

Combating Trafficking of Woman and Girls, Norwegian Experience

«Sharing the nordic experience» Kaunas, Lithuania 05.10.2018

Lisa Weldehanna
Adviser, The ROSA-project
lw@krisesenter.com

Talking points

- Norwegian context
 - Trafficking in Norway - What, who, how?
- Norwegian strategies against Human Trafficking
 - Anti-trafficking work in norway
 - Legal Provisions
 - National action plans
 - The ROSA-project



The ROSA-project

- Part of The National Plan of Action against Human Trafficking since 2005
- Funded by the Ministry of Justice – run by secretariat of the shelter movement
- Close cooperation with local municipality shelters all over Norway

MANDATE

1. Provide assistance and safe housing to victims of trafficking
2. The national hotline against human trafficking
 - Knowledge dissemination

Reestablishment
Optional legal aid
Safe place to stay
Assistance



The Norwegian context

Human trafficking in Norway

- Norway is a destination country for human trafficking - to a lesser extent, transit and source country.
- Victims have experienced:
 - sex trafficking/sexual exploitation
 - forced services acquisitive crime
 - exploitation in labour
 - exploitation in domestic services
 - mixed exploitation

Human trafficking in Norway – who & how

Prostitution:

188 persons/73 per cent

- 178 Female (5 of which were <18)
- 1 trans gender
- 9 male (2 of which were <18)

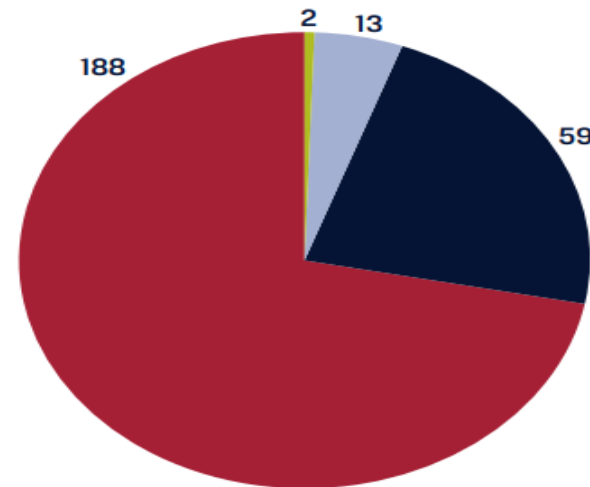
Forced labour/services:

59 persons / 23 per cent

- 16 Female (3 of which were <18)
- 43 male (5 of which were <18)

Diagram 2: Persons followed up as presumed victims in 2016, by presumed form of exploitation

N=262



■ Prostitution/other sexual exploitation

■ Forced labour/forced services

■ Combination prostitution/other sexual exploitation and forced labour/forced services

