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Recovering from a Long Journey

Due to his poverty and convinced of a good job opportunity by a broker, K.M, a 27 years old farmer, left Cambodia in 2008 to work in Thailand. After crossing the border, he was detained, brought by boat to Indonesia and sold to an Indonesian employer. For 4 years, he lived as a slave on a fishing boat, K.M was threatened and forced to work for long hours with insufficient food.

One day, K.M managed to ask another boat's worker the police phone number. He was rescued and repatriated back to Cambodia in early 2013.

In Cambodia, he was referred to CTIP II partner Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC). He was provided with psychological counseling and assisted to develop a business plan for which he received a USAID-funded grant that he used to buy barbering equipment.

"I have recovered my life thanks to the support of CTIP II"

Now he earns around USD 90 per month. And he



Facts and Figure of CTIP II (2011-2015)

- 479 survivors of Labor Trafficking
- 49 survivors of Sex Trafficking
- 133 survivors of Labor Exploitation
- 357 survivors were repatriated
- 487 survivors received psychosocial counseling
- 350 survivors received legal counseling
- 75 survivors assisted have filed the complaints against perpetrator
- 37 survivors have received vocational and livelihood training

Young People at the Wheel of their Own Life: Bike Ride Campaign on Safe Migration!

In January 2014, a trained community-based youth network of Khmer Youth Association (KYA), a partner of Counter Trafficking in Persons Program (CTIP II), organized a half-day community bike ride campaign. The ride gathered 50 school students in Reul Commune, Puok District, Siem Reap Province. Through coaching and small grants from CTIP II, the trained youth initiated themselves this event in their community.



During the events, NGO staff, chiefs of commune council and police inform students and local people on how to migrate safely. Information material with useful contacts is also distributed and students are also motivated on the long-term benefits of studying versus the risks of illegal migration.

Since 2013, CTIP II works closely with the youth networks of KYA in six provinces, including Svay Rieng, Prey Veng, Kompong Cham, Siem Reap, Koh Kong, and Phnom Penh. Each network is trained by KYA on safe migration, human trafficking, and on how to disseminate information. Events organized by youth volunteers are varied: small group discussion, face to face, community contest, concerts, etc.

The Launch of CTIP II Interactive Voice Number Response (IVR) System on Safe Migration

In Cambodia still the majority of migrants choose illegal channels that can lead to exploitative situation and human trafficking; CTIP II Program works in close collaboration with ministries and other development partners to strengthen the legal migration process and thus reduce vulnerability of people to labor exploitation and trafficking.

In this framework, CTIP II, in collaboration with the USAID-funded Structuring Partnerships for an Innovative Communications Environment (SPICE), launched the IVR Number for Safe Migration on March 03, 2014. The 9 digit number **095.975.804** is a number that can be called free of charge for Cell-card (for other operators, normal charges apply for the moment) in order to obtain recorded vocal information on safe and legal migration: local employment, necessary actions before going abroad, workplace dos and don'ts and immediate support.

The choice of such media is suitable technology for Cambodia where more than 90% of young people have access to a phone; and voice remains the most effective way to communicate to people that cannot read Latin script (only 1 phone out of 4 support Khmer fonts) and have low or no literacy.

The project is now going to test the service and is already planning to upgrade and expand it to support migrants also in the destination countries.



CTIP II Partners Help Victims to Find their Way Home

From January to March 2014, 62 victims of human trafficking and labor exploitation were repatriated to Cambodia with the support of CTIP II: 51 from Vietnam (from Tai Ninh province and Ho Chi Minh) and 11 from Thailand (from Kretakan and Phaya Shelters, Bangkok).

72 of them were children, many below 10 years old, brought by family members or brokers to work as beggars and factory workers in foreign countries.



CTIP II provide them food, accommodation, counseling, transportation and medical check up and prepare a reintegration plan tailored on different needs. Some were referred to CTIP II partner's shelter for further support. Other returnees were returned to their home communities where CTIP II will continue to follow up their reintegration to prevent the risk of them being again exploited and abused.

Justice Must Be Served: Following - up on the Giant Ocean Case

CTIP II Program is closely following-up on the trial of Giant Ocean International Fishery Co.Ltd, a recruitment agency that was granted license to recruit

After several months of investigation with support from the working group of CTIP II partner Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW), Community Legal Education Center (CLEC) and LICADHO the head of this recruitment agency, Lin Li Chen, was arrested by ATHDJP on charges of Unlawful Removal with Purpose under article 10 of the Law on Suppression of Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in May 2013. Since being issued a license to recruit, Giant Ocean has reportedly sent more than 1,000 Cambodian fishermen to work on fishing vessels in countries such as Singapore, Indonesia, South Africa, or Senegal; many of them suffered physical abuses and confinement and most of them returned home empty handed after years of harsh work on fishing vessels.

During the trial, all fishermen identified the suspect and her husband as the ones who managed the office of Giant Ocean International Fishery Co., Ltd, in Cambodia and asked for compensation for their unpaid wages and for the abuses they experienced. CTIP II provides free legal support to 93 victims through LSCW.

At the trial, also some of the relatives of the ones that are still missing attended eager to get justice for their young beloved ones that disappeared in the sea. CTIP II continues to support the families and the victims that deserve a fair compensation for their losses.

The court should announce its verdict on April, 29, 2014.



Hotline number of Interactive Voice Response on Safe Migration: 095 975 804

If you see or fall into human trafficking, you can also try to seek for help through the following numbers:

In Cambodia

Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection (AHTJP) Head Office:
023 99 79 19 or 12 88 (free call)

Other Provincial AHTJP Offices:

Phnom Penh	017 276 222
Siem Reap	017 258 222
Battambang	017 236 222
Kampomg Thom	017 254 222
Banteay Meanchey	017 260 222
Kampong Chhnang	017 326 222
Sihanouk Ville	017 259 222

NGO Contact Number In Cambodia

Cambodia Women's Crisis Center (CWCC)
098 360 049 (Poi Pet)
088 695 4178 (Siem Reap)

Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW)
077 455 516

Cambodian Center for the Protection of Children's Right (CCPCR)
012 913 138

Oversea Contact Number

Cambodian Embassy in Thailand:
+66 29 575 851

GAATW (NGO in Thailand):
+66 28 641427

LPN (NGO in Thailand):
+66 34 434 267

Cambodian Embassy in Malaysia:
+60 34 257 1150
+60 34 257 3711

TENAGANITA (NGO in Malaysia):
+60 37 770 3691

Ministry of Manpower in Singapore:
+65 64 385 122 (General enquiries)
+65 65 386 930 (Service quality)

Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2)
(NGO in Singapore):
+65 62 477 001

HOME (NGO in Singapore):
24-hour helpline for foreign female/male workers
+65 63 415 525
+65 63 415 535