAMP's programmes. They are fully recovered and freely chose, as their profession, to help other individuals in the same situation.

APRAMP's methodology is, thus, based on the in-depth understanding of reality and the up-close work with affected individuals. This unique methodology has turned the Association into a reference point, capable of detecting situations of exploitation and human trafficking, and contributing to the recovery of freedom and dignity of **more than 500 individuals every year.**

Given the hidden and invisible reality in which we confront, this proactive work carried out by the Rescue Unit is a valid strategy and a model of good practise to rescue women and girls through our work, along with that of the State Security Forces and the Public Prosecutor for Foreigners.

In practically all of the spaces where the Rescue Unit has access, **APRAMP** has identified individuals in situations of human trafficking. Each space functions differently, with its own characteristics.

In 2016, the Rescue Unit, in the period of reference, accessed **294 places where possible victims are found**, distinguishing between open spaces (streets and industrial sites), closed spaces (clubs and saunas) and invisible spaces (apartments). Out of all of them, they have maintained a continuous intervention in 261 locations during the entire year (32 closed spaces, 12 open and 217 invisible).



It fits to mention that every time we find ourselves with a wider range of nationalities, which complicates the disaggregating of data in a structured manner regarding the origin of the individuals we attend to.

This year, women predominantly originated from Eastern Europe, including nationals from Romania, similar to previous years; Latin America follows closely, mainly: Paraguay, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic.

Zones	%
Eastern Europe	20%
Latin America	62%
Africa	7%
Spain	10%
Others (EU & China)	1%
Total	100%

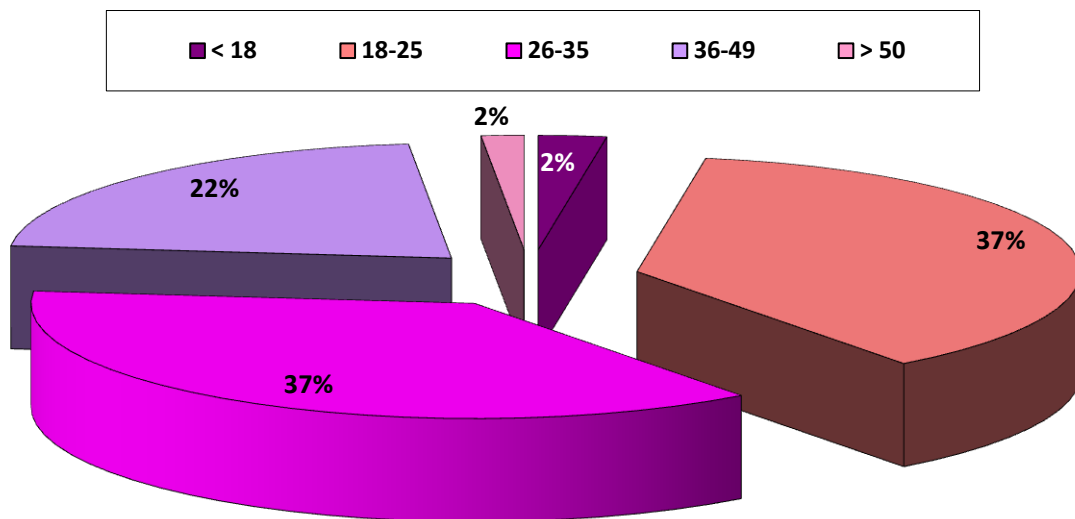
Regarding the individuals who come from Africa, it concerns those principally from Nigeria and Subsharan countries. During this year we have witnessed that the victims come from Asia have reduced, in compared to the previous year, "being hidden" once again. However, it is importante to mention that an upturn of Spanish nationals has occurred, placing them in the fifth position, in front of Colombia and Brazil. **In 2016 we attended to individuals with 47 different nationalities.**

In 2016, 1.220 new individuals were registered, although the number of individuals attended to is much higher: 3.526, with whom have been offered initial information and assessment, giving them a card from the Association with the number of 24 hour helpline for emergencies.

The victims are mainly women, although there are also minors and adolescent girls. Although the statistics of identified minors is very low, APRAMP has been able to document the existence of a great number of under-age victims.

The Rescue Unit has detected under-age women who are on the brink of becoming of age, and in the last few years, we've also been finding girls 14 and 15 years of age. A systematic coordination with authorities competent in the protection of minors makes possible the referral of cases of under-age victims of trafficking to APRAMP, thus, acknowledging the aptitude of its services in order to guarantee their protection and assistance.

The average age-range sits between 18 and 25 years (practically every one out of two victims fall within this range), falling from the previous year, highlighting an alarming statistic revealing a larger presence of under-age sexually-exploited girls.



- **24 HOUR EMERGENCY HELPLINE: 609 589 479**

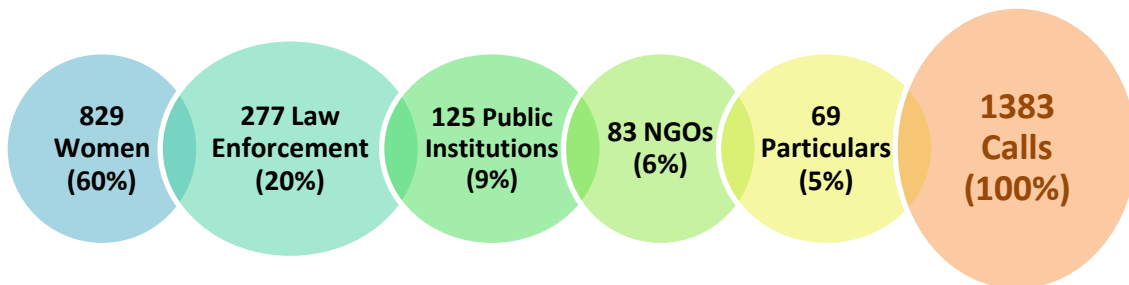
APRAMP offers a 24 hour helpline. This telephone is disseminated via the Rescue Unit team and the other mechanisms of the organisation, as an available resource for emergencies and as a reference for the needs of women and girls who are possible victims of human trafficking and/or sexual exploitation, as well as for those who know

they can turn to **APRAMP** because they will be offered an immediate and effective response.

