

# TRIANGLE in ASEAN

More and more people move abroad for work within the ASEAN region. Today, labour migration is a key feature in all ASEAN Member States. However, while labour migration can be an economic boost and a driver of social development, many women and men migrant workers experience exploitation and abuse during recruitment and employment.

TRIANGLE in ASEAN is part of the International Labour Organization's worldwide efforts to maximize the benefits and minimize the risks of labour migration for all those involved.

TRIANGLE in ASEAN delivers technical assistance with the overall goal of maximizing the contribution of labour migration to an equitable, inclusive and stable growth in ASEAN. It is supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Global Affairs Canada.

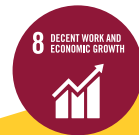
Reduced  
recruitment fees

Safe

Migrant  
workers

Decent  
working  
conditions

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TRIANGLE in ASEAN contributes to UN Sustainable Development Goals 5, 8, and 10.



## Main objectives

- ▶ **Protection:** Women and men migrant workers are better protected by labour migration governance frameworks.
- ▶ **Development:** Policies and programmes enable women and men migrant workers to contribute to and benefit from economic and social development.
- ▶ **Mobility:** Labour mobility systems are gender-responsive and increase the efficiency of labour markets.



## Programme partners

- ▶ ASEAN Secretariat and relevant ASEAN bodies, ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC), ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE), labour ministries, workers' and employers' organizations, recruitment agency associations, academia, and civil society organizations in Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam.



## TRIANGLE in ASEAN – At a glance

- ▶ **Geographical focus:** ASEAN region, with country-level activities in Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam
- ▶ **Timeframe:** 2015-2027
- ▶ **Donors:** Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT); Global Affairs Canada (GAC)
- ▶ **Budget:** AUD24 million 2015-2027 and CAD9.5 million 2016-2024

# TRIANGLE in ASEAN 2011-2021 Key Results

## COVID-19 support

Recognising that migrant workers were among the most vulnerable to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19, since 2020 TRIANGLE in ASEAN reached

**73,633** migrant workers with COVID-19 related assistance,

including 37,116 with emergency assistance and 1,554 with legal support in 2021.

**2** publications on the impact of COVID-19 on migrant workers, including:

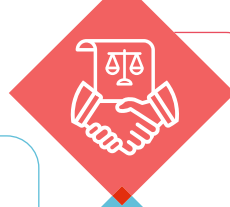
- ▶ an assessment on the impact of COVID-19 on ASEAN migrant workers
- ▶ the thematic background paper for the 14th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML)



## Improving law and policy

**41** policy and legislative instruments

adopted with technical assistance from TRIANGLE in ASEAN. In 2021, this includes the development of five sub-laws under the Law on Contract-Based Vietnamese Overseas Workers.

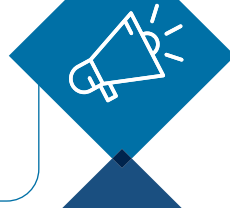


## Knowledge generation

**58** knowledge products published,

including in 2021:

- ▶ Implementation of recommendations from the 3rd to 12th AFML
- ▶ Measuring Sustainable Development Goal indicator 10.7.1 on the recruitment costs of migrant workers from Viet Nam
- ▶ Making decent work a reality for domestic workers
- ▶ Guideline on Dispute Resolution of Migrant Worker Grievances
- ▶ Travel smart work smart (Lao language edition)



## Advocacy and outreach

**3,527,441** people reached with outreach and communications materials,

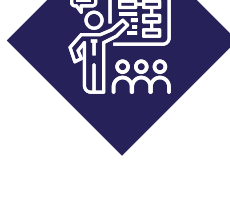
ranging from information on migration during COVID-19 to social media campaigns to share migration experiences.



## Gender budgeting

While all activities promote gender equality, since 2015,

**more than 20%** of all activity funds have been spent on women's empowerment.



## Services to migrant workers

**190,886**

migrant workers accessed services through



**Migrant Worker Resource Centres** in six countries. This includes 12,401 in 2021.

**US\$10,927,466**

was ordered in compensation

to migrant workers for legal claims. This includes US\$152,616 in 2021.



## Reducing migration and remittance costs

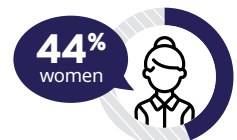
**376** employment agencies have committed to codes of conducts

on fair recruitment in Myanmar and Viet Nam. In 2021, the monitoring and evaluation system to assess compliance of Cambodian recruitment agencies with the Code of Conduct was launched.

## SaverAsia

In 2021, the SaverAsia app, which helps migrant workers to compare costs for sending remittances home, was downloaded 4,612 times, and the SaverAsia website had 113,631 page views. SaverAsia social media promotion reached 8.99 million people on Facebook and Instagram.

## Building local and regional capacity



**41,456** people from ASEAN Member States trained

on labour migration issues. This includes 1,951 people (55% women) in 2021, including through:

- ▶ Training of MRC partners in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam
- ▶ Training of statistical focal points in all ten ASEAN Member States for the International Labour Migration Statistics Database