



NEW COUNSELLOR TRAINING

From 4 to 25 April 2013, training for new counsellors for the anti-TIP hotline was held at DCPC in Hanoi. The trainees were 3 new counsellors at Hanoi Operation Centre, 4 counsellors of the Connecting Units in An Giang and Ha Giang (3 from An Giang and 1 from Ha Giang), in total, 7 fresh counsellors.

Following the introduction of the project to the new counsellors, sessions were organized based on the Child Help Line (CHL) curriculum. These included basic skills and ethics of counselling, counselling methodologies, handling emergency cases, writing of case reports, direct interventions and referral to other service providers, legal framework related to telephone counselling, listening skills and analysis. Trainers were the counselling and legal advisors to the CHL and senior counsellors, who gave practical learning to the trainees.

The trainees were happy that they learned useful skills that they could use right away in counselling. They also commented that they would like to improve their counselling skills through learning various types of case handling. The feedbacks from the trainees are being collected and will be reflected in follow-up activities.

This 15 day-training was a good opportunity for all new and experience counsellors, project staff and advisors to CHL to meet in person, which may make future hotline operation easier. 3 new counsellors in Hanoi will continue their on-the-job training for another month. Follow-up for the counsellors in provinces is to be further discussed.



*Top: Project Chief Advisor introducing the Project
Middle: Training at the Operation Centre
Down: The trainees, the trainer and a project staff*

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ARRIVAL OF AN IEC SHORT-TERM EXPERT

21 April 2013, Mr Akira Doi, an IEC (Information Education Communication) short-term expert arrived in Hanoi. He is supporting the Project in development of communication strategy/plan for 2 months, till the middle of June.

He will interview relevant government agencies, international organizations and NGOs in Hanoi, and conduct a baseline survey in An Giang and Ha Giang provinces where an anti-TIP hotline Connecting Unit will be established. The results will inform the project team discussion on development of effective communication strategy and methods.

The first 2-3 weeks will be spent in Hanoi for

interviews and baseline survey preparation together with a local consultant, then the survey will be conducted in May.



Meeting of Mr Doi (short-term expert), Ms Ogawa (Project Chief Advisor) and JICA Media Advisor Ms. Nguyen Thu Ha

LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

Selected news on Anti-TIP activities in Vietnam

1) Cyber Pornography & Prostitution Workshop

12 April 2013, a workshop on “Vietnam’s Situation on Cyber Pornography and Cyber Prostitution – Challenges and Solution” was held at MOLISA main office. This workshop aims to collect information and views on the current situation in Vietnam prior to the ASEAN level conference in the Philippines at the end of April¹. About 20 participants from MOLISA (DCPC & DSEP), MPS, WU, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, IOM and the Project exchanged information and insights, which are useful for formulation of communication activities of the Project.

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http://www.fo7.dswd.gov.ph/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=480:dswd-7-to-host-2nd-asean-conference-on-cyber-pornography-and-prostitution&catid=43:press-releases&Itemid=99

2) Bilateral Agreement between Vietnam and Cambodia

26 March 2013, the amended Agreement on Eliminating Trafficking in Women and Children and Assisting Victims of Trafficking between Vietnam and Cambodia was approved by the governments of Vietnam. It has been recognized that amendment of the agreement signed by the governments in October 2009 was necessary for better coordination. In 2011, 15 Vietnamese victims of trafficking were rescued by the Cambodian police while 36 Cambodians were rescued in Vietnam. The Vietnam/Cambodia border is also a route for trafficking to Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and China, which requires more effective regional anti-trafficking measures.

ACTIVITY PLAN

May 2013: Arrival of a short-term expert (Social Work) for counsellor training on anti-trafficking measures in Vietnam and Japan

Baseline survey

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Jun 2013: Workshop on baseline survey results



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