



The EU's Victims' Rights Package

From minimum standards on support and protection of victims (Directive 2012/29/EU) and its application in Portugal within the framework of THB and the protection of victims of sexual exploitation

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I | The Victims' Directive and THB



- Specific mention of THB victims:

Victims of human trafficking (...) tend to experience a high rate of secondary and repeat victimisation, of intimidation and of retaliation (...) there should be a strong presumption that those victims will benefit from special protection measures.

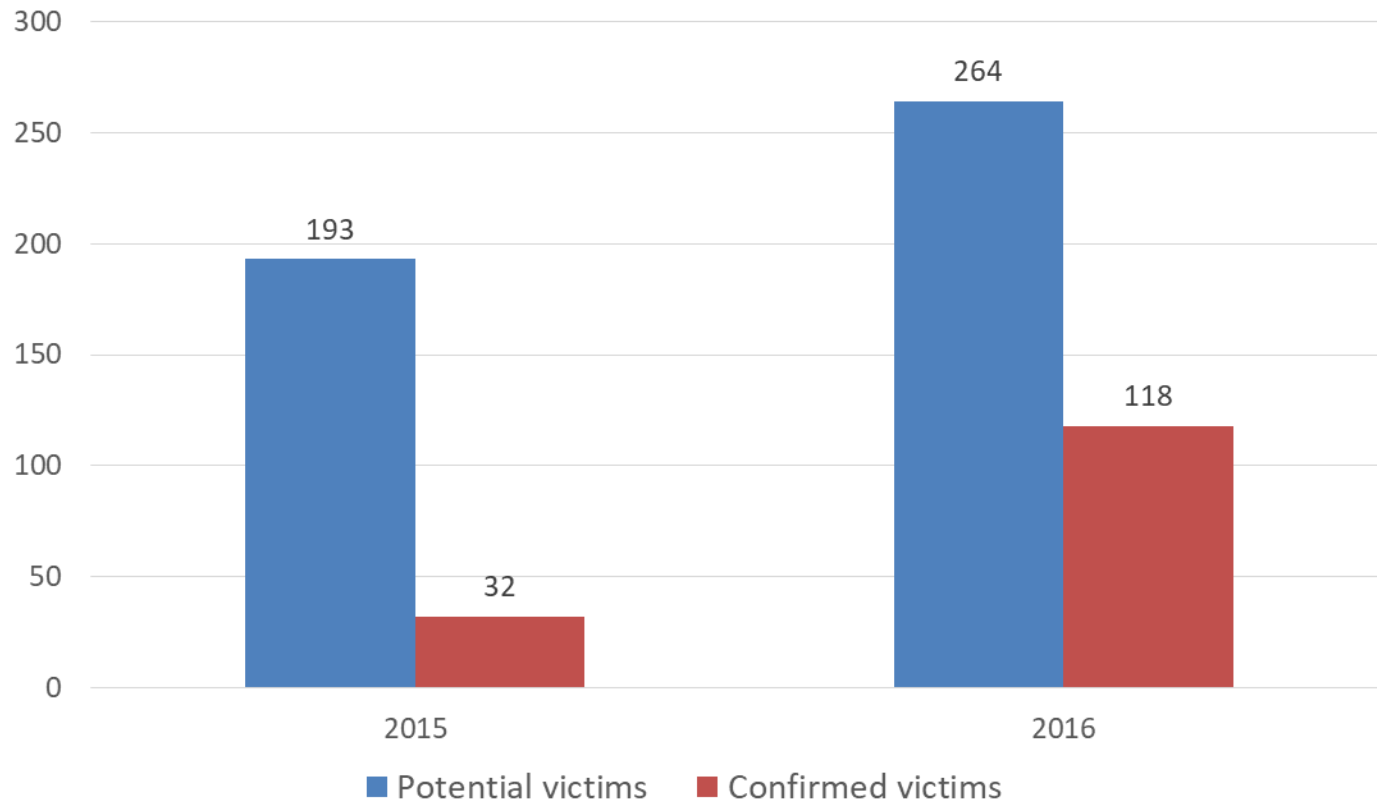
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- Individual assessment of victims to identify specific protection needs - Article 22(3)
 - Not transposed into Portuguese Law

II | THB in Portugal



Numbers of THB victims



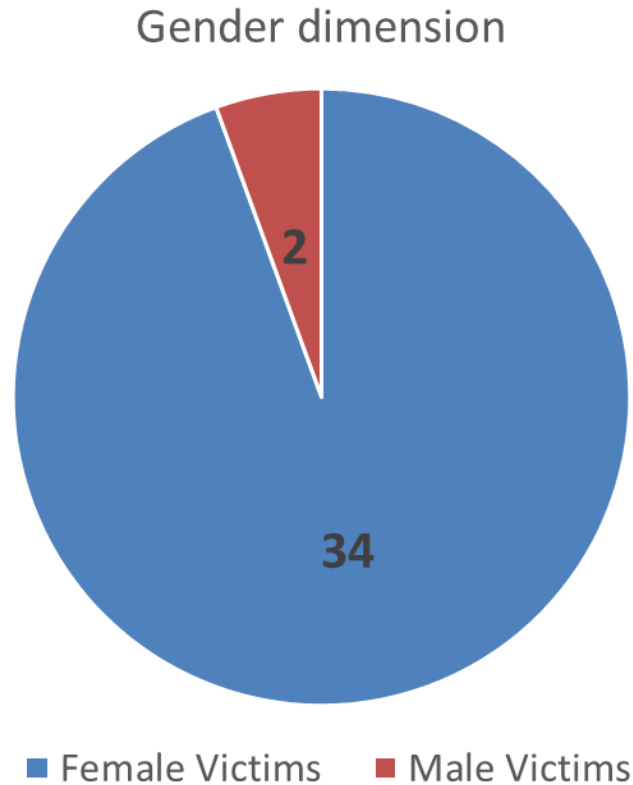
- Support to specific victims: child victims and refugees
 - No specialised services



