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USAID ANNOUNCES NEW PROJECT TO COUNTER TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IN ASIA

WINROCK INTERNATIONAL TO IMPLEMENT LANDMARK \$21.5M EFFORT

WASHINGTON – January 11, 2017 – Today, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a new regional program to combat human trafficking in Asia. USAID’s Regional Development Mission for Asia awarded the five-year, \$21.5 million [USAID Asia Counter Trafficking in Persons \(USAID Asia CTIP\) program](#) to [Winrock International](#), a U.S.-based development organization.

“This new program is part of a long-term and comprehensive effort by the U.S. Government towards ending human trafficking in the region by 2030,” said USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia Director Beth S. Paige.

USAID and Winrock will work together with Asian governments, civil society organizations and other stakeholders in the region to reduce human trafficking in Asia. Activities will improve cooperation among government social services, law enforcement, healthcare providers and anti-trafficking advocacy organizations to help improve the lives of trafficking survivors throughout Asia.

“The USAID Asia CTIP program is a landmark effort, given its regional focus and multi-sectoral nature,” said Winrock President and CEO Rodney Ferguson. “This grows from [Winrock’s decades of work combating human trafficking](#) by providing the kind of inclusive development that works to end it. I congratulate USAID on its strong leadership in this area. Together, we will help the most vulnerable reclaim their rights and their lives.”

Announced on the U.S. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, this program will support Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states as they implement the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and take steps to stem the demand and supply for trafficked persons.

The program will initially focus on human trafficking in the Lower Mekong countries of Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam as well as Bangladesh. Over time, the project will expand to include other ASEAN member states, South Asia, and destination countries in East Asia and the Gulf States.

Winrock and its five implementing partners – [Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women](#), [Liberty Asia](#), [the Mekong Club](#), [the NEXUS Institute](#) and [SSG Advisors](#) — and many other collaborating organizations (partial list below) will join forces to achieve the goals and vision of USAID CTIP Asia.

Winrock has worked to combat human trafficking worldwide for nearly two decades. In addition to the USAID Asia CTIP program, Winrock currently implements USAID-funded counter-trafficking programs in [Bangladesh](#) and [Cambodia](#) and, in partnership with [Concordia](#), has recently launched a Campaign Against Labor Trafficking.

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