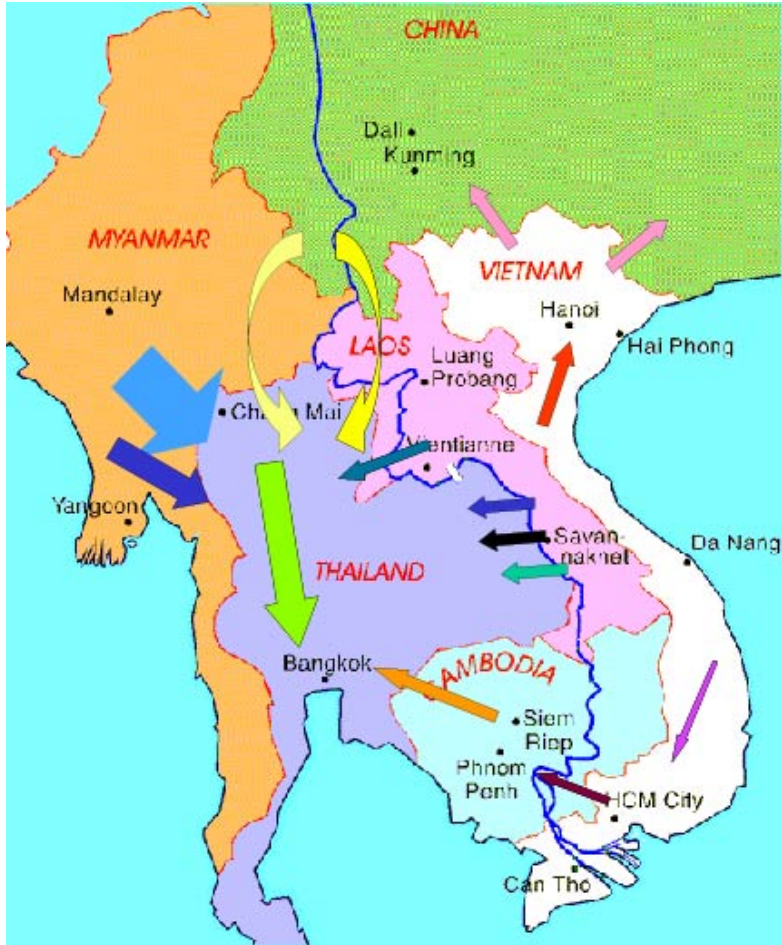


## 3<sup>rd</sup> Session

Sub-Regional Advisory Committee  
(SURAC) Mekong Project to Combat  
Trafficking in Children and Women

Mekong Project Overview  
Objectives of the Consultation

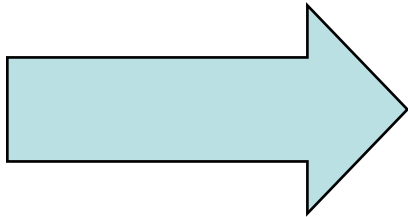
# The Mekong Project Profile



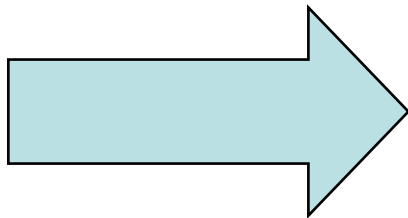
- ✓ A second phase of 5 years (2003-2008)
- ✓ Engaged in five Countries: Cambodia, China (Yunnan), Lao PDR, Thailand, Viet Nam

- ✓ Large multi-national staff of 20
- ✓ Significant financial resources of approx. US\$10 million
- ✓ Donors: DFID, HSF Japan

# TICW Objectives



Reduce the trafficking in children and women through preventive and labour-related strategies in both sending and receiving areas



- Policy Frameworks and Institutions
- Knowledge Base and Advocacy
- Direct Services and Assistance at the Local Levels

# The Labour and Employment Perspective

- Guided by international labor standards relevant to human trafficking: action on forced labour, the worst forms of child labour and abusive and exploitative migration
- Acknowledges human trafficking results in outcomes of sexual and labour exploitation

# The Labour and Employment Perspective

- Seeks labour- related solutions inc. – expanded employment and educational alternatives for those at risk; promotion of gender equality and opportunity; regulated and supervised recruitment for employment; labour protection and the elimination of exploitation for all internal and international migrants
- Promotes participatory and inclusive ways of working with tripartite constituents and target groups