Progressively it has become a **“Trafficking Unit”**, as it is a national reference for State security forces, the Public Prosecutor for foreigners in distinct provinces, and other public and private services (social services, NGOs, entities in the Spanish Network Against the Trafficking of Persons, etc.).



The 24 hour helpline provides information, assessment and direct intervention, allowing us to immediately locate possible victims, facilitating their access to a coordinator, through which the most adequate resources can be put in place, according to their demands. We can say that through **2016**, more than **1.383** calls were attended to through the 24 hour helpline.



2. Stage of Assistance and Support

The work of the Rescue until provides the knowledge on the needs and concerns of the individuals in situations of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Stemming from this analysis, **APRAMP** designs its resources for support and assistance adapting to the reality of each of these individuals with the goal of making possible their escape from the exploitation.

- **DROP-IN CENTRES**

APRAMP's Drop-In Centres find themselves in strategic locations of entrance, transit and destination for victims of trafficking. The Drop-In Centres are distributed in the following communities: Madrid, Extremadura, Andalucía, Castilla y León, Murcia, C. Valenciana.



APRAMP offers holistic care with real alternatives in order to overcome the situation of submission and slavery. These centres are a stable resource and are always available for individuals contacted by the Rescue Unit. Thanks to the **open, welcoming and warm attitude** in which the centres run, **APRAMP** has become the reference point in which the women and girls go to when they have doubts and are facing difficulties.

Information and Orientation Service (SIO)

From the Drop-In Centre, information and orientation are offered without the need of an appointment as well as an initial evaluation of each individual's situation in order to direct them to different resources.

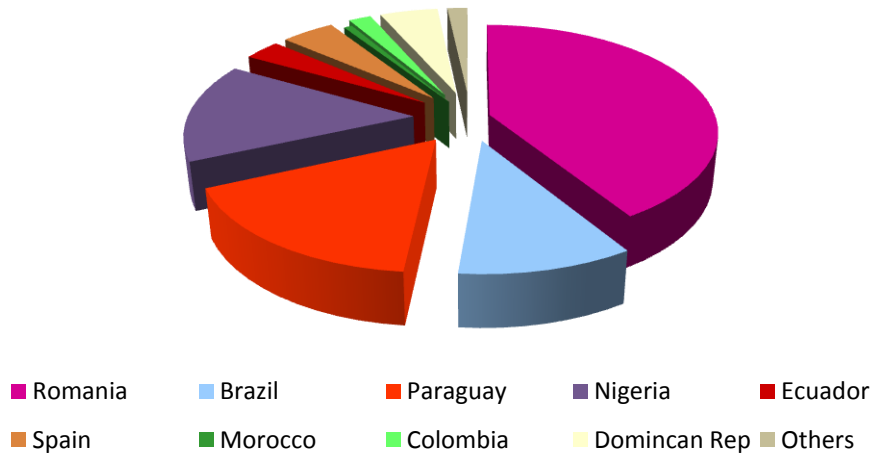
Direct Intervention Unit (UID)

Beginning with the evaluation of circumstances of each case and the **design of an individualized treatment plan for insertion**, the UID establishes a series of personal objectives that allow each woman and/or minor to escape their situation of exploitation for the short and medium-term.

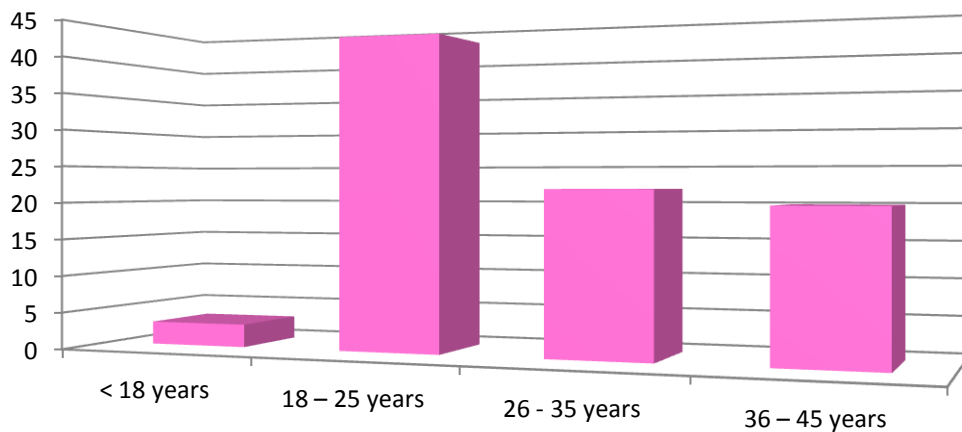
It is designed between the woman and a multi-disciplinary team which consists of a lawyer, a social worker, a psychologist and educator. The **individualised treatment plan** looks to carry out a **recovery process** that includes health and psychological care as well as legal assistance.

In the centre, emergency situations are also attended to. In those cases, the individuals attended to are referred to existing services and are offered emotional support throughout the crisis as well as further down the line through the Association's follow-up service.

The women and girls victims of human trafficking need resources such as these, which help them overcome their lived exploitation situation, and to have the possibility of re-establish their lives. **In 2016, 1.259 women and girls were identified as potential victims of trafficking**, and accessed services at the Drop-In Centres where they carried out Individualised Treatment Plans for Insertion, providing holistic assistance through the multidisciplinary team (social worker, psychologist, lawyer, social educator etc.). **It is important to highlight that minors are found among these demands.** Each of them have shaped the activities developed in the Drop-In Centres, according to their detected demands and needs (social, psychological, medical, legal, educational, etc.).



In terms of age, it is reflected in the table how the majority age range remains as in the previous year, the range between 18 and 35 years (64.8%) and 36 to 45 years (22.3%). In respect to 2015, in the same reference period a slight increase in the age range 18-35 is observed, decreasing the 36-45 years age group by almost the same rate. It is also observed that the presence of people under of age is maintained in compared to 2015. The percentage of identified minors - or those with indications of being, for the fact that they lack documentation to identify them or the documentation they do have is counterfeit – also remains.



Throughout the year 2016, at APRAMP we have tried to provide comprehensive answers to all those women and minors who presented as being victims of trafficking for purposes of sexual exploitation, or who have been identified as such. We must not forget that it is **people who have been subjected to situations of isolation, deprived of their documentation**, etc. The mafia focuses on fear and vulnerability to threaten victims and their families.

