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“Protection” – for Victims of Trafficking (VoTs)

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“Protection” for VoTs

What Does “Protection” Mean in the Trafficking in Persons Context?

Protection is a Conceptual Framework that recognizes the inherent vulnerability of Victims of Trafficking and puts in place specialized support measures to ensure safety, security and well-being.





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What is the objective of a “Protection Framework”

The Goal of putting in place a protective framework is to implement a victim-centered “rights-based” approach that removes victims from a process of detainment, imprisonment, deportation or expulsion, and moves them to an environment of protection and assistance that ensures their safety and provides for their recovery.



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What does that entail?

*Creating the **social, political and legal** environment that protects the rights of potential victims of trafficking.*

- Keeping victims safe from threat, violence, abuse;*
- Providing for basic needs – shelter, food, medical and psychological care;*
- Providing legal protection that upholds individual rights, and provides for judicial redress*



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How is this achieved?

- *Raising social awareness and understanding about the crime of trafficking in persons*
- *Prioritizing anti-trafficking on the national political agenda*
- *Enacting anti-trafficking legislation and national protocols*
- *Establishing national action plans, adopting standard operating procedures (SOPs), coordination and referral networks*
- *Providing specialized training to law enforcement, social welfare and other service provider personnel*



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Key Principles

- *Decriminalizing victims of trafficking*
- *Adopting Victim-Centered, Victim Friendly approaches*
- *Establishing national action plans, coordination and referral networks*
- *Enacting anti-trafficking legislation, policies and protocols that assure victim rights and that facilitates access to support services*





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Bali Process Workshop on

“Protection for Victims of Trafficking”

- Co-Hosted by the Government of Malaysia and IOM
- 30 Nov – 2 Dec November 2011 (TBC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Open to all Bali Process Members

