

Bringing Exploited Women to Safety



Challenge

Too Much Information. Too Little Time.

Human trafficking often targets women when they are most vulnerable, especially refugees seeking safety and a new start.

VICTRAS, a Swiss anti-trafficking organization working closely with law enforcement, noticed that many female refugees were being exploited by criminal networks. These networks promised help with travel and settlement in Europe. Instead, the women were trapped in prostitution and forced labor.

In one case, VICTRAS received information about a suspected trafficker. They believed this person was part of a larger criminal network. But identifying one person was not enough.

To protect the victims, they needed to:

- Identify the full network behind the trafficker
- Find connections to other criminals
- Locate potential victims
- Document everything clearly for law enforcement

The team started collecting publicly available information and comparing it with their existing case data.

Very quickly, the amount of information became overwhelming.

They had:

- Phone numbers
- Social media profiles
- Photos and videos
- Bank details
- Reports from previous cases

Manually reviewing and cross-checking this information could take weeks, sometimes months.

And while they worked through the data, more women were at risk.

They needed a faster way to see connections and act quickly.

Solution

Turning Scattered Data into Clear Connections.

VICTRAS implemented Paliscope Explore™ and Build™ to replace manual analysis.

Instead of reviewing data piece by piece, they uploaded and processed all incoming and existing information into Explore™.

This allowed them to:

- Search across all their data at once
- Instantly compare new information with previous cases
- Automatically surface connections between people, phone numbers, accounts, and locations
- Visually map relationships between suspects and victims

What previously required weeks of manual cross-checking could now be done in hours.

Using Explore's™ link analysis capabilities, they quickly identified:

- Shared phone numbers between suspects
- Common contacts and aliases
- Financial connections between individuals
- Visual links between people appearing in the same images

These connections revealed that the suspected trafficker was linked to a known criminal network. They also uncovered financial ties to a woman coordinating exploitation activities in Europe.

By connecting these pieces, VICTRAS was able to trace the route of the victims and identify a specific location where they were likely being held.

Once the evidence was gathered, the team used Paliscope Build™ to document the findings in a structured, clear report.

This ensured:

- All evidence was organized
- Every connection was traceable
- Law enforcement could act quickly

As Stephan Fuchs from VICTRAS explains: "In some cases, we have gathered more information than the police. When that happens, it is critical that everything is properly documented and easy to hand over."

Result

10x Faster Analysis. Real People Brought to Safety.

The intelligence provided by VICTRAS led law enforcement to conduct a raid at the suspected location.

Several exploited women were identified — many already known to VICTRAS through earlier investigations.

Because the organization had documented the victims' journeys and connections in detail:

- Police could move quickly
- The victims could be identified faster
- The women were brought to safety sooner
- The legal process became easier to manage

Since implementing Paliscope, VICTRAS estimates that their data analysis is up to 10 times faster.

They can now handle volumes of data that were previously too time-consuming and nearly impossible to structure.

To date, their work using the platform has helped identify:

- 2,000+ individuals within known criminal groups
- 400+ potential or confirmed victims of trafficking
- 70+ potential or confirmed traffickers

VICTRAS continues to support law enforcement agencies, including Europol and Interpol, with intelligence and training — working toward stopping exploitation and protecting vulnerable women.