■ Not specified

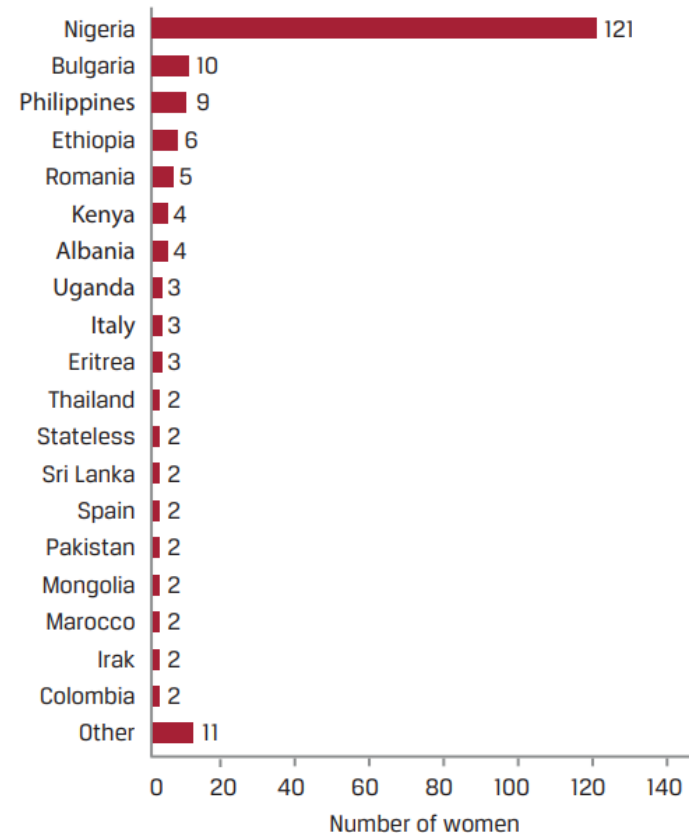
KOM, 2016

Human trafficking in Norway – women 18+

- Age 19-59
- 173 women | Prostitution/sexual exploitation
- 13 women | Labour/services: domestic services, restaurants, massage parlours, acquisitive crime, begging.
- 11 women | Combination forms
- Most numerous: Nigerians, exploited in prostitution
 - 2017: Notably less Nigerians, more eastern+central europeans

Diagram 5: Women in 2016, by nationality

N=197



Human trafficking in Norway – who & how

- Who are the traffickers

Norwegian strategy objectives

Stated in all Norwegian action plans against THB:

Two overall and equally important objectives:

- 1) investigating and prosecuting the traffickers
 - 2) assisting and protecting the victims
- The objectives are mutually dependent; traffickers should be prosecuted to give the victims the best possible protection, and to prosecute the traffickers it is required to protect and safeguard the victims as witnesses.

Investigating and prosecuting the traffickers

Convictions

UN Convention of 15 November 2000 on transnational organized crime,

Palermo protocol (Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children)

- Norwegian penal code section on human trafficking
- Norwegian Sex purchase act

Section 257. Human trafficking

Any person who by violence, threats, taking advantage of a vulnerable situation or other improper conduct forces, exploits or deceives another person into

- a) prostitution or other sexual services,
- b) labour or services, including begging,
- c) active military service in a foreign country, or
- d) consenting to the removal of one of the person's internal organs

shall be punished for human trafficking with imprisonment for a term not exceeding six years. The same penalty shall be applied to any person who

- a) facilitates such force, exploitation or deception as specified in the first paragraph by procuring, transporting or receiving the person,
- b) otherwise contributes to the force, exploitation or deception, or
- c) provides payment or any other advantage to obtain consent for such a course of action from a person who has authority over the aggrieved person, or who receives such payment or advantage.

Any person who commits an act as specified in the first or second paragraph against a person who is under 18 years of age shall be subject to punishment regardless of whether the act involved violence, threats, taking advantage of a vulnerable situation or other improper conduct.

Any person who was ignorant of the fact that the aggrieved person was under 18 years of age shall be subject to a penalty if he/she may be held to blame in any way for such ignorance.

Norwegian Sex Purchases Act (2009)

- Illegal to buy sexual services(not illegal to sell)
- Fine or up to 1 year of prison
- Each police district decides the fine
 - NOK 25 000 (2 800 Euro)
- One person fined for buying sex abroad
- One court conviction
- Nobody has been fined twice

Council of Europe (CoE) convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

GRETA (Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings)

- Ensures rights based access to physical, mental and social restitution. Aimed at providing presumed victims with an opportunity to break free from a situation of exploitation.
- Free Legal counsel
- Special provisions in child welfare act

ROSA

- Part of The National Plan of Action against Human Trafficking since 2005
- Funded by the Ministry of Justice – run by secretariat of the shelter movement
- Assisted 600 victims of trafficking, been in contact with more than 1000

MANDATE

1. Provide assistance and safe housing to victims of trafficking
2. The national hotline against human trafficking

1.ASSISTANCE AND SAFE HOUSING

- When possible victims are identified ROSA facilitate the the necessary measures of assistance in cooperation with relevant authorities and organization.
- ROSA coordinates necessary assistance for victim throughout handling of trafficking case.

