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Abstract

This thesis deals with human trafficking into peacekeeping areas, and especially the paradoxical link between a peacekeeping mission and intensified human trafficking to a host country: it has been proved that arrival and presence of international personnel increase the demand for trafficked persons, nevertheless, peacekeeping personnel is also found to be involved in sexual exploitation and abuse against the local population, including human trafficking mainly for forced prostitution. International community acknowledged and addressed this issue in early 2000s by adopting various instruments prohibiting sexual exploitation and abuse by international staff. Gender mainstreaming policies are now also included in the mandates of peacekeeping missions.

The main focus of the thesis is to analyse and compare the effects of two UN peacekeeping missions to Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) and Kosovo (UNMIK). The case study is conducted in order to examine the trends of human trafficking, and adequacy and effectiveness of international and national policies and other measures taken to address this issue and combat human trafficking into peacekeeping areas.

The thesis concludes that there was a strong link between increased human trafficking and the presence of international personnel in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo. Nevertheless, peacekeeping personnel were alleged of sexual exploitation against local population. Finally, gender mainstreaming policy is recommended as one of the best approach to address this issue.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AI	Amnesty International
BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH is divided into two entities and one district – the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska, and Brcko district)
CDU	UN Conduct and Discipline Unit
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CivPol	UN Civilian Police monitors
CoE	Council of Europe
CWINF	Committee on Women in the NATO forces
DFS	UN Department of Field Support
DPKO	UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
EU	European Union
HRW	Human Rights Watch
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICMPD	International Centre for Migration Policy Development
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
IPTF	UN International Police Task Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Association
NGO	non-governmental organisation
ODIHR	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
OHCHR	UN Office of High Commissioner on Human Rights
OIOS	UN Office of Internal Oversight Services
OSCE	Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PCCK	Provisional Criminal Code of Kosovo
SC	UN Security Council
SEA	sexual exploitation and abuse
SFOR	NATO-led Stabilisation Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina
SG	UN Secretary-General
SOPs	Standard Operational Procedures

SPTF	Stability Pact Task Force on Trafficking in Human Beings
SRSR	Special Representative of the Secretary-General
STOP	UNMIBH Special Trafficking Operations Program
TIP Report	U.S. State Department Trafficking in Persons Report
TPIU	UNMIK Police Trafficking and Prostitution Unit
TRMs	Transnational Referral Mechanisms
UN	United Nations
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	UN Children's Fund
UNIFEM	UN Development Fund for Women
UN.GIFT	United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking
UNMIBH	United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
U.S.	The United States of America

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