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Human Trafficking in Portugal

Victim's Profile

2010 data

According to the US Department's Report on Human Trafficking (2009), "Portugal is a destination, transit, and source country for women, men, and children subjected to trafficking in persons, specifically forced prostitution and forced labor. Trafficking victims in Portugal are from Brazil, Eastern Europe, and Africa. According to one NGO, some Portuguese girls are subjected to forced prostitution within the country. Men from Eastern European countries and Brazil are subjected to forced labor in agriculture, construction, hotels, and restaurants. According to local observers and media reports, Portuguese men and women are subjected to forced labor and/or forced prostitution after migrating to other destinations in Europe. Children from Eastern Europe, including Roma, are subjected to forced begging, sometimes by their families."

These considerations are backed by the latest data collected by the Portuguese Observatory on Trafficking in Human Beings, according to which, in the first 10 months of last year 17 victims of human trafficking were reported.

In 2009, the same organisation reported three major routes through which human traffickers operated in Portugal:

- a) African route – direct trip from origin country to Portugal;
- b) Brazilian route – two victims were brought to Portugal through France;



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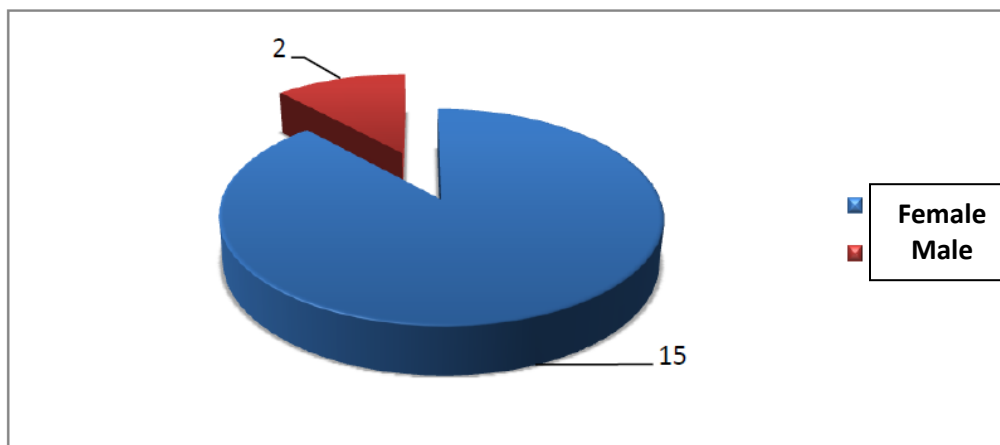
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c) Intra EU route – two Portuguese victims and one Romanian.

According to the Portuguese Association of Victims Support 2010 statistics, human trafficking for sexual exploitation increased 61% in relation to 2009.

The victim's socio demographic profiles are shown below:

1 - Confirmed victims according to gender

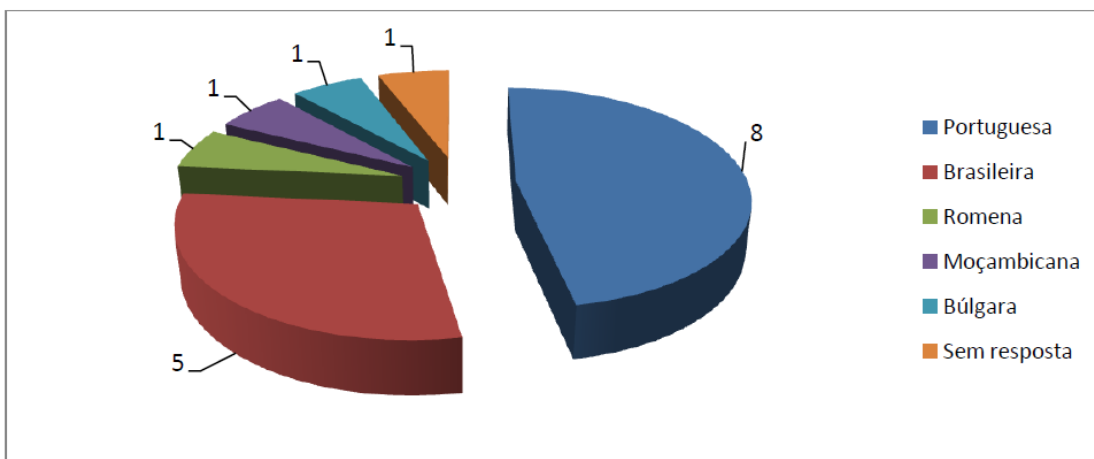




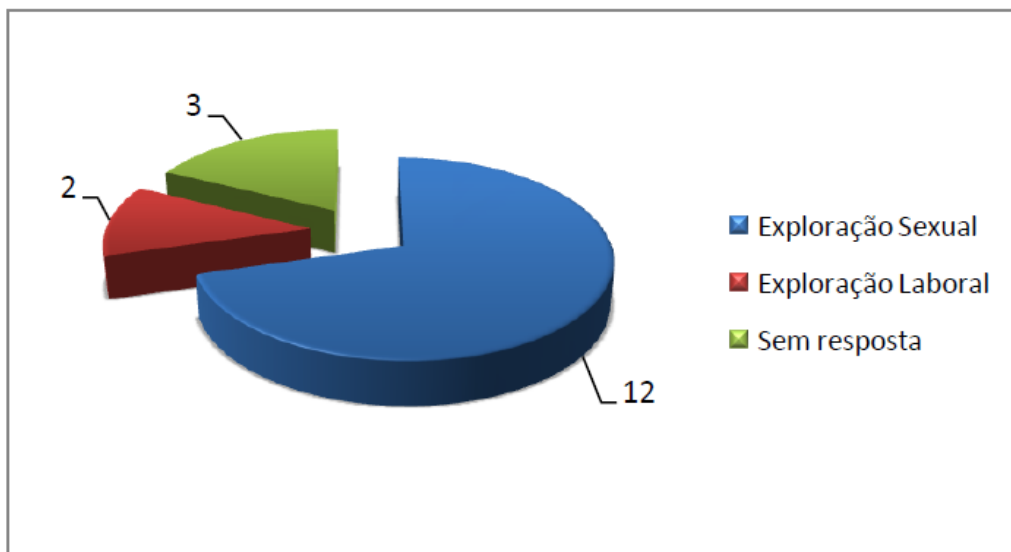
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2 - Confirmed victims according to nationality



3 – Type of exploitation

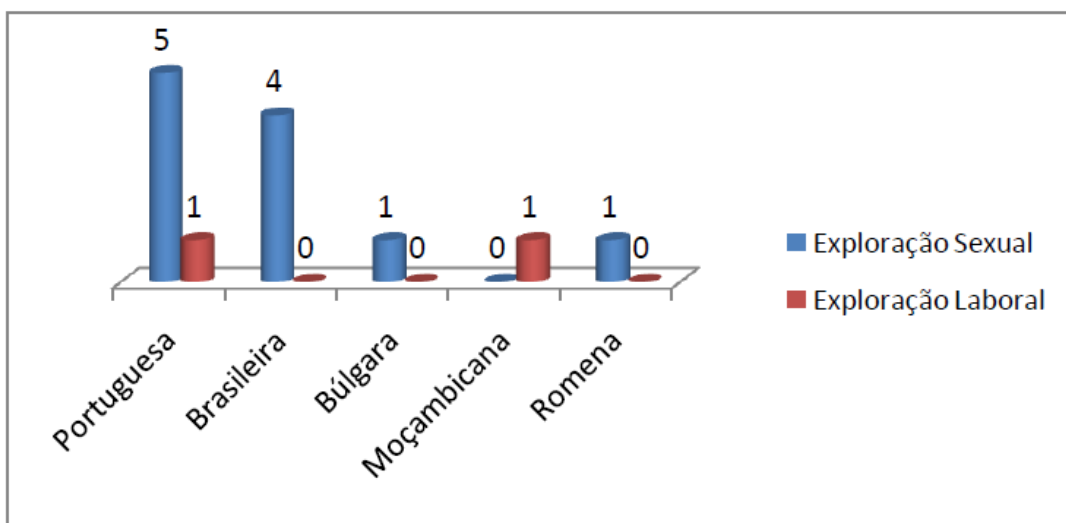




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4 – Type of exploitation according to nationality



In 2009, despite its efforts in preventing and combating human trafficking (through changes implemented to its Penal Code, the promotion of national campaigns, providing specific training of security forces and social services), Portugal became a Tier 2 profiled Country, since the Government “neither provided complete data on the overall number of trafficking offenders sentenced, nor indicated whether the majority of traffickers received jail time (...)”¹.

¹ According to the above-mentioned US Department’s Report on Human Trafficking (2009).