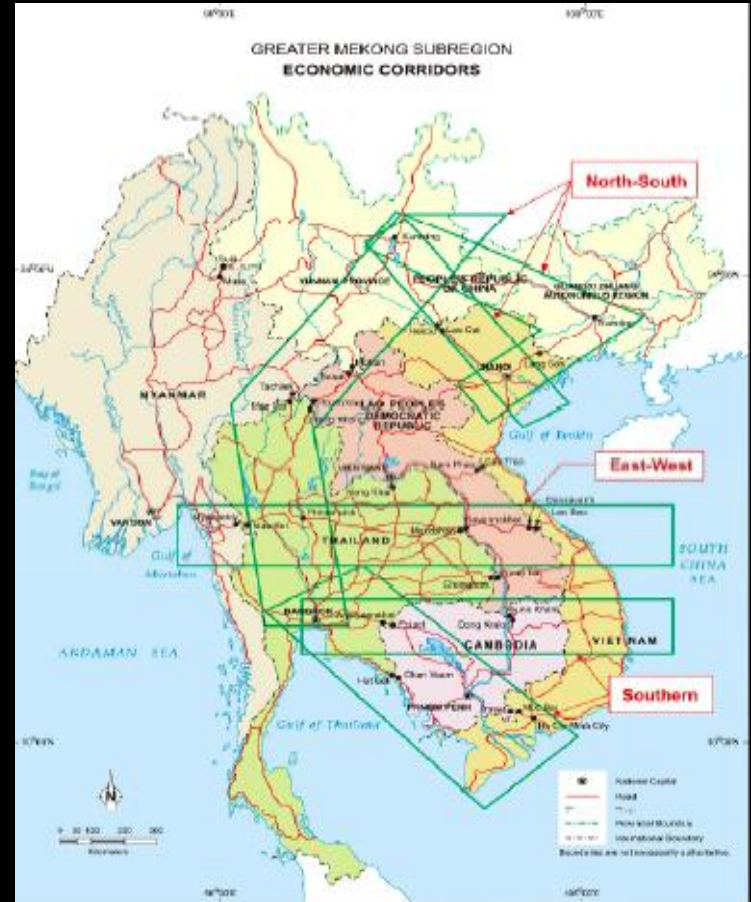


Meeting the Challenge

Proven Practices to address
Trafficking in the Greater Mekong
Sub-Region

The GMS Region

- A region of extensive growth and accelerated development
- An area of political and social volatility and transition
- Great Income and social disparities



Intense People Movement

- Cross-border movements reflecting historical reality and ethnic relations
- Internal moves – rural-urban, central to coasts – may even be larger
- Skilled and unskilled
- Increasing numbers of young workers – women and men

The Mekong Project to Combat Trafficking in Children and Women

- Operational in 5 countries - Cambodia, China (Yunnan), Lao PDR, Thailand, Viet Nam
- Extension in the Philippines (return and reintegration)
- ✓ Significant financial resources
- ✓ of approx. US\$15 million ++
- ✓ Multi-donor - DFID, HSF and other small donors

The Mekong Project to Combat Trafficking in Children and Women has had the unique privilege of being one of the longer running projects on the prevention of human trafficking.

In the last eight years, it has seen a real chance to define, test, improve and further develop its approaches to prevent trafficking.

Poverty Reduction and Employment Strategies

Improved Migration Policy and Practices

Promotion of Decent Work at Destination

Source

- Family livelihood strategies
- Community Employment Schemes
- Education and skills training
- Employment for Youth
- Community Watchdogs and Surveillance Schemes

Transit

- Relevant information on recruitment and workplace conditions (age-specific information)
- Framework agreements, recruitment procedures and practices and admissions policies
- Cross-border monitoring and interception

Destination

- Outreach Programs to Migrants and Mobile Workers (Organization, Information, Health and Education)
- Law Enforcement, Labor Monitoring and inspection of migrant dense economic sectors
- Corporate social responsibility/Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Complaints desks (gov't, unions, NGOs); Victim recovery and identification

TICW Video



Learning

Trafficking is not only about **sex**. Its about **labour** and the deficit of decent work.

Its not only about women and girls. **Young men** and very young boys are at risk.

Trafficking occurs against a background of **social tolerance and exploitation**.

Trafficking occurs because it is **profitable** and often low-risk deed for the exploiters.

Traffickers & bad employers are opportunistic, **creative and flexible** – we must be too.

Learning

Value and importance of holistic approaches and comprehensive planning, at the central and local (provincial) levels.

The key to minimizing risk is to package interventions like micro-finance with a combination of actions that will counter-balance possible negative outcomes.

Participatory processes work. Anti-trafficking is not only about government action but also about groups working together - their families, community leaders, workplace stakeholders

Learning

Trafficking occurs mainly in unregulated or poorly regulated parts of the labour market, thus **working towards a healthy well regularised and standardised labour market** and general non-labour exploitation discrimination is also working against and trafficking.


Anti-trafficking is needed at **source, transit and destination**. Usually, activities are heavily focused on source-side interventions (**poverty and source driven prevention**) and too little attention is given on **exploitative and destination prevention** programming.

The impact of prevention measures are **difficult to measure** but can be done in project life, provided there is good baseline information and a monitoring system in place. An early assessment study shows that most immediate impact of anti-trafficking projects are seen in interventions related to destination programming.

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- Documented Good Practices and Tools

- School as a Tool (C)

- Banking as a Solution (L)

- A World of Options (T)

- Planting Seeds of Security (C)

- Teaching Trafficking (T)

- Documented Good Practices and Tools

- Labor Migration Policy and Management (5)

- Recommended Mekong Guidelines on Recruitment Policy and Practices (6)

- Training on Migrant Recruitment Policy and Practices (5)

- Participatory Training Manual for Trade Unions (T)

- Documented Good Practices and Tools

- Tourism (K)

- A Women's Refuge (C)

- Prostitution (K)

- Educating Employers (V)


- Bringing the Bosses (V)

- Reaching out to Migrant Children (T)

- Confronting Exploitation (K)

- Trade Unions against Trafficking (V)

- Operational Guidelines (T)



Processes: Calculating Risks (T), Institutional Reinforcement (L), Harmonizing Anti-Traffickers (T), Impact Assessment Toolkit, Mekong Youth and Children's Forums, Gender Promotion Toolkits