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# New Worlds Factsheet #3

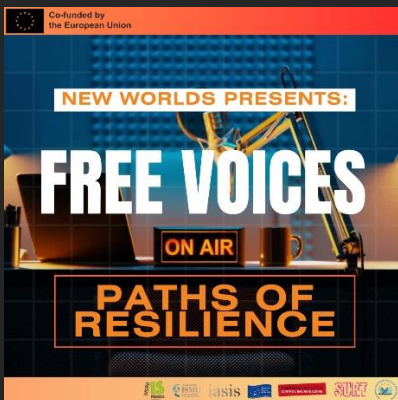
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## Join hands with New WORLDS for a world free from exploitation

[NEW WO.R.L.D.S. - NEW paths for trafficked-Women Reintegration through Labour and personal Development Services](#) is a project co-financed by the European Commission (Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund) and implemented by Fondazione [Soleterre ETS](#) (Italy) in cooperation with [Fondazione ISMU ETS](#) (Italy), [COOPLOTTA ONLUS](#) (Italy), [France Terre d'Asile](#) (France), [Fundació SURT](#) (Spain), [European Institute for Local Development EILD](#) (Greece) and [IASIS](#) NGO (Greece). The aim of the project is to provide adequate assistance and support to trafficked women in the 4 countries involved and to contribute to their socio-economic integration in the host country, preventing the risk of re-trafficking.

**“Everybody has the right  
to a free and happy life”**

- Ana, survivor of human trafficking



Voices reflecting on the past and wondering about tomorrow: these are the voices of women who have escaped human trafficking.

Follow along as Ana and Grace find their way out of exploitation and into their new lives through challenges and setbacks.

“Free Voices: Paths of Resilience” is out now on Youtube and is available in [Italian](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Greek](#).

A year and a half after its launch, NEW WORLDS has progressively consolidated its intervention in favour of women victims of trafficking, involving an increasing number of them in psycho-social support, legal assistance, orientation to services and guiding them in the job market.



Behind these numbers are women who put their trust in our social workers, trainers, job counselor, psychologists and lawyers and are beginning to take their lives back into their own hands and re-build them as they choose to.

**M. is a 19-year-old girl who came to Greece** from a war-torn country, hoping for safety and a better life. However, the trafficker who helped her reach Greece forced her to work illegally. He kept her identification papers and continually threatened her in various ways, using physical violence and blackmail. He even went so far as to threaten that if she didn't obey him, he would harm her parents using voodoo.

She learned about IASIS services through a fellow compatriot and decided to seek help initially over the phone. Immediately, the relevant police and prosecutorial authorities were mobilized to ensure her safety.

Thanks to the New Worlds project, IASIS enrolled her at first in job counseling sessions and soft skills training. Then, she also requested to join art therapy sessions for psychological support.

Today, she is in the process of searching for a job and has decided to take control of her life, making significant strides toward independence and recovery.

**S. is a young woman asking asylum in France.**

She came to one of the reception centers for asylum seekers managed by France Terre d'Asile asking legal support for the asylum application, but soon the legal advisor realized that she had been a victim of human trafficking.

The activity of legal support was pivotal to build a trustful relationship between S. and the legal advisor. Thanks to this trust bond, after some time S. could express her need of psychological support. She was offered to participate in the psycho-social support group sessions organized locally. By the time she was participating to the sessions, she discovered that her asylum request was accepted and she could start her integration path in France. S. was enrolled in the professional integration activities promoted by the NEW WORLDS project.

She is now following the vocational training organized through the project, along with the French classes organized by the government.

Thanks to trainings and continuous support, we are hopeful that she will find a job soon.

## Behind these numbers are people: these are their stories

**A. is a very young Nigerian woman in Italy** who enters the social protection programme for victims of trafficking and serious exploitation run by Cooperativa Lotta, after being sexually exploited.

A. comes from a family and social context that has very limited resources, which does not allow girls to go to school and forces them to work at a very early age. These contextual premises make A.'s path to emancipation in Italy extremely difficult.

The New Worlds project allowed to build for her an individualised plan in which the role of Sarah, a social worker of Ghanaian origin, was pivotal. The positive turning point lies in the peer-tutoring methodology promoted by the project. Over the course of 8 months, in addition to individualised study support, Sarah set up a series of activities that allowed A. to experience the social and cultural context as a space for personal growth.

Strengthened by the achievement of the secondary school leaving certificate, A. is planning her future goals.

**D. is a 46 years old woman from Colombia in Spain.** She had a family and a stable but the situation in Colombia was deteriorating. An acquaintance approached her with a job offer in Spain, promising a stable employment and the possibility of bringing her family over. When she arrived in Spain, the reality was very different: they took her passport and the job never appeared.

D. found herself trapped in a network of exploitation, not knowing who to turn to. Until one day she managed to gather enough courage and went to the police, who linked her with an organization specializing in victims of trafficking. They relocated D. to Barcelona. There, she received social, educational, and psychological support and joined the socio-labor orientation program.

Thanks to the project and her own perseverance, D. got a job as supervisor in a factory, a position of great responsibility. Today, D. is proud of what she achieved and is planning to reunite with her family after years of not being able to see them.