# 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

"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

"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/alchol
- 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

