Counter Trafficking in Persons (CTIP)

New Rice Bank Increases Livelihood Options

Cambodian Center for the Protection of Children’s Rights (CCPCR) has recently created a rice bank, one of the new CTIP’s measure to create safety nets in poor communities vulnerable to trafficking and to reduce the number of children from the bordering province Svay Rieng brought by their families to beg in Vietnam. The bank plays an important role in the community by providing rice at low cost to its 60 members during periods of food shortage and by controlling the price of rice to avoid falls in price.

The Boundless Energy of Youth

Last quarter, CTIP-trained Community Youth Network members of CTIP’s partner Khmer Youth Association organized a community bike ride campaign in the province of Siem Reap. On the occasion, around 90 school students went down to three villages to disseminate information about safe migration and human trafficking. In June, the youth will hold their annual reflection on human trafficking. Thanks for their commitment and energy!


- Number of victims assisted: 1061
- Number of victims repatriated: 588
- Number of victims supported to file a case: 113
- Cases referred by trained police: 48
- Victims identified by key informants (figures updated to December 2014): 32
- Decrease of child begging in target communes: 74%
- Number of migrants receiving information on safe migration: 5049
- Victims and at risk people provided with business grants: 43 (victims) and 104 SHG members received loan for starting business.

* Figures updated to March 30, 2015
School’s Youth Council Promotes Safe Migration

After being trained by CTIP through Cambodian Women’s Crisis Center (CWCC), a high school director of the district of Malai, Banteay Meanchey province, has established a Youth Council since 2008. Today, around 50 students raise awareness on safe migration among their families and communities keen to migrate. Indeed, in this district located just at a few kilometers from the Thai border, numerous are the ones to try to take their chance in Thailand. CTIP helps them to better protect themselves.

Giant Ocean, a Unique Case in ASEAN region

Giant Ocean International Fishery Co., Ltd. is the first registered recruitment agency ever prosecuted under Trafficking In Persons law for trafficking men on fishing vessels in the ASEAN region. The uniqueness of the case motivated CTIP to produce a case study video about the case, about the regional and global aspect of human trafficking of men on fishing vessels and about the challenges for securing justice for exploited fishermen. The video is now internationally disseminated to advocate for developing effective policies and programs to protect men working on fishing vessels from abuses.

CTIP II helps 22 migrants getting compensation from Private Recruitment Agency

Last February, Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW) supported 22 migrants in filing a complaint against a Private Recruitment Agency. All migrants initially registered through three private recruitment agencies in Cambodia to legally work in Thailand. After working at a factory for one month in Thailand with a one-month tourist visa, they paid a private agency to extend their visa. However, the agency broke its promise and the migrants were therefore arrested, sent to court and fined THB 1900/person (around USD 59) by the Thai military.
Once the migrants were assisted by the Cambodian embassy in Thailand to return back to Cambodia, CTIP provided support to file a complaint at the Anti-Human trafficking and Juvenile Protection (AHTJP) police. The case is currently with the police who are searching for and investigating the private agency. Fortunately, with the help of CTIP and the AHTJP Department, compensation was awarded by the Cambodian recruitment agencies to the 22 migrants, in the amount of USD 8,110.

**Entertainment Workers as Key Informants to Rescue Trafficking Victims**

Given the high risks of exploitation and human trafficking that prevail in the sector, CTIP has started to train entertainment workers about human trafficking and safe migration since last March. During the training, the women learn who potential trafficking victims and brokers are, tips for a safe migration, how to identify and refer victims and how to seek for help.

**After CTIP’s Support, Police Continue the Training to Combat Trafficking**

CTIP, in collaboration with the Cambodian National Police, trained around 500 commune police officials in 7 targeted provinces about human trafficking and safe migration. While before the CTIP training commune police never referred any TIP cases, the monitoring shows that the training had a positive impact and now officials are more active. Indeed, 47 cases have been reported by the trained-commune police so far, but still in some cases they do not identify properly TIP. Through follow up visits, CTIP continues to provide additional coaching to the trained police for better understanding on TIP.

**CTIP Supports the National Strategy to Combat Trafficking**

Following the technical support of CTIP, the National Committee to Combat Trafficking (NCCT) launched its new structure and its National Plan of Action 2014-2018 (NPA) last February. CTIP is now providing technical support to the NCCT to set up an effective monitoring and evaluation system to ensure accountability in implementing the plan.
Following the success of CTIP’s training to commune police, the Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection Police have decided to request government’s funds to train their units on using CTIP’s training material. The training are about to start.

**Self-Help Groups Succeed in Preventing Child Begging**

Cambodian Center for the Protection of Children’s Rights (CCPCR) continues to assist 104 people through its three Self-Help Groups. After one year of CTIP’s work, 100% of SHG members have a job and 60% have repaid their debts. Migration and school dropouts have considerably decreased and in the two target communes, the number of child beggars has decreased by 74%!

**How to find job opportunities in Cambodia and Abroad?**

Where to look for job opportunities in Cambodia? How to legally migrate to Malaysia and Thailand? What is the latest update on the Nationality Verification Process in Thailand? For getting answers to your questions, please call our safe migration number at 095 975 804.

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**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
- Kampong Thom 017 254 222
- Banteay Mearchey 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

**In China**

- Cambodian Embassy in Beijing: +86 18 80 14 07 865
- Cambodian Consulate in Shanghai: +86 18 50 16 43 537 +86 15 60 17 18 777

**In Thailand**

- Cambodian Embassy in Thailand: +66 29 575 851
- GAATW (NGO): +66 28 641 427
- LPN (NGO): +66 34 434 267

**In Malaysia**

- Cambodian Embassy in Malaysia: +60 34 257 1150
- TENAGANITA (NGO): +60 37 770 3691

**In Singapore**

- Ministry of Manpower in Singapore: +65 63 415 525 (women) +65 63 415 535 (men)
- Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2) (NGO): +65 63 386 930 (Service quality)
- HOME (NGO): 24-hour helpline for foreign female/male workers