

Mekong Sub-Regional
Project to Combat Trafficking
in Children and Women



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Highlights of country presentations in the fight against human trafficking



Areas of Impact

- Policy Frameworks
- Knowledge Base and Capacity Building
- Awareness Raising
- Direct Services to Target Populations (Demonstration Projects)

Policy Frameworks

- High level government leaders in each country have issued statements on human trafficking
- All 5 countries are signatory to the COMMIT Process;
- Three (3) MOUs on Employment Cooperation; 2 MOUs on Trafficking
- Anti-Trafficking legislation now in place or in process
- Three (3) National Plans on Human Trafficking: Cambodia, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- All 5 countries have established national committees on prevention and suppression of trafficking. Provincial and lower level committees present in some countries
- Provision of counterpart budgets, resources, and funds in Thailand; counterpart project funding in the Yunnan China and Phayao, Thailand

Knowledge Base and Capacity Building

- Research activities on migration, tourism and worst forms of child labour – Thailand, Lao PDR, Cambodia, China Yunnan
- Investigations on Internal Movement and Workplaces (tourism, agriculture, fishing, domestic work, informal manufacturing) at the Receiving areas Destination Points : Cambodia, Thailand, Lao PDR
- Documentation of Good Practices – Ongoing in all the 5 countries
- New Tools and Technologies – SCREAM educational packages in China Yunnan, Participatory Monitoring in Thailand, China Yunnan

Awareness Raising

IEC Media Campaigns – Prevention at source
China Yunnan, Viet Nam, Thailand (child begging)

Legal literacy training – Cambodia, Viet Nam

Creation of youth clubs – Viet Nam

Theatre groups – North Thailand, Viet Nam

Children's Forums and other events – All 5 countries

Direct Outreach to Target Families at risk – All 5 countries

Direct Services

- Economic and Educational Alternatives at source countries and communities of emigration
- Safe Migration – Regularization and Licensing of Recruitment Agents and Brokers; opening of legal channels of employment
- Labour Protection – Providing Minimum wage coverage, health insurance and coverage for migrant workers

Economic and Educational Alternatives

- Awareness raising and community organizing, including community watch programs (North Thailand, China Yunnan, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam);
- Educational opportunities and access and skills training (Viet Nam, China Yunnan, Thailand);
- Improving income, micro-finance and employment opportunities (Lao PDR, Viet Nam, China Yunnan)
- Gender promotion (China Yunnan)
- Promotion of economic cooperation strategies for countries of origin (Thailand)

Safe Migration

- At source: employment Information and systems for recruitment and safe employment - China Yunnan, Cambodia
- Opening of women's homes and community resource centers for counselling and referral to alternatives- China Yunnan, Cambodia
- Clear Migration Policy with ref. to Human Trafficking – Viet Nam, China Yunnan
- Promoting legal and regular channels for labour migration – Thailand, China Yunnan

Labour Protection at destination

- Nationwide registration system for irregular migrant workers and their families - Thailand Prohibition of worst forms of child labour and forced labour practices – Cambodian tourism, Thailand begging
- Promoting minimum standards of employment for migrant workers, i.e. wages, health insurance
- Prosecution of employers and recruiters responsible for abusive practices
- Prohibition of worst forms of child labour and forced labour following ILO conventions in targeted workplaces and sectors, child begging in particular

Inter-Agency Collaboration

- UN Inter-Agency Project – COMMIT PPC 10, 11
- Save the Children UK - Partnership Agreement on Child participation
- IOM – Capacity Building on Migration Management
- UNICEF – National Plans
- UNESCO Hill Tribe Initiatives
- World Vision on Tourism
- And many others