

# CoMensha, La Strada the Netherlands

Our mission:

Contribute to a world where human trafficking belongs to the past.


“He forced me  
to work behind  
the redlight  
window and  
took out cash  
loans in my  
name”



# Who are we?

# CoMensha

- NGO, with around 27 years of experience
- 17 employees (11,5 FTE), with various backgrounds
- Today structurally financed by the Ministries of Security and Justice, Interior and Kingdom Relations, Social Affairs & Employment and Health Welfare and Sport

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a woman's face, focusing on her eyes which are closed. The lighting is dramatic, with deep shadows and bright highlights, creating a somber and intimate atmosphere. The background is dark and out of focus.

“I worked in a  
laundry,  
6 nights a week,  
12 hours a night  
and earned 2,80  
euro per hour.”

# Core activities in relation to Data Collection

Two activities

Collection of data of (possible) trafficked persons for Dutch National Rapporteur

Referral of (possible) trafficked persons to shelters



# Dutch Data Protection Authority


Privacy/Security

Providers of data:

Police

Shelters/care takers

NGO's

A close-up, low-angle shot of a woman's face, focusing on her closed eyes and the bridge of her nose. The lighting is soft and warm, highlighting the texture of her skin. The background is dark, making the subject stand out.

“I was told that  
I could earn more in  
prostitution in the  
Netherlands,  
but I never got to keep  
the money I earned.  
I also couldn't refuse  
any of the customers.”

# Which Data?

## For the Rapporteur:

- Sex/nationality/age
- Form of exploitation
- Reflection period/residence permit
- Has the crime been reported
- .... and more

## For finding shelter:


- Use of drugs/alcohol
- Pregnancy
- Medication
- Psychological complaints
- ... and more

# Privacy sensitive information

# Challenges?



- Little awareness on how data is collected
- Demand for more information from Rapporteur
- Other organizations want information
- Lots of information is unknown
- Privacy



"I came to the Netherlands to earn an income.

I worked 16 hours per day, five days per week at a mushroom farm. I was not paid the salary that I was promised. Every time I asked for my money, they made some kind of excuse. Even now, after three months of working, I still have not received anything. I would like to return to my wife and children."

# Don't close your eyes



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