

Mr Robert Stratoberdha is Albanian. He is a French teacher. As such, he has worked in the Korca Education Directorate and Korca University. He attended a training course on the teaching of advanced French as a foreign language.

He was social co-ordinator for the "Terre des Hommes" International Foundation, Lausanne, Switzerland, Albania mission, serving as translator/interpreter and co-ordinator for the social team and running the programme of aid and support for disadvantaged children and families.

He has also undertaken studies in social welfare legislation and French health-care and social welfare models in Drôme (France) and studies on the situation of trafficking in human beings in south-east Europe, and attended a conference in Sion (Switzerland) on experiences on action against trafficking.

Called upon by UNICEF and Terre des hommes, he took part in an investigation on the situation of child trafficking in Greece, involving identification and case studies, recruitment methods, on-the-spot identification of child victims of trafficking, direct contact with them and production of a model for action.

He was also director of an IOM project in Tirana (Albania), with responsibility for offering basic necessities (food, hygiene items, etc) and assisting deported victims of trafficking at the border and being held by the police in Korca.

At present, Mr Stratoberdha is the executive director of the "Ndihme Per Femijet" (Assistance to Children) Foundation, where his main responsibilities are the organisation of action to assist child victims of trafficking, disadvantaged children and their families, and to ensure their access to education, thereby helping with their social integration and the prevention of youth offending among these children.