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Women and girls victims of trafficking in human beings are protected according to the programme set out in the Action Plan of the Interdepartmental Working Group for the Fight Against Trafficking in Human Beings, which was approved by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in July 2004 and implemented by the Ključ Society and by Caritas Slovenia. The programme is divided into two projects. The first one helps the victims of trafficking in human beings with physical, psychological and social rehabilitation and the second project is designed for the victims who decided to cooperate in criminal proceedings in cases of trafficking in human beings.

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