Receiving and attending to female victims of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation requires the initiation of coordination between each of the implicated actors in said intervention. The intervention with this collective supposes that professionals (directly and indirectly) establish protocols of intervention which facilitate coordinated responses.

At **APRAMP**, we have coordinated our intervention with the Brigade of Alien Affairs and Documentation and the Civil Guard (UCRIF and EMUMES), for both the identification of victims as well as all of the processes related to filing a criminal report, regularizing their administrative situation, etc.

3. Stage of Protection and Recovery

The women and girls who access this stage are those who consciously solicit help and protection in order to escape their situation of abuse, that is, of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. It is important to understand that, even though all of the victims of trafficking have the right to protection, not all of them need the same level of protection and, in reality, few victims end up accessing a resource for specialized protection such as protective housing.

The Rescue Unit team succeeds, through a relationship of trust, in drawing the affected individuals to **APRAMP**'s resources so that an individualized recovery and training plan for the abandonment of the exploitation situation can be initiated and carried out.

This stage ensures **adequate conditions of protection and shelter** which contribute to the recovery of the victims and the restitution of their fundamental rights.

Additionally, they are informed of and offered possibilities so they may be able to make decisions about whether to cooperate with the police investigation and the judicial process and, if they want to return to their country of origin or to reside in Spain, during the Period of Reflection in which they are allowed by Law.

No matter what decision is made, **they are supported and accompanied** in all of the necessary administrative processes and procedures, as well as **in their physical and psychological recovery**; offering them an **education and labour insertion plan as an alternative to the exploitation situation they have suffered**.

- PROTECTIVE HOUSING

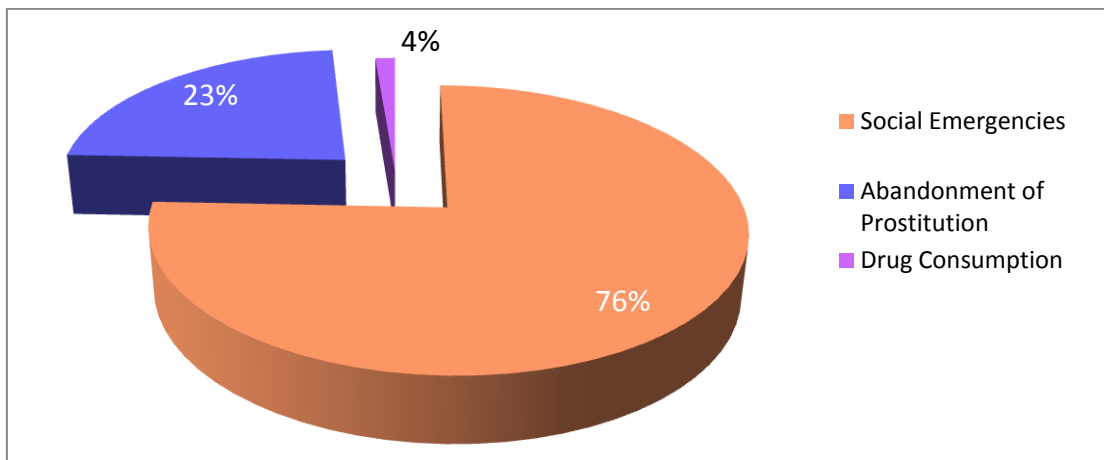
- Short-Term Protective Housing

The short-term protective housing" facilitates housing to women in situations of crisis, in risk or with problems related to the abandonment of situations of sexual exploitation (violence, drugs, etc.). In this resource, **APRAMP** provides holistic care that covers the

physical and emotional recovery, as well as the recovery of habits and skills for social inclusion.

This shelter functions as a framework of coexistence and adaptation for later access to other housing alternatives. **In 2016, 78 women** were taken in, **designing with them an individualized treatment plan**, and has carried out personal follow-up and evaluation with each of them throughout the entire year.

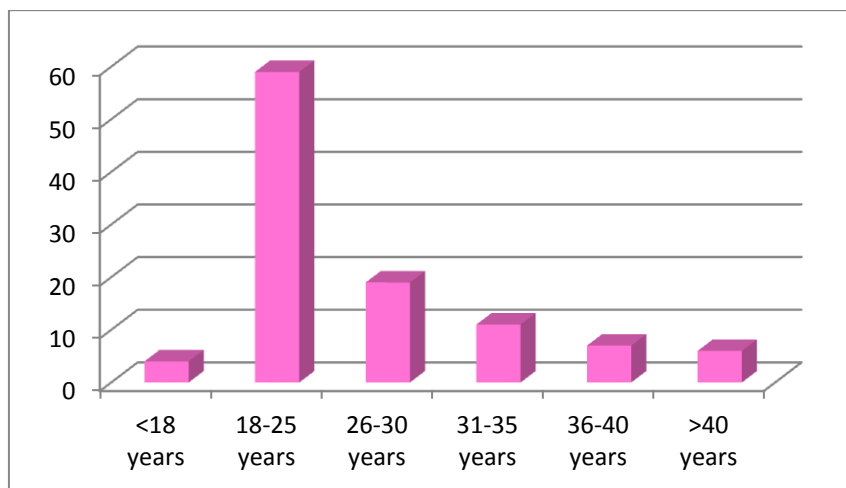
Disaggregating these demands by profiles of women who are the object of our intervention, we have to:

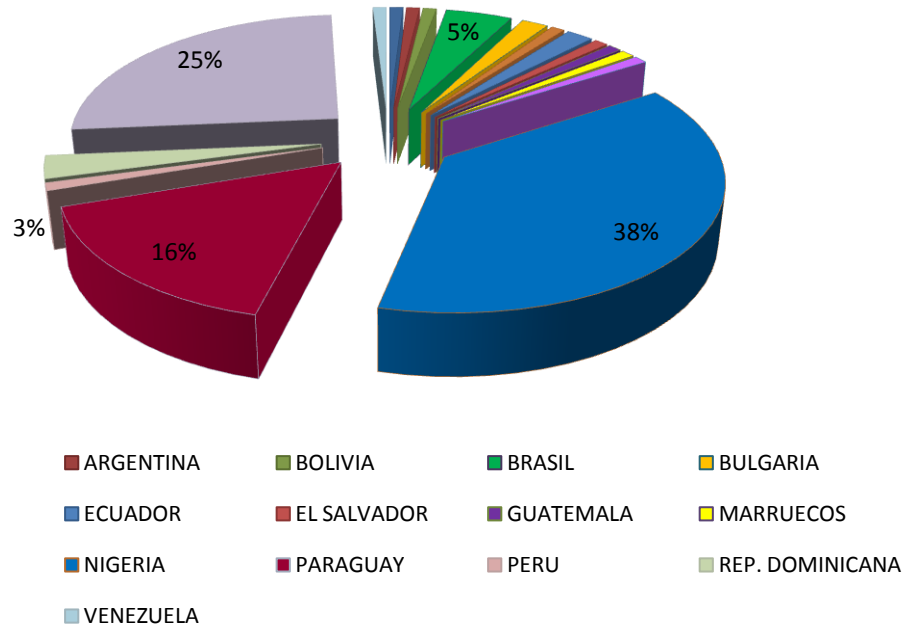


- Shelter for Trafficking Victims

A team of social educators, with a constant presence in the shelter, supervise the entire recovery process. The programme includes educational workshops and the use of leisure time. Additionally, support and solidarity between the women and girls who live together in the shelter is promoted.

In 2016, 106 women demanded this resource of protection, with 17 different nationalities.





The **youth of the women who demanded this resource** should be noted. Year after year we affirm **the increase in the number of minors in situations of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.**

Yet again, we highlight the alarming statistic on the increase between the individuals under 18 years, as well as the clear trend towards a significant decrease in age. Included, are those girls who, in the beginning, were not detected as minors due to the fact that the mafias provide them with false documents.

MINOR VICTIMS

APRAMP is the only specialised resource on a national level that takes in and protects minor victims of trafficking.

In this resource of protection for victims of trafficking, APRAMP has taken in 2 minors during 2016).

When the victim is a minor, special protection mechanisms are put in place. Over the last few years, APRAMP has detected an increase in the number of minors in situations of trafficking and sexual exploitation.

According to our organization, it is of utmost importance to maintain an active collaboration with State Law Enforcement. Due to the work developed in previous years, has become possible to create mechanisms of intervention as a best-practice in the

identification and care of minors. APRAMP is the only organization at the national level that detects and assists minors in situations of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

The special methodology of the **Mobile Rescue Unit which is in charge of the Detection and Identification**; it has allowed for the increase of minors every year, using specific indicators developed by the Unit.

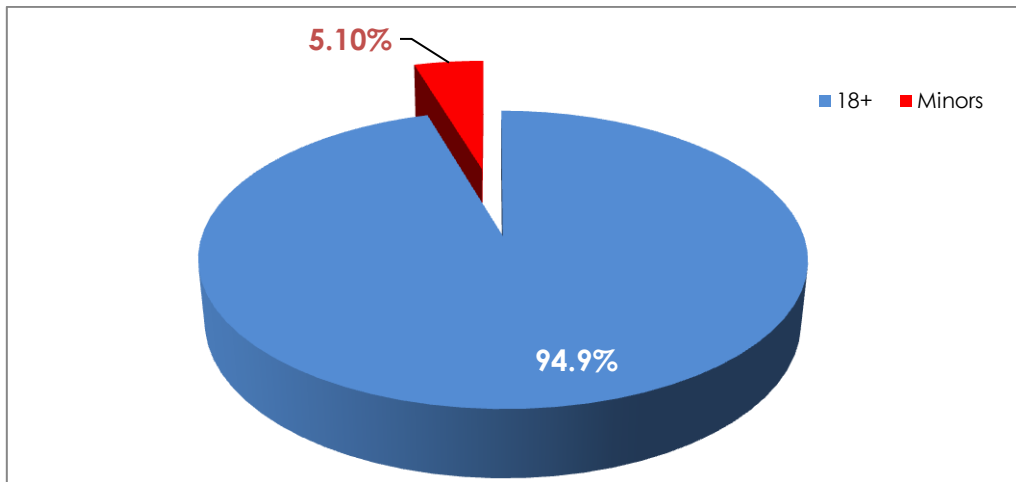
The work developed by the Mobile Rescue Unit continues to confirm the existence of minors in the different zones of prostitution. In 2016, the field work has consisted of approaching women detected as new as well as identifying all those who were first exposed to prostitution as minor. The identification has been carried-out by means of a questionnaire, in which it exposes the situation of individuals from three aspects: health, legal and social, this last one is revealed through open-ended questions, which allow the exposure of their family situation and life history.

Despite everything, the daily work the Mobile Rescue Unit carries out in the Community of Madrid in the different zones of prostitution has allowed us to make direct contact by means of a questionnaire given to 805 individuals.

The elaboration of the questionnaire allows us to intervene in a holistic manner with the population through proactive work, educating them on the crime of sexual exploitation of minors; it is then when they inform us of the presence of minors in the prostitution zones.

Of the 805 people who have completed the questionnaire, it has been obtained that **41 (5.1%) are minor**; we organized the data in the following manner:

	Nº total	Percentage
Women 18+ years of age	764	94.9%
Minors	41	5.1%
TOTALS	805	100%



The questionnaire has been distributed in the different prostitution zones allowing for the participation of 805 individuals, 41 of which have been identified as minors (5.1% of the total interviews carried out): 26 who are 17 years of age, and 15 who are between 15 and 16 years of age.

It is important to highlight that the term “minor” refers to an ample range of ages when talking about sexually-exploited individuals in Spain, to whom we have access as a result of the daily work of the organization. This age range during the period of reference is maintained, although we constantly detect younger women who suffered sexual exploitation beginning at 14 and 15 years of age.

In addition, since it is such **alarming data** we must emphasize that of the 772 people interviewed who were of legal age, **469 women (61%)** indicated to have been **introduced to prostitution as minors**.

Thus, when **APRAMP teams identify a minor**, they inform the Police so that they can act, the mechanism of the protection of minors therefore being activated. Nevertheless, even now specific resources for minor victims of trafficking do not exist. The Centers for minors do not have the proper training or the necessary protection for these types of victims.

