

Return and Social Reintegration Handbook for Thai Victims of Trafficking in Persons



Background and Importance of Return and Social Reintegration



- Providing Safe Return and Social Reintegration for VOT and preventing them from being re-trafficked are the key to eradication of human trafficking
- •Ministry of Social Development and Human Security continuously assists Thai VOT, including women and children forced into prostitution and men forced into labor trafficking, and works with related agencies through multi-disciplinary approach.

Handbooks on Return and Social Reintegration of Thai VOT

2009

"Guide to Standard
Operating
Procedure on Case
Management of
Thai Trafficked
Persons Returning
from Overseas"

2011-2013

"Operational
Guideline of MDT
for the Protection
of Victims of
Human Trafficking
and Practical
Version"

2019

"Return and Social Reintegration
Handbook for Thai Victims of Trafficking"



Return of Thai Victims of Trafficking

Objectives

To provide standard operating procedures for the return of Thai trafficked persons as a reference for the relevant agencies

To develop guidelines for Ministry of Social Development and Human Security and relevant agencies for the referral of Thai trafficked persons in line with international guidelines and standards

Target Users



Social workers and anti-trafficking officials of MSDHS as the central coordinating agency for the protection of victims of trafficking

Officials of the Thai
Embassies/ Consulates
abroad and Department of
Consular Affairs, Ministry
of Foreign Affairs which
provide primary protection
and assistance at the
destination country

Frontline workers in public sector, private organizations, international organizations, and volunteer networks which provide direct assistance to victims



Scope

- Introduction: background information, objectives, scope and target users of the handbook
- Chapter 1: basic knowledge on the national/ regional referral mechanism



- Chapter 2 4: Guideline for officials of the Thai Embassies/ Consulates on assistance provision for VOT abroad
- Chapter 4 6: Duties of MSDHS in case referral within Thailand



 Annex: Organizations providing assistance and services, and relevant forms



Definition of Return



Return is a process of referring a person who is identified as a victim of trafficking from the destination country to his/her origin country. The return process can be initiated voluntarily, or by force with or without assistance.

Key Components of The Return Process

Network of various agencies that coordinate with each other to provide comprehensive, thorough and timely assistance in response to the needs of victims and their families

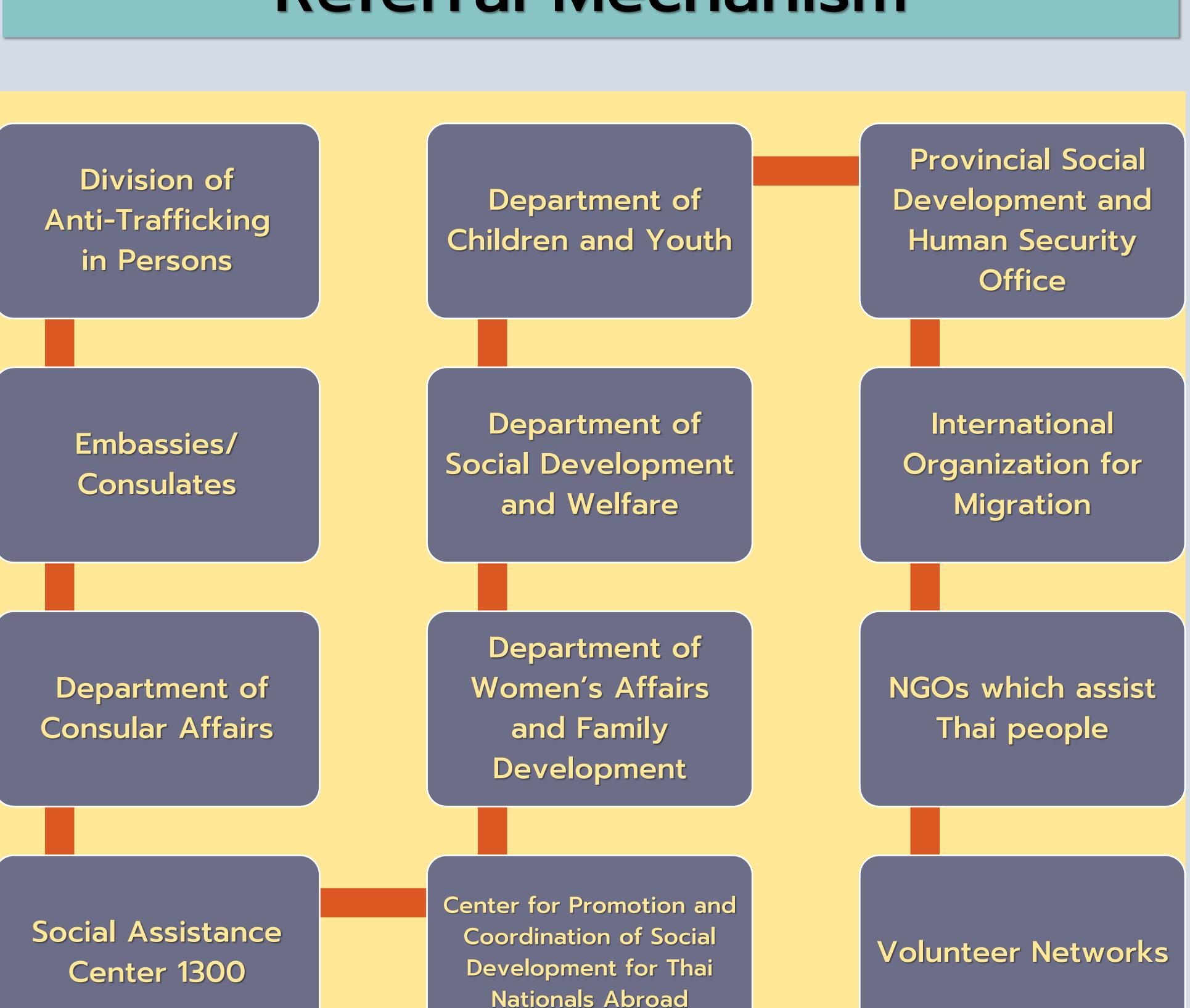
Agency responsible for coordinating and supervising the referral system for the effective and prompt referral process that can be followed up

Reference Directory of service providers at international, national and local levels, which should be collected and updated regularly and easily accessed

Develop a standardized recording form for each operational process and use the same set of data in order to make it more convenient and faster to study, retrieve and refer information

Communication channel for systematic follow up on referred cases and systematic data recording

Transnational, National and Local Referral Mechanism





Working Principles of Return and Social Reintegration

Rights-based Approach

Victim-centered Approach

Best Interest Determination

Trauma Informed Care

Consideration of Individual Needs

Survivor Empowerment

Safe Return

Being Sensitive to Children's Unique Needs

Gender Sensitivity

Return Process



Initial Screening

- Receiving incident report, screening, referring
- •Rights notification and information on service provision
- Initial risk assessment and security measure
- Interpretation and rehabilitation services
- Victim Identification



Preparation for Return

- Individual care plan (ICP)
- Informed consent for ICP
- Assistance for self-adjustment and social reintegration
- Legal assistance
- Return assistance





Legal and Rights Advocacy

 Notification of rights and duty to cooperate in legal process Victim-witness support before, during and after the trial Claim for compensation and witness protection













Primary Protection and Assistance

- Provision of information and conditions of service
- Information on case status, assistance provision, rights and legal conditions
- Intake into protection
- Protection and assistance provision with the consent of VOT





Return and Preparation for Social Reintegration

- Informed decision to return Family tracing and assessment 4
 - Risk assessment
 - Risk management plan with participation of VOT Support for documentation











Social Reintegration of Thai Victims of Trafficking in Persons

Objectives of the Handbook

1

To improve social reintegration process so that it becomes more comprehensive and effective



2

To be used as a guideline for all parties related to social reintegration process



3

To be used as a guideline for related organizations to formulate policy, plan and locate resources to support social reintegration



Target Users



Practitioners in the process of social reintegration, both government and non-governmental organizations



Practitioners in other organizations relevant to support of social reintegration process

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Legal Rights to Access Remedy Education and Vocational Training Service

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Legal Assistance

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Social Reintegration Follow-up Process by Case Manager

Revision and Evaluation of Social Reintegration and Termination of Service Process of Termination of Service Data Collection and Making Reports on Result of Social Reintegration



Definition of Social Reintegration

Social Reintegration is a process of assisting VOT to return to their family and original community, or to become a part of a new community. A unique plan of assistance shall be prepared for each individual case to repair his/her physical and mental health. VOT will be empowered so they can live independently with economic and social security and receives legal remedy and protection for sustainable social reintegration. Follow-up service will be conducted periodically to ensure that the VOT do not return to trafficking ring or is not re-trafficked.



The key is to work with VOT to develop necessary skills for living freely and independently so they do not fall victim to human trafficking again.

Who are the Victims of Trafficking?



Most are sexually exploited through prostitution, both domestically and internationally

Girls are usually exploited sexually by someone they know in person or on social media.

Boys are increasingly exploited sexually in addition to forced labor





Men ⊃



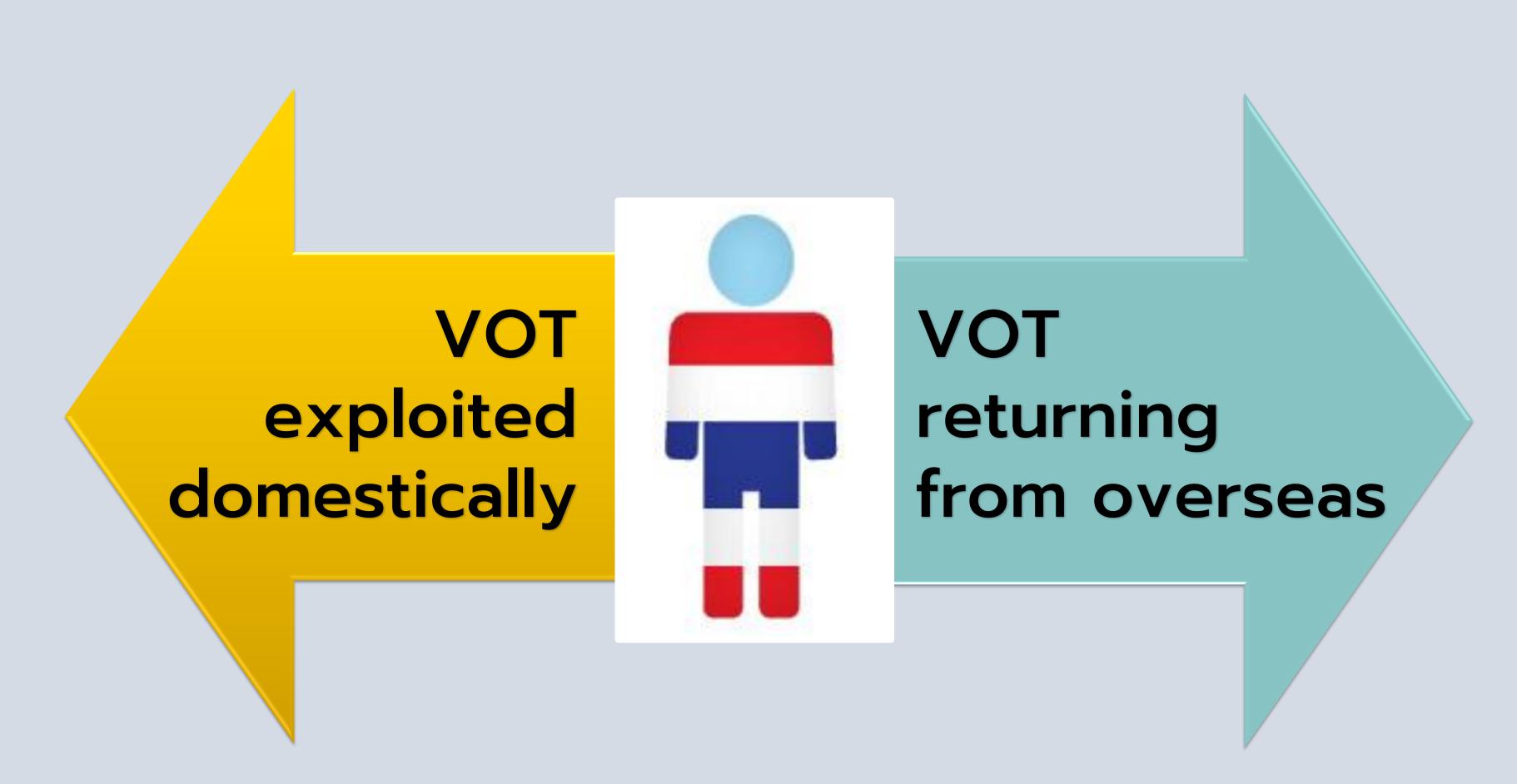
Most are exploited through forced labor overseas, especially in the fishing industry

Adult and children who are sexually exploited usually face discrimination and stigmatization, and are not accepted.

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Scope of Social Reintegration for Thai VOT







Assistance Coordination/Provision Mechanism

Focal
Coordinating
Agency

Supporting Individuals/
Organizations



Case Manager

MDT Working Committee

1. Focal Coordinating Agency

<u>International Level</u>: Protection of Thai Nationals Division

Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

National Level : Division of Anti-Trafficking in Persons

Ministry of Social Development and Human Security

Regional Level : Provincial Social Development and Human Security

Office

2. Case Manager

Social	workers	or	competent	officers	are	assigned	to	do	the	following
tasks:										

☐ Interview to determine assistance

- ☐ Compile data, coordinate, and refer cases to assistance
- ☐ Locate service providers and resources
- ☐ Oversee and follow up social reintegration

3. MDT Working Committee

A group of specialists, knowledgeable and skillful in different fields

Social Work and Medical

Social Worker, Psychologist, Doctor, Nurse

Legal

Prosecutor, Lawyer, Legal Officer

Social

Trainer, Social Development Officer, Mentor

4. Supporting Individuals/Organizations

Those	that	are no	t directly	relevant	but can	provide	support	for	the
social	reinte	egratio	n proces	S					

I Home for Children and Family	☐ Home for Children and Family

- ☐ Public Health Office
- ☐ Educational Service Area Office
- ☐ Employment Office
- ☐ Labor Protection and Welfare

 Officer

Officer

- Justice Office
- NGO/Volunteers
- □ VOT Peer-support Group





Social Reintegration Process



Various Services for Social Reintegration

Types of
Social Reintegration
Service

1.

Institution-based Intervention

2

Community-based Intervention