- Recommendations:
 - Improvement of victims' identification system
 - Specialised support network

- Tendency to LABOUR exploitation:
 - ▶ Agriculture
 - ▶ Construction
 - ▶ Domestic services
 - ▶ Restaurants

- SEXUAL exploitation



- ▶ Connection with gender-based violence
- ▶ More vulnerable
- ▶ Need for special support



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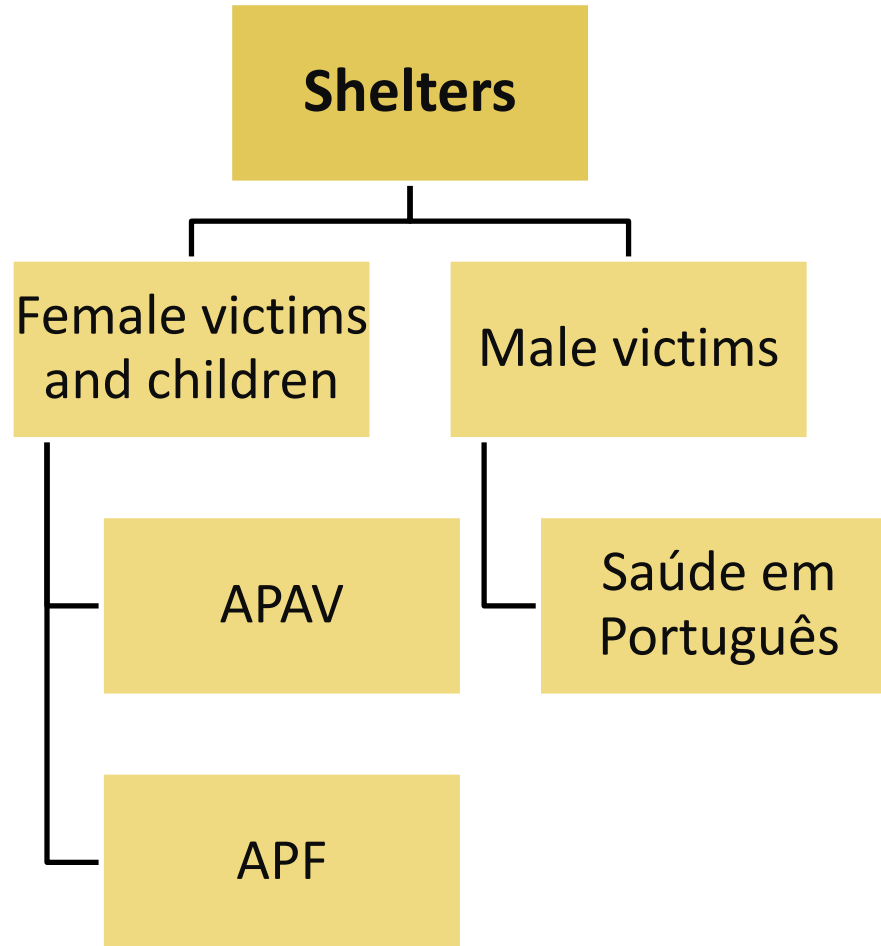
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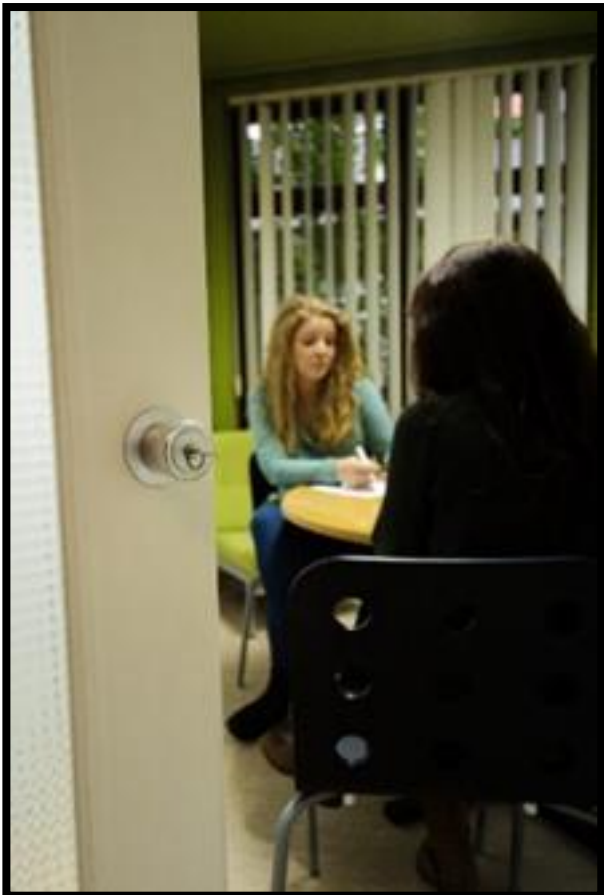
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III | Support to THB victims





IV | Final Thoughts



- Significant improvement in preventing and combating THB
- Need to raise awareness among society and professionals
- Need for serious debate among Member States and true change of paradigm



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