# Prevention: from source, to transit and destination

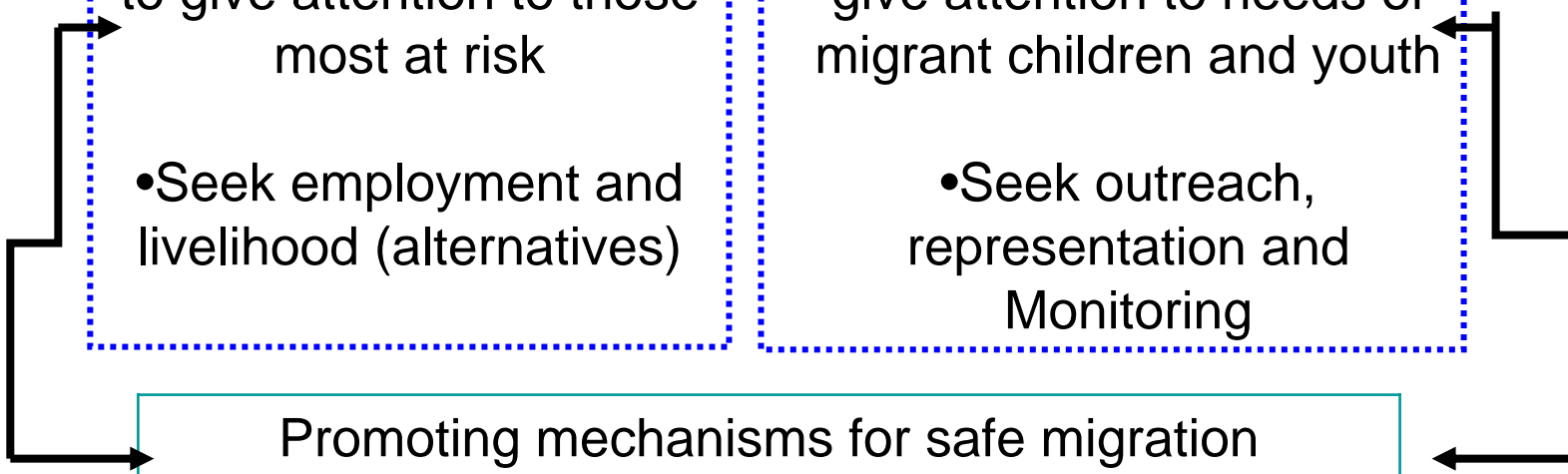
## AT SOURCE

- Mapping areas at greatest risk
- Mobilizing communities to give attention to those most at risk
- Seek employment and livelihood (alternatives)

## AT DESTINATION

- Identify areas of demand: sectors and workplaces
- Mobilize communities to give attention to needs of migrant children and youth
- Seek outreach, representation and Monitoring

Promoting mechanisms for safe migration  
(transparent policies, oversight of recruitment..)



# SURAC

- Created in 2001 as an informal group of senior advisers at the sub-regional level
- Primary objective is to provide advice and guidance on main interventions on sub-regional initiatives
- Composition of advisers changes depending on the themes of the consultation
  - Theme 1: General Directions
  - Theme 2: Labour Migration
  - Theme 3: Policy Mainstreaming: The Labour and Employment Perspective in Taking Action Against Human Trafficking

# 3<sup>rd</sup> session

- Provide a sub-regional platform for sharing specific country experiences in prevention and finding labour-related solutions to human trafficking
- Identify ways to strengthen partnerships with workers', employers organizations and civil society
- Identify opportunities for joint sub-regional and cross-border action, along labour-related solutions

# Consultation overview

- Thursday
  - Sharing of country presentations on anti-trafficking work, focused on prevention and labour-related solutions
  - Consider proposals for joint capacity building and information sharing, especially related to labour-related solutions

# Agenda Overview

- Friday
  - COMMIT Process
  - Engaging Workers' and Employers' Organizations
  - Group Discussions on
    - Proposals for Engagement (Workers', Employers', Civil Society)

# Our Way of Working

- This meeting sessions are primarily consultative, advisory and participatory.
- A 1<sup>st</sup> attempt to include language translations by project staff. Please bear with some inconvenience as we deal with 5 languages!
- Our sub-regional and national project teams are on hand to handle concerns you may have about your travel and other arrangements.