

***Chance and Challenge - Improve the assistance services for children and youth victims by developing innovative support programs
Erasmus Plus, Strategic Partnerships***

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Case study 2

She came to our Centre referred from our Mobile Unit (UM) in May/June 2015

At the same time, we knew about her situation by another organization who had been working with her in Barcelona, where Joy had been imprisoned for four years sentenced for a drugs trafficking crime. When she came out from prison, she started being threatened because of the money she owed.

So we came in touch with Joy who came to our Centre in June, in a leave out of prison. She was afraid of a possible expulsion. She wanted to go to the Police to report her situation and ask for reflection period and stop her possible expulsion

July, 8/2015 we arranged an appointment in the Police, the special group dealing with trafficking operations. This first day in the Police office she was interviewed by personal from Nigerian Embassy and by the Police. Our social worker accompanied her for that interview.

She decided to make a report, and arranged a new interview some days later.

When she comes to the Centre, she had already paid 40.000 euro from the total 55.000 euro's debt.

THE TRAFFICKING SITUATION EXPLAINED BY JOY:

She left her city in Nigeria when she was 20 years old, after a vudú ceremony. The man (whom he names as "my owner") the human trafficker, is S.K.

Joy started the trip with her one year old daughter. She stayed in Morocco for almost two years. When she was in that trip she was deported twice to Algeria, and started again. In Morocco she got in touch with her "husband" who is also involved in trafficking. SK and her husband had a discussion and after that, he came back to Nigeria and Joy continued travelling with SK.

Joy is pregnant when she arrives to Algeciras with her little daughter. There, the trafficking network gives her money to go to Málaga, where a Nigerian woman receives her. From there, she is transferred to Madrid. By that time, she is seven months

pregnant, but that fact doesn't stop the plans of the traffickers, and another Nigerian woman, Ossas, who will be in charge of her, forces her to prostitution to start paying her debt.

One of those days, Ossas took her to ask for asylum but she left Joy and her daughter by themselves in the Street near de Asylum Office. Then she called SK to tell him Joy had scaped.

Joy didn't know what to do, and went into a café. Someone there called SAMUR, which is a social institute for people at social risk (homeless), and took her to KARIBU (an organization where she lives in a shelter for one year with her daughter and baby.)

When she needs to go out from that house, she comes back to Fuenlabrada to prostitution and then went to Galicia to a Club. Finally she came back to Leganés where she meets another nigerian woman to take care of her children while she continues involved in prostitution.

Legal background

In 2001 she went to prison. She refers she had a partner in Barcelona, she met a Nigerian man, and started a relationship; that way she gets involved in a drugs trafficking crime through him.

She stayed in prison for 4 years. She refused to change her penalty for expulsion because she wanted to continue seeing her children. At that time they are foster cared, living with a family.

In JULY 2015 she decided to report to the Police and they refused giving her the reflection period arguing that her report didn't contain enough or clear information / indications of trafficking.

We think Joy might had not given enough information about the countries she passed by during her trip, because she is illiterate.

Joy appealed this decision supported by the Concepcion Arenal.

In the end she was given an expulsion order.

Some questions for the teamwork:

- a) Which are her explicit needs?*
- b) Can you observe any other demand apart from the explicit needs? Which ones? How do we deal with those needs?*
- c) Looking back to the past, what else could have been done in assisting this woman?*
- d) Intervention plan.*