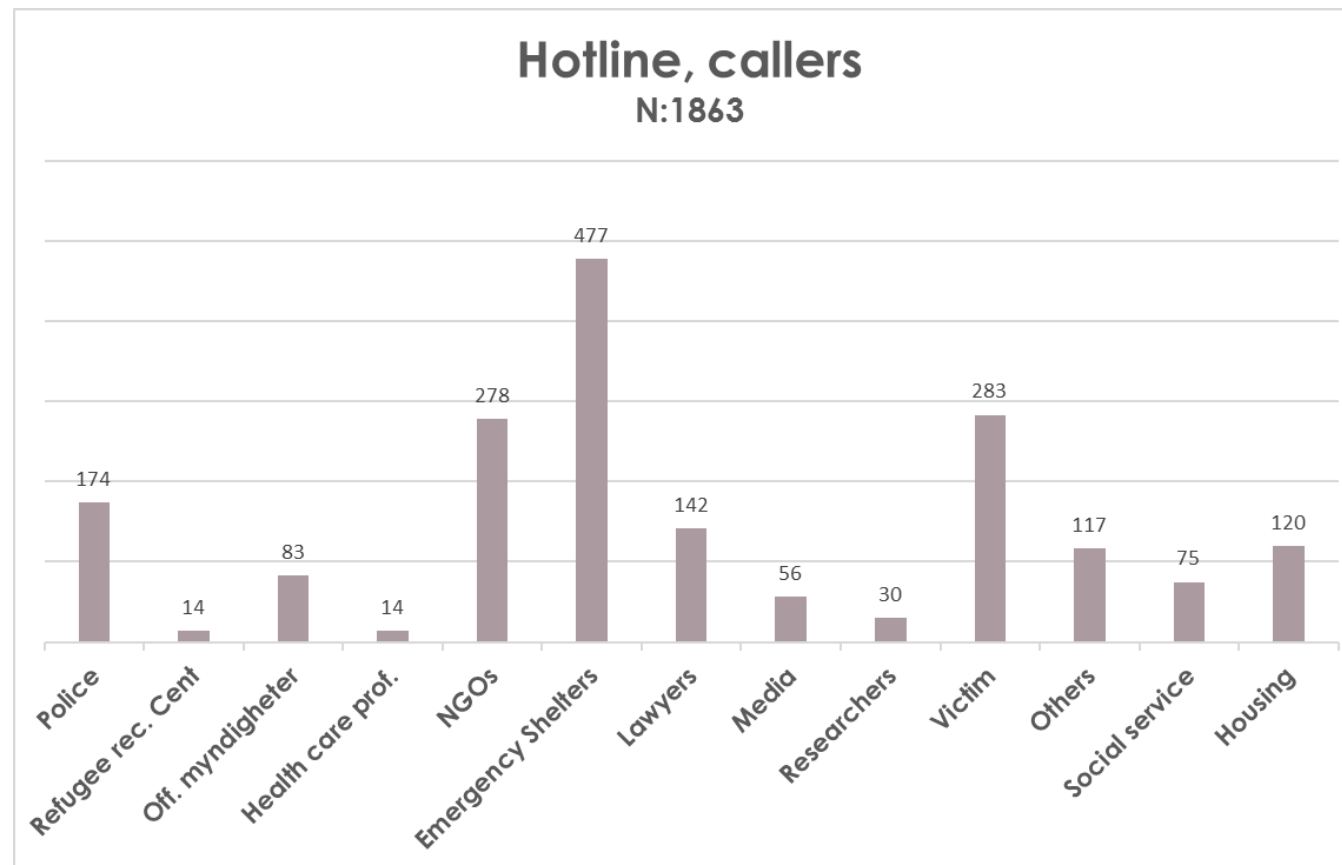
1.ASSISTANCE AND SAFE HOUSING

- In close cooperation with shelters all over Norway the ROSA-project can provide nation wide emergency assistance to THBs.
- Shelters are designated by law to provide 24h available safe housing to victims of domestic violence and THBs
- THBs suffer many of the same health consequences and traumas as victims of domestic violence – the shelters provide personnel with profound knowledge of violence against women
- Victims are offered long term housing with qualified assistance in the shelters.
- The shelters are security enabled facilities

