

## What is human trafficking?

**Human trafficking** is widely viewed as a form of modern day slavery. It can be referred to as 'trafficking in human beings' (THB) and 'trafficking in people' (TIP).

It is a crime committed against an individual and can happen to anyone, from any background, young and old, male and female, British nationals, Europeans, third country nationals, asylum seekers and refugees.

Human trafficking means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of a person. This can be through threats or the use of force, or other forms of coercion and deception for the purpose of exploitation.

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### ACT

Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons which can include either domestic or cross-border movement – it can be into, within, or out of the UK.

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### MEANS

Threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or giving payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim.

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### PURPOSE

For the purpose of exploitation, this includes exploiting the prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or similar practices and the removal of organs or body tissue.



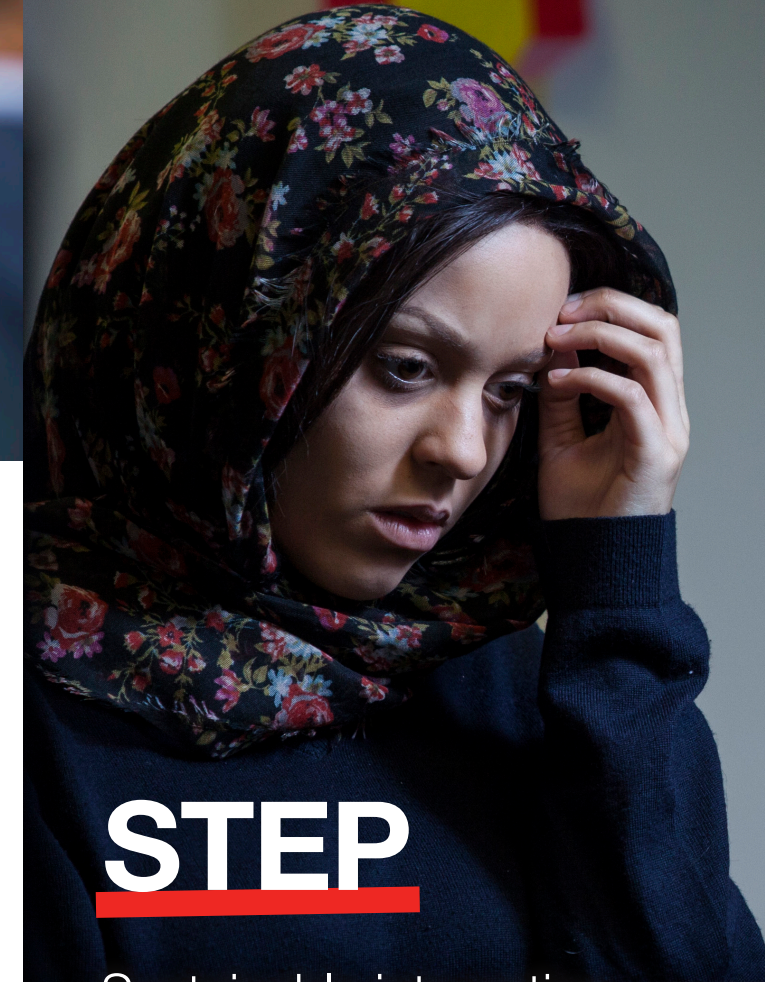
## Refusing to ignore people in crisis

**Please contact 999 if you or somebody is in immediate danger. Please follow British Red Cross Safeguarding procedures if you have a concern for somebody's safety.**

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# STEP

Sustainable integration  
of Trafficked human  
beings through proactive  
identification and  
Enhanced Protection

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## The STEP 'Sustainable integration of Trafficked human beings through proactive identification and Enhanced Protection' was designed in the context of the refugee crisis and to address the increased migration flow across Europe.

Countries across Europe are now struggling to meet the needs of people desperately seeking safety. People are at risk of trafficking and exploitation on their journey to seek safety. This has brought new challenges in transit and destination countries.

Agencies are busy responding to the most basic needs which means identifying and responding to trafficking is often overlooked and existing indicators of trafficking and exploitation are increasingly difficult to spot in transit contexts.

Funded through the European Commission's Asylum, Migration and Integration fund (AMIF) programme. The project aims to develop and promote a consistent approach to identification, protection and integration of survivors of trafficking across the EU.



STEP will bring together actors from the UK, France, Croatia and the Netherlands (destination and transit countries) to:

- > **Increase visibility and awareness** of the risks of trafficking, targeted directly at migrants in transit; refugees and asylum seekers arriving in destination countries; and frontline workers.
- > **Pilot a robust integration and protection support programme** for survivors with clear indicators of increased independence and integration in host countries.
- > **Build a Red Cross Red Crescent hub**, to promote best practice, share tools and, expand networks to ensure a consistent global approach to human trafficking.

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The British Red Cross is partnering with two UK organisations, Ashiana and Hestia, on a 12 month pilot project. Together they will pilot an integration support programme for those exiting the National Referral Mechanism.

We will support 50 people who fall outside of statutory support.

Integration Support will include facilitating access to accommodation, psychosocial provision, and access to legal aid and medical care. The support offered through the pilot is holistic and person centred allowing the survivor to identify and prioritise their needs.

The pilot's outcomes will be measured and presented in a report, and will compliment an advocacy strategy to promote change and encourage public bodies to adopt a sustainable integration model.