For that reason, **the Office of the Public Prosecutor of Immigration and APRAMP put a system of special protection in place that allows the Office of the Public Prosecutor - as a precautionary measure - to authorize the Association as the legal guardian of the minors, incorporating them into its Holistic Care Program.**

A systematic coordination with the competent authorities in the protection of minors makes possible the referral of cases of minor victims of trafficking to APRAMP, recognizing therefore the suitability of its resources to guarantee their protection and care. APRAMP considers it necessary the authorities develop both specific capacities in the identification as well as in protection and specialized resources of care.

Observing that the sexual exploitation of minors is constantly, and in an alarming way, a more frequent phenomenon involving a “hidden practice, difficult to detect”, APRAMP started up in 2009 the project “**Strategies of protection and identification and care of sexually-exploited minors**”, subsidized by the **Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality**.

In November 2015, the document with the results obtained in the previous period from the intervention of the Mobile Rescue Unit, “On the Streets”, was presented in the headquarters of the Secretariat of Social Services and Equality (c/ Alcalá, 37, Madrid).

This work tries to put the focus on a reality, which is the **sexual exploitation of minors**. It is a first note on situations identified by APRAMP that provides evidence for the need to deepen and dedicate efforts and resources to fight the most hidden reality of the sexual exploitation and trafficking.



- **RECOVERY PROCESS**

Sexual exploitation and human trafficking have many negative consequences for those individuals who suffer from them. Some experts have compared them to the aftermath of victims of torture in concentration camps. Although not all victims suffer physical and psychological trauma to the same extent, they all need to go through a recovery process in order to face their life with determination and autonomy and to minimize the risk of re-victimization.

KEYS TO RECOVERY

- ❖ Recognition as a victim of crime
- ❖ Regaining self-esteem
- ❖ Restoring confidence in others

Psychological support and trauma recovery

Psychological treatment is offered to all women who agree to participate in the programme.

APRAMP has a team of professionals specialised in treating the possible trauma experienced by victims of sexual exploitation. It is customary, at first, that they refuse this help, since many of these women develop coping strategies that lead them to normalise violence, abuse or drug addiction. Eliminating their self-created internal structures and addressing the causes and consequences of the exploitation itself are not usually a comfortable or easy task but, these steps are absolutely necessary to overcome the trauma and avoid possible re-victimization.

Although needs are individually assessed, the problems presented by victims are channeled through therapeutic groups that favour overcoming conflict, acquiring basic social skills, and improving levels of self-esteem. Individual and group sessions, skills and self-esteem workshops, and support groups are organised.

The support and testimonies of other women who have gone through the same situations are essential to proposing short-term goals that would ensure progression.

The assessment by the team of psychologists is key to determining the next steps of progress, such as training or labour market entry.

Recognition as victims of crime

As a survival technique, victims tend to normalise the situation of exploitation. Many consider their exploiters as allies in their migratory project and accept exploitation as the price they have to pay to settle their debt. Others have suffered gender violence in the domestic sphere and in their countries of origin where social awareness about violence suffered by women does not exist or tolerance levels of this violence are very high.

Helping them recognise exploitation and violence as a crime helps them become aware that they have been victims of human rights violations.

Once an individual stops accepting exploitation, coercion, threats, and violence as normal and recognises herself as a victim, that is when recovery begins and, when they can begin to recover their self-esteem and their capabilities as individuals.

Reconstruction of capacities for social and marital relationships

During the time of exploitation, capabilities to relate to others are lost or distorted.

Socially, the victims are isolated from their families and their social networks. The continuous movement, a characteristic of the crime of trafficking, reinforces such isolation. Even once in Spain, the exploiters still move women from city to city or from one club to another. This prevents victims from establishing relationships with other people, completely isolating them from others. The deception suffered, sometimes by the people around them, diminishes their ability to trust others.

Additionally, the dependent relationship generated by exploiters results in the inability of victims to maintain and build normal relationships.

APRAMP tries to help individuals recover the capacity to relate with others as equals and to free victims from violence, both in social and sentimental relationships.



In fact, when an individual has not overcome their experience, there is an increased risk of being exploited again. Many of the women who return voluntarily or who are deported to their countries of origin without adequate recovery, once again, fall victim to the same networks of exploitation.

Even in Spain, women who have gone through **APRAMP**'s resources without having fully recovered are at risk of being exploited in other areas, such as domestic service.

Process of empowerment and autonomy

The advice and information provided should be clear and objective from the start. The situation of victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation is not easy and access to the opportunities they are entitled to is a process full of obstacles and difficulties. It is necessary, from the beginning, to treat these individuals without paternalism and to not create false expectations, neither of which help to restore their ability to trust others.

Most individuals were deceived during their migration project. Strengthening the image of themselves as women who are capable, brave and fighters is necessary for overcoming their perception that women are to be dominated, which their exploiters have made them believe.

4. Stage of Training and Labour Insertion

For women who find themselves in situations of vulnerability, **training is the first step to finding employment and, therefore, to rehabilitation, re-socialisation and support for escaping the cycle of sexual exploitation.** The targeted objectives during this stage are:

- Offer attractive and sustainable training possibilities for individuals.
- Facilitate social skills and everyday living habits.
- Facilitate the acquisition of basic knowledge and professional qualification.
- Offer real possibilities of employment.
- Facilitate regularization processes.
- Guarantee a specific monitoring of needs.

- EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

All of the women who participate in the Holistic Care Programme will receive proposals for training and employment once they are prepared for it. This proposal, in general, tends to last one year and, in order to access it, a promise of consistent attendance and active participation in their individualized intervention plans for Socio-Labour insertion are required.

Depending on their previous training, and the capacities of each individual, they can be offered different training options.



Literacy and the Spanish Language

APRAMP imparts different levels of Spanish and literacy training to adapt to the reality of each person. This formation will offer the possibility to progressively advance the capacity of listening, reading and completion of basic documents to access basic elementary education, such as the Obligatory Secondary Education Certificate (OSE).

Pre-Employment Training

In these training workshops knowledge of the Spanish labour market is offered and techniques on seeking employment, accompanied by complementary education on basic aspects of the acquisition of elemental social skills, are taught. In addition, they are given training in computer literacy within a core programme on managing computers, software and internet access.