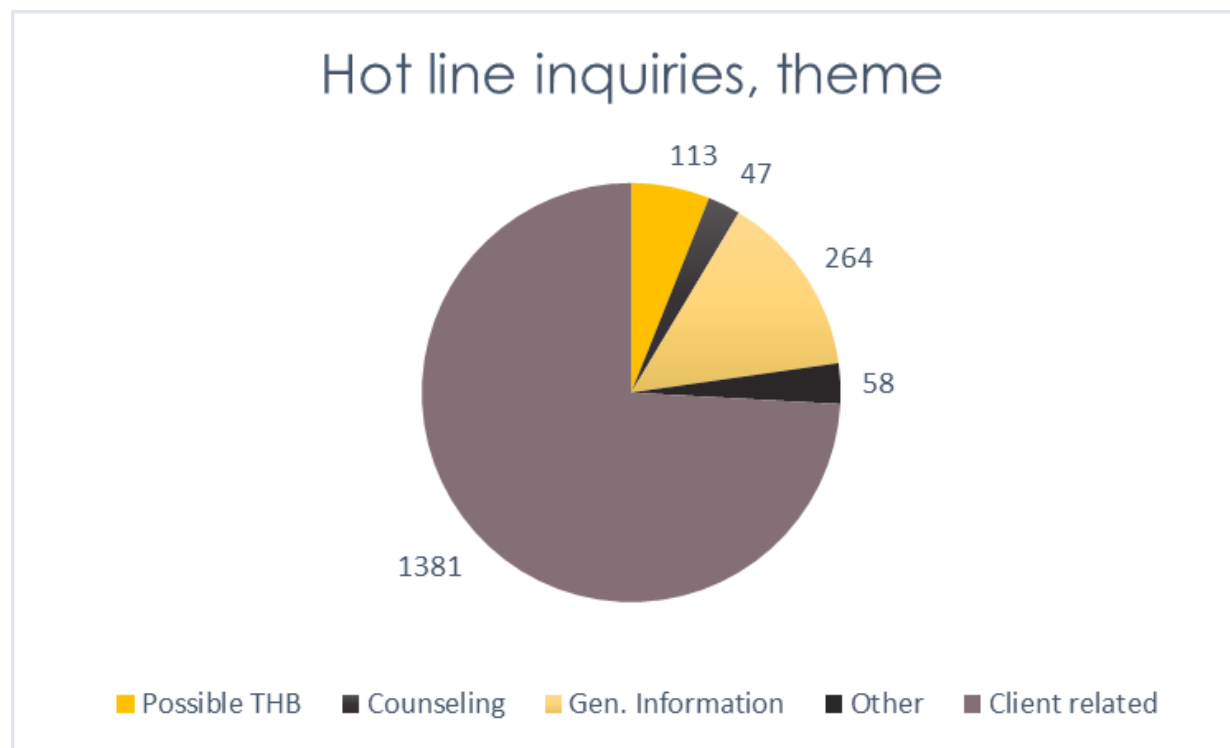
2. NATIONAL HOTLINE

- Nationwide hotline open 24h. Operated through Oslo Krisesenter(emergency shelter) out of office hours
- We welcome inquiries from anyone who comes into contact with human trafficking – both specific issues and questions in general. Regarding All forms of human trafficking.
- We receive a large number of calls regarding varied issues from police, lawyers, health care professionals, NGOs, refugee reception centers, child protective services, possible victims, workers unions and more!

