

ANTI-TIP HOTLINE NEWSLETTER

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THE PROJECT HAS STARTED !

Following the success of JICA's anti-Trafficking-in-Persons (TIP) project in Thailand and the inception of a new project in Myanmar, the 'Project for the Establishment of Anti-Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Hotline' started on 16 July 2012 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The Project aims to establish an operational and managerial system of the hotline in cooperation with the counterpart, Department of Child Protection and Care (DCPC), Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA). The Project will provide equipment and support in capacity development and enhancement of cooperation mechanism with relevant institutions and agencies for a period of 3 years.

The focus of the first year is on instalment of equipment, training, and discussions of Working Group, which will lead to the launch of the hotline operation. Lessons learnt and knowledge gained through experience will help improve the system in the following years.

This newsletter is to inform you of the progress of the Project and our daily life in Hanoi.

TIP is a serious theme, we know, that's why we want to work cheerfully with energy. We hope this newsletter can convey our spirit!!

EXPECTATION TO ANTI-TIP HOTLINE

The Project held a series of meetings with relevant government agencies, International Organizations, and NGOs, including the Ministry of Public Security, Border Guard Command, Women's Union, United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking (UNIAP), International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Women, and Plan Vietnam, in July and August 2012.

Commendable progress in networking has been achieved by the government in this area. However, the hotline and counseling operations are rather fragmented and the need for a consolidated cooperation mechanism has been strongly felt.

International Organizations like UNIAP and IOM expressed their expectation that the hotline should develop into a comprehensive and sustainable project.



Project staff meeting (top); and a meeting of counsellors of Child Help Line who will also take charge of the anti-TIP hotline (below)

We will strive to live up to their expectations despite the challenges ahead.

We would like to continue discussions and information exchange with various organizations so that we can raise the public profile of the hotline and share knowledge and experiences.

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CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP (THAILAND)

A Capacity Building Workshop on the Return, Repatriation and Reintegration of Trafficked Persons in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from 19 August to 2 September 2012. At the workshop organized by JICA, TICA, and Chiang Mai University, Vietnam was represented by a 6-person team: all from Working Group member agencies of the Project, including young staff from our counterpart, DCPC as an observer.

It was nice to see that the Vietnamese delegation worked together for group work and country presentations. Individually, they were also active participants, asking questions and making comments.



Vietnam team in the Workshop



HANOI AT A GLANCE

Women's Museum

The Women's Museum is located in the heart of Hanoi, on Lý Thường Kiệt Street. The first, second and third floors have exhibits on the themes – Family, Women in History and Fashion. There is a special exhibition on the Worship of Mother Goddess, which was prohibited till 1987 as superstition, showing costumes of the mother goddesses and videos of the ceremonies. This special exhibition started in January this year.

The exhibit on Family shows the traditions surrounding marriage and childbirth. The Women in History section presents short biographies of and tools used by the women revolutionaries. For those who are interested in traditional costumes of different ethnic groups, the fourth floor is a must. There are also video interviews of women working in the informal sector.

The museum is open every day except Mondays, from 08:00 to 17:00. Entrance fee is VND 30,000.

Reference:

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<http://geocurrents.info/news-map/gender-news/mother->

ACTIVITY PLAN

Sep: 1st Working Group Meeting

Oct: Joint Coordinating Committee

Participation in anti-human trafficking seminar in Japan

Oct -Nov: New counsellor training



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