Employment Training

Employment training is provided for the professions that foreign women, many of whom are in the process of regularization, tend to be able to access, such as those within the cleaning sector, the care of dependent persons and hospitality. **APRAMP**, additionally, has added another sector beyond what immigrant women tend to access, which is that of textiles. Courses on sewing as a realistic employment option to access a job independently are offered.

Individuals with authorization to work also complete specialised courses, like those on geriatrics and hospitality, with very good results.

Specific Workshops

From **APRAMP**, distinct possibilities to access work and economic resources as real alternatives to situations of exploitation for people who participate in these programmes.

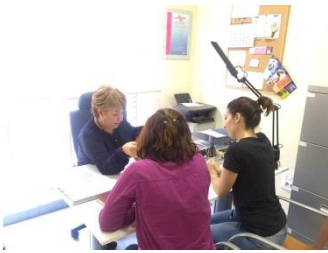
In the search for alternatives and to offer other possibilities, the Association provides other types of workshops that could, in one way or another, complete their education

and hopefully, in the future, be their principal economic resource. Such is the case with workshops on how to make crafts and floral ornamentation.

Cross Content Training

All of the employment training courses are complemented with workshops and training on necessary social skills to commence a life of social and economic autonomy.

Training is primarily provided on:



resources, etc.

- Safe and hygienic conditions at work and occupational health.
- Social skills on communication, decision-making and conflict resolution.
- Job search techniques: CV, interviews, knowledge of

- resources, etc.
- Education on rights, specifically on the equal opportunities in daily life and in employment.
- Introduction to new technology that helps improve social and labour relations.

- LABOUR INSERTION

Once an individual has completed her specific training, and has complied with all of the norms and fulfilled all the objectives of each workshop, she is evaluated to see if she has the capacity to be incorporated into the workforce. She will be supported and accompanied by APRAMP to escape her trafficking situation and/or situation of exploitation through the orientation on searching for employment.

Some individuals will find a job during the training process, while others will do it at the end of the process according to the evaluation completed by the Association regarding their preparation for their incorporation into the job market.

APRAMP refers these individuals to different employment resources or to entities that offer internships. Access to these resources depends on the initial education level of the individual and on their administrative situation. For if a victim of trafficking opts for staying and residing in Spain and does not want to or cannot collaborate with the justice process, they find themselves in an irregular situation which complicates their access to the labour market. The Law also recognizes the possibility to apply for residency on personal grounds.

If the victims decide to collaborate with the justice process, the Law offers them and recognizes renewable residence and work permits.

Promotion of Self-Employment

APRAMP orients these women towards self-employment as an option with the possibility of becoming a real job opportunity for them when working for third parties is not possible. In a situation of economic crisis and drastic decrease in the offering of work contracts, this possibility becomes even more valuable.

To this end, APRAMP offers diverse training workshops, among them most notably, the workshop on textiles or sewing, on geriatric assistance and on domestic help, which are complemented by others such as Spanish and literacy, information technologies (IT), gender equality and, of course, active job searching.

Common to all of them is the basic education in specific aspects of health, with periodic revisions, and information on sexual and personal protection.



Sewing Workshop

The textile workshop is one of the most demanding. It includes both the design and creation of products as gifts, and alterations. In this workshop, both women who have some knowledge on sewing as well as others who are beginning from zero participate, and for that reason, the workshop consists of two levels, basic and advanced, in order to adapt to the initial level and distinct progress of each woman.

From the same training process, the apprentices are in contact with the real economy, given that they make repairs for important fashion shops located on Fuencarral, a street very close to the workshop in Madrid –such as Levis or Maje- and sell some of their own creations directly to the public.



To provide assistance to trafficked women during training, which can become a doorway to a stable future, they receive a small monetary compensation. The objective is that they could manage their own small business from home or be

subcontracted by fashion companies that need garment alterations on a permanent basis.

This scholarship that the women earn daily ensures their consistent attendance to the vocational training courses and permits them, for example, to defray the cost of something very basic like public transportation in a big city such as Madrid. This assistance, combined with the minimum income allowance (RMI), allows them to at least get by while they manage to be more than just trafficked women and begin to be individuals in control of their own lives.

During 2016, 312 individuals have participate in basic training and transversal workshops (Spanish, reading and writing, social skills, labour insertion), 219 have completed specialized training and pre-labor courses (textile, geriatric assistance, domestic workers); with 312 individuals having completed pre-labour orientation, accompaniment in the job search and labour insertion.

B) STUDIES, AWARENESS-RAISING AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMME

APRAMP complements its intervention with and for the victims with **prevention work in order to avoid that more people are exploited.**

Being on the frontline where exploitation is committed, APRAMP has a privileged vision to analyse the causes and consequences of trafficking in human beings. This knowledge and direct contact with affected persons allows APRAMP to **develop campaigns and awareness-raising actions**, both here and in the countries of origin of the victims, that help change behaviors and opinions that favour the existence of trafficking or the lack of an adequate response from the authorities and society.

Change reality: Through this program, APRAMP offers up its knowledge of sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings in Spain to achieve a social awareness that allows for the improvement of protection and the rights of the victims.

The Association is witness every day to the obstacles that victims have to face so that their rights are recognized. **APRAMP ops for the cooperation with the authorities**, providing training, information and proposals for action that will facilitate the empathy for those affected as well as the fulfillment of their legal obligations to them.



It is necessary to move forward in order to effectively guarantee the rights of victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation. To achieve this objective, **APRAMP also enhances the work in network with other entities and with political advocacy**. Therefore, pursues the following objectives:

- **Prevent and stop the exploitation** through:
 - Analysis and studies on the situation of trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation
 - Campaigns and social awareness actions that achieve to modify views, attitudes and social behaviors that contribute or facilitate the existence of trafficking and sexual exploitation or conversely that can prevent it.
- **Ensure and improve the rights of the victims** through strategies of political advocacy, promoting networking with other organisations and collaboration with the authorities.

1. Studies and Research

APRAMP believes it is essential to know the reality of the phenomenon of trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation in order to have an impact on the causes and improve the situation of the victims. And as such, constantly analyses the reality, from the origin of the victims, to how they are deceived and coerced, passing through the main features of the business that sustains the exploitation.