2. NATIONAL HOTLINE



2. NATIONAL HOTLINE



«POSSIBLE THB»

Lawyer

IOM

Police

Shelter

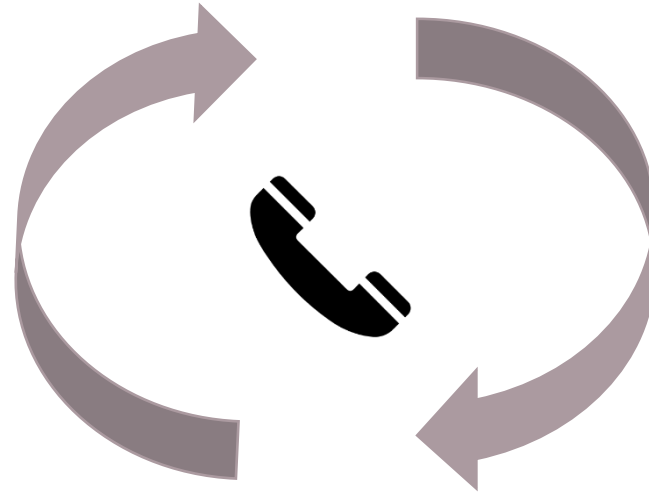
NAV

Salvation army

Caritas

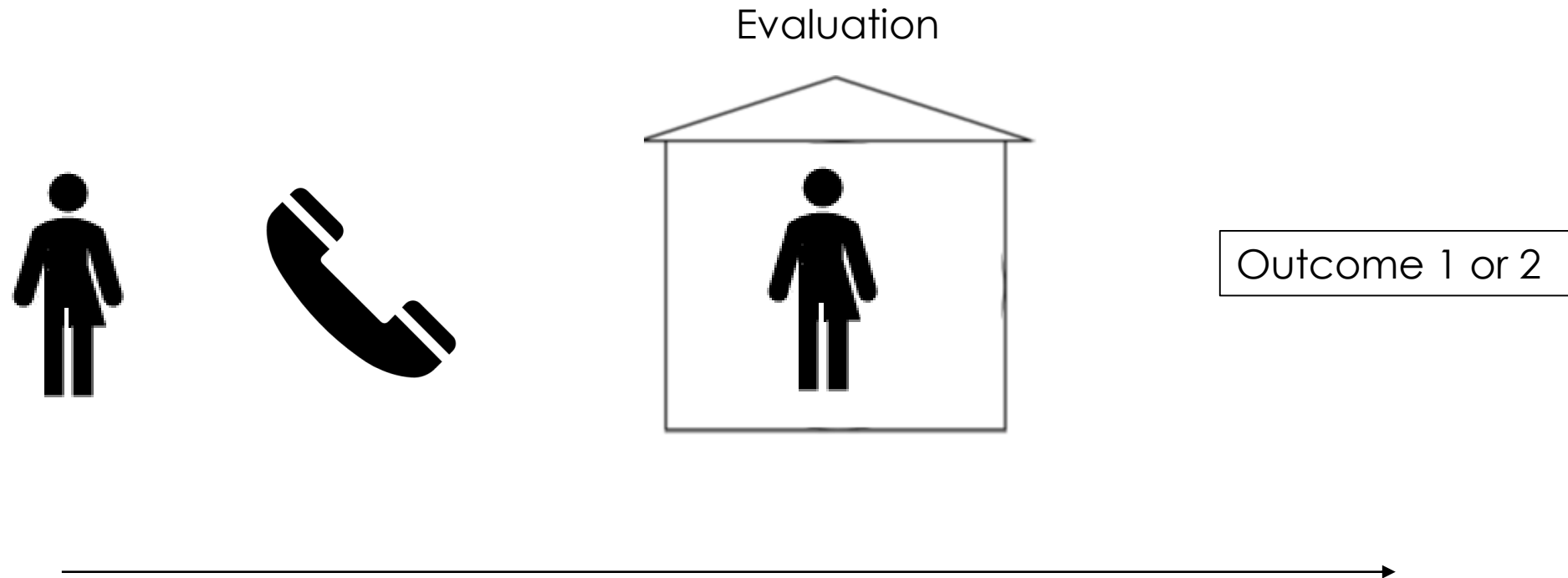
Red Cross

Kirkens bymisjon

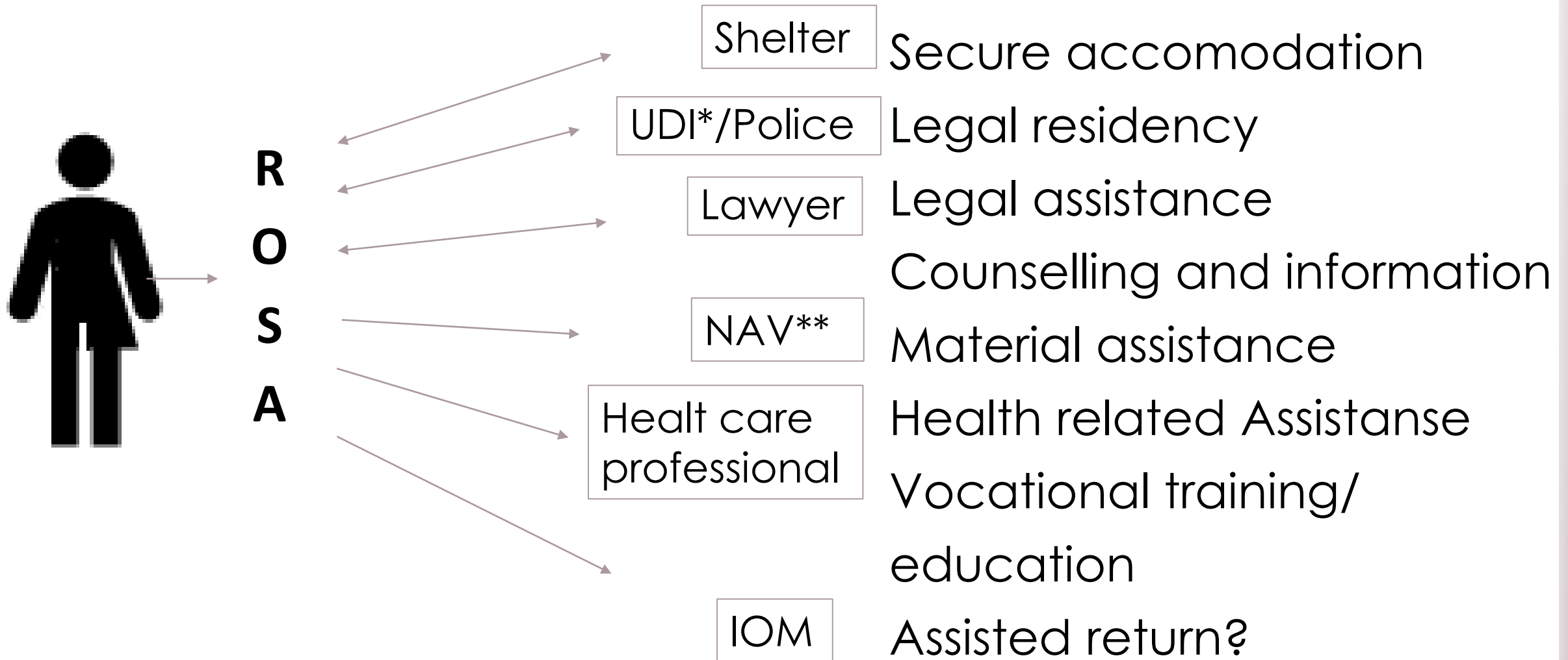


1. Person is identified as possible victim and offered assistance by ROSA
2. Person is not identified as victim, and is referred to other relevant organization or given proper information

Process of evaluation and identification



«CLIENT RELATED»



* Norwegian directorate of immigration

**Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration

2.National hotline – why?

- To make help available to possible victims
- To assure qualitative assistance to victims regardless of location
- To make information about human trafficking available to society and public
- To develop knowledge and best practices

Combating trafficking in women and girls, norwegian best practise

ROSA

Reetablering • Oppholdssteder • Sikkerhet • Assistanse

22 33 11 60

www.rosa-help.no