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ASIA COUNTER TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Human trafficking is a global crime and a complex, trans-national problem that requires multi-disciplinary, cross-border solutions. Asia accounts for more than half the world's population and the majority of detected trafficked persons. The USAID-funded *Asia Counter Trafficking in Persons* program (USAID Asia CTIP, 2016-2021) brings together governments, civil society and business to support regional initiatives that aim to reduce trafficking in persons.

The program focuses on the following objectives:

- strengthened learning around trafficking-in-persons
- enhanced cooperation between various sectors in source, transit and destination countries
- increased opportunities for private sector leadership to address the problem

USAID Asia CTIP is led by Winrock, along with its partners with specialized technical expertise

and extensive networks: Liberty Asia, the NEXUS Institute, and Resonance.

Through its ongoing activities, USAID Asia CTIP integrates the voices and concerns of migrant and trafficking survivor groups into implementation and monitoring.

In addition, more than 25 resource organizations, including research institutions, multilateral agencies, international and local civil society organizations, and private sector companies, join forces to achieve the goals and vision of USAID Asia CTIP. They contribute their distinct perspectives, knowledge and know-how to the program while benefiting from its reach, generated new learning and networks.

Key Approaches

USAID and Winrock work together with Asian governments, civil society organizations, companies and other key stakeholders to reduce human trafficking in Asia. We take the below approaches to reach project objectives.

To achieve **strengthened learning around trafficking in persons**, USAID Asia CTIP is:

- improving the empirical evidence base for counter-trafficking in persons interventions
- harmonizing the measurement of USAID CTIP programs

To promote **enhanced cooperation in source, transit and destination countries**, USAID Asia CTIP is:

- supporting implementation of bilateral and regional frameworks
- improving cross border collaboration and promoting civil society networks in policy advocacy and monitoring, as well as in application of best practices in victim identification, service provision, and access to justice.

Finally, **to increase opportunities for private sector leadership**, the program is:

- facilitating targeted shared value partnerships to reduce TIP in priority sectors (construction, agriculture, and domestic work)
- supporting expanded use of existing and testing of new approaches to workers rights monitoring and access to information and services

Associate Projects under USAID Asia CTIP

The USAID Asia CTIP regional mechanism provides USAID an opportunity to strengthen its coordination of all CTIP programs in Asia, improve learning and understanding of USAID's impact on trafficking in persons in the region, engage proactively with the private

sector, and strategically support country-level activities.

The Thailand and Laos Associate Awards support the goals above as well as the following objectives:

- reduce the vulnerability of at-risk individuals and groups to human trafficking
- increase the quality and availability of support for trafficked persons
- improve access to justice and remedy for trafficked persons

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Geographic Focus

The primary geographic foci of the program are Lower Mekong countries, member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), as well as Bangladesh and Nepal. In addition, USAID Asia CTIP examines key trafficking flows in South Asia and to destination countries in East Asia and the Gulf States.