The Association has been and is witness to the evolution and trends of the phenomenon in Spain thanks to this special methodology, allowing the reality to be known. Each year APRAMP carries out internal studies on the state of sexual exploitation and trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation in the cities where it works.

- **MEET THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS**

It is fundamental to **know the needs and concerns of victims** in order to adapt its interventions improving the holistic care programme and promoting changes in policies, plans and resources to improve the situation of the victims.

It is also necessary to **know the reality of trafficking and sexual exploitation** in Spain, know how the mafias and exploiters operate in order to be able to act on behalf of the victims in this context, thus it is essential to:

- **Expose and sensitize society** and to the authorities of trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation that exists in Spain.
- **Contribute to complementing the information** provided by State Law Enforcement about the new trends of exploitation.



To encourage intervention with victims from different professional fields, during 2015, information has been disseminated via the website: www.apramp.org, and in the training sessions to professionals, the different published guides, (law enforcement, health and media) also adding in the period of reference, a guide directed towards professionals of social services.



- **MEET THE DEMAND OF SEX FOR PAYMENT**

APRAMP also tries to understand **what level of knowledge customers have on exploitation** that, in one way or another, they are allowing and encouraging. In this

way, the organization aims to raise awareness and attract is the collaboration of some of them in the detection of situations of trafficking.

APRAMP considers the client to be co-responsible for the demand of prostitution of individuals in situation of exploitation or of the trafficking of humans. Information obtained by the Mobile Rescue Unit as well as the 24-hour emergency telephone and Care Centres, through the clients' use allows APRAMP to know the profile of the consumers of prostitution in Spain. Through this analysis, it is determined that there is not a unique customer profile and that there are different motivations for paying for sex.

- FACILITATE OUTSIDE RESEARCH

APRAMP has participated in **providing evidence and knowledge on the situation of trafficking and sexual exploitation in Spain** for various studies conducted by universities and institutions.

Prostitution and trafficking attract many researchers because it is something hidden and little known in Spain. APRAMP being one of the few entities that works holistically with affected persons, it receives several requests each year for collaborations of this kind.

APRAMP considers the contribution that universities can and should do in this field to be essential.

2. Awareness-Raising

According to United Nations sources, Spain is the third country in the world for the demand of sex for payment, after Thailand and Puerto Rico. APRAMP argues that if the business of the trafficking of human beings and of sexual exploitation thrives it is partly thanks to the society's complicity. And, it is necessary to **promote a zero tolerance policy** towards sexual exploitation that puts the brakes on, on one hand, the demand and, on the other hand, on the indifference of society.

APRAMP carries out **permanent awareness actions** directed towards the affected individuals, to those who demand their services and to the society in general. These campaigns seek the prevention of exploitation, both in origin and in destination countries, looking for the modification of behaviours and attitudes.

- **INDIVIDUALS IN SITUATIONS OF TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

Openly and clearly directing a campaign to victims is complex and full of difficulties. It is necessary to evaluate the language used and the risks.

To overcome these two obstacles, APRAMP always includes individuals who have suffered exploitation and trafficking when it comes to designing the campaigns. However, the greatest difficulty lies in the risk that can be assumed when providing direct and clear information in an environment of violence and exploitation.

Prevention in the countries of origin. Most of the victims come from the same countries - Romania, Brazil and Paraguay - and even the same areas or cities within them. This means it is possible to **carry-out actions of communication to prevent trafficking in countries of origin**, given the demographic of the majority of the victims.

APRAMP carried-out its first prevention project in Brazil and Paraguay, where many of the victims of trafficking, exploited in Spain, come from. The challenge is beginning cooperation programmes between origin and destination countries directed towards prevention; programmes that include police and judiciary collaboration, as well as cooperation in the voluntary return of the victims.

Until May 2016, APRAMP is developing another cooperation project in Paraguay, aimed at the strengthening of civil society in the prevention, reintegration and care of women and girls victims of trafficking and/or sexual exploitation. This project is funded and has the support of the Asturian Cooperation Agency of the Principality of Asturias.

- **TOWARDS DEMAND**

It is essential that people who demand sexual services are aware of the situation of exploitation suffered by individuals who work in prostitution in Spain.

Additionally, along the lines of prevention in countries of origin and societal awareness, it is also necessary to mention the special collaboration of APRAMP in the project 'Chicas 24 horas', directed by Mabel Lozano, which focuses on the business of human trafficking and the use of women and girls' bodies as a commodity. APRAMP has participated since the beginning of the project, providing knowledge and experience for the development of the different actions.



Among others, we have participated in: the 3-day premiere in Cineteca Madrid, filling all the seats; in the exhibition and roundtable held at Casa America on September 23, International Day against Sexual Exploitation; the screening of the documentary in the Conference organised by the Council of Las Rozas, in the event organised by the Department of Women in the Town Hall of Fuenlabrada, and the Conference organised by the entity Diaconia, participating in colloquiums and subsequent discussions; also at the second Congress of Human Rights organised by the Spanish Legal Foundation the documentary was also screened.

- **TOWARDS SOCIETY**

To learn about the situation of trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation, it is necessary to show that slavery exists and to dismantle myths and prejudices, contributing to perpetuation of the existence of trafficking.

There are many myths and a great lack of knowledge about the trade of humans in Spain. Preconceived images are full of prejudices and stereotypes that do not favour the detection, identification or protection of victims suffering from it at all.

Also, the campaign "**Nadie se ofrece para ser esclav@**" has been developed one more year to raise awareness of society on this violation of human rights.



In addition, during the reference period, there has been a powerful audiovisual educational tool to raise the awareness of professionals and the population in general, on the reality that potential victims of trafficking live, the reasons that drive them to undertake a migration project, and how the dream turns into nightmare. In the elaboration of the basis of the script, as already indicated, a small group of women identified as potential victims of trafficking participated and shared opinions. It is intended, moreover, to be an instrument for the reflection that encourages



empathy with the victims, and to help to understand their reactions, the rejection of filing a report, their slow recovery, etc.

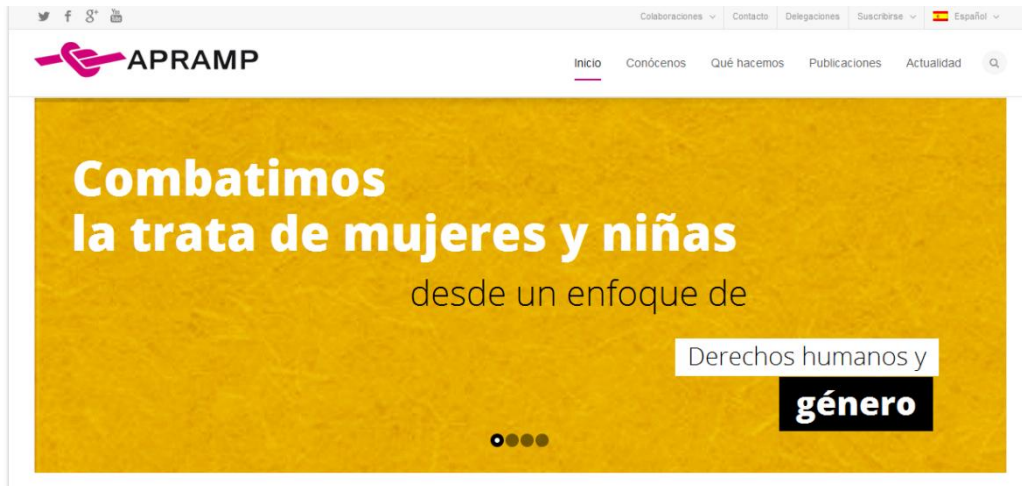
The audiovisual, as has been projected in some reports -although it is impossible to determine the number of beneficiaries of such a project-, but it is estimated based on other campaigns already developed by the entity that this project will reach several tens of thousands of people. Since it is also assumed that it can be used in specific awareness-raising actions, and develop a wide publicity campaign through social networks (facebook, twitter), the youtube channel and the entity's website and other pages "for related purposes", as it has been done with other elaborated awareness-raising materials.

- **OTHER RESOURCES**

The web site www.apramp.org offers the possibility of accessing useful information for anyone interested.

The number of visits to the web page (www.apramp.org) in the reference period remains high, maintaining updated content and publications, allowing the visualization of this reality of exploited women girls. The updated design of the web has more didactic and intuitive content in connection with social networks social and a greater presence of the trafficking phenomenon in the media. 25.580 sessions of this page have been opened, with a total of 59.973 visits, and 78.13% of new sessions.

This increase is largely due to the revitalization and new image that in 2014 (in two languages: Spanish and English) has been given to the website and a greater presence of the phenomenon of trafficking in the media.



In addition, APRAMP has increased its presence on social networks: facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/apramp>) and twitter: @APRAMP.

The short film "Isabella" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jJxBE-QYlo>), created in December 2013 under the direction of Mabel Lozano, that allows in just a few minutes to understand the process a victim goes through to reach recovery and social integration, has achieved wide spread dissemination during the period of reference thanks to the intervention of APRAMP: more than 5,500 views on youtube, and has been used as an awareness tool in the numerous workshops and presentations in which practitioners of the entity have participated in during 2015.

As an expert organization in this field, APRAMP *organises and attends conferences* dedicated to sexual exploitation and human trafficking.



3. Political and Social Advocacy

The Spanish State has the obligation to guarantee the rights of trafficking victims which are recognized in the international instruments ratified by Spain. Political advocacy carried-out by APRAMP along with other entities aims to defend and promote these rights.

- POLITICAL ADVOCACY

APRAMP sets out to build its strategy of advocacy jointly with other entities as a more effective way of joining efforts and making progress. Some "good practices" have emerged out of this custom of advocacy work: for example, collaboration with the Central Brigade UCRIF (national police) in the identification and referral of victims.

Similarly, a **relationship of trust and collaboration** has enabled the General Prosecutor's Office of Immigration to monitor individual cases and obtain improvements in the treatment of victims as well as in the prosecution of the crime.

These good practices demonstrate not only that it is possible to **protect the rights of victims** through understanding between authorities and entities, but it is also **more efficient for the prosecution of the offence**. We highlight two best-practices:

-Best practice: giving voice and the role of women: Between the different authorities and political leaders, APRAMP identifies key individuals to act permanently on the reality of trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation. Additionally, it performs advocacy work with regional Governments, embassies and consulates as well as Governments of other countries.

-Best practice: networking: APRAMP is a founding member of the Spanish Network against Trafficking. Today it brings together more than 26 entities related to the defence and promotion of the rights of the victims, assistance and protection or prevention. The network structures its work in three areas, in which APRAMP actively participates: identification and referral, awareness and political advocacy.

- SOCIAL ADVOCACY

APRAMP is convinced of the need to **raise awareness to all individuals who have or could have a professional relationship with potential victims**. Opening one's eyes to this reality has been a constant in the work of the Association.

Sharing first-hand what is happening and what obstacles the victims are facing has allowed for many authorities and professionals to begin to understand the phenomenon of trafficking in Spain and the measures that promote the rights of those affected.

For that reason, APRAMP devotes part of its resources to the **training of professionals in the detection and identification of situations of exploitation**, as well as to develop a catalogue of basic instructions on how to react to a possible case of trafficking.



APRAMP is considered to be an expert organization on trafficking and sexual exploitation. And, as such, is required to participate in debates, workshops and training courses on the subject. The Association provides training to professionals in the legal field, to law enforcement and to other social and health professionals.

APRAMP has launched a strategy for **proactive training and proposals of intervention** aimed at different sectors, looking to go one step further in the needed societal response to the phenomenon of trafficking. Proposals directed toward the legal sector, law enforcement, embassies and consulates, the health sector, social workers and other key players such as the media have been elaborated.

Coordination with other entities and authorities is essential to ensure an adequate response to each case. APRAMP knows that in order to it to protect the victims and promote their recovery, **collaboration of all the institutions and bodies involved in the fight against trafficking in** is needed. As such, the Organization cares for and fosters institutional relations with authorities and other entities under the principle of mutual collaboration under a framework of defence and respect for the human rights of the victims. In the same way, APRAMP coordinates with consulates and embassies for processing the documentation and support for the voluntary return of victims.

Madrid, December 31 2016

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