

ANTI-TIP HOTLINE NEWSLETTER

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ANTI-TIP TRAINING OF COUNSELLORS

A training of hotline counsellors on anti-TIP measures was organized between 2–9 May 2013 on the request of counsellors who had not yet received formal training on TIP. In preparation for the operation of the hotline, the training provided a comprehensive overview of TIP including key issues, international instruments, cooperation in the Mekong region, and legal frameworks in Japan and Vietnam.

The 8-day training was conducted by two trainers: Ms Yuriko Saito, Associate Professor of Meiji Gakuin University, Japan, who has been researching of TIP and women's migration for many years, and Ms Do Thi Ninh Xuan, Deputy General Director, Department of Social Evils Prevention, MOLISA, with long experience in human trafficking prevention and victim protection.

The counsellors, who work in shifts, were divided into two groups so that all counsellors could receive 4 days of training. In all, 36 people including counsellors from An Giang and Ha Giang provinces, and staff of relevant agencies (MPS, Women's Union, DSEP, Peace House shelter, an NGO) participated in the training.

Training techniques included not just lectures, but also dramatization and other types of group work. One of the sessions led by Ms Saito to develop a deeper understanding of the discussions and lecture of the training was a dramatization of TIP. All trainees enthusiastically played the part of victim, broker, Japanese employer and hotline counselor, which allowed them to experience how TIP happens. Lectures on anti-TIP measures and legal framework of Vietnam by Ms Do Thi Ninh Xuan were also well-received and there is already a request for further learning. This training also gave the Project valuable lessons on ways to further improve our training courses.

(For more details of the training, please contact Ms Ogawa or Ms Enomoto)



Left: Ms Do Thi Ninh Xuan,
Deputy General Director, DSEP



Right: Ms Yuriko Saito,
Assistant Professor, Meiji
Gakuin University



Middle and below:
Participants in group
work and drama



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CHL COMMUNICATION EVENT

On 11 May 2013, Mr Doi (IEC short-term expert) and Chief Advisor to the Project joined a communication event of the Child Help Line at a secondary school on the outskirts of Hanoi.

We arrived at Truong Trung Hoc Co So Bui Quang Mai secondary school at 08:30 am with child journalists from Hanoi, DCPC staff, counsellors, and media persons. The counsellors and the child journalists conducted the event with a variety of activities including drama, songs, dance, games and group work.

With active participation from the students and skilful facilitation by the MCs, the 3-hour event was a resounding success; youthful energy flowed freely and offered us a clear picture of how to conduct communication activities of the Project in the future.

LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

Selected news on Anti-TIP activities in Vietnam

1) TIP Inter-Mission Working Group Meeting

On 16 May 2013, the Project participated in the Trafficking in Persons Inter-Mission Working Group Meeting at IOM office in Hanoi. At this quarterly meeting, donors and government agencies exchange information about the status of anti-TIP efforts. Representatives from IOM, UNODC, ACEID, USAID, Embassies of the US, the UK, Canada and Australia, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office shared information and asked questions following presentations by the Ministry of Public Security and Ministry of Justice.

2) Child Help Line (CHL) Nine Year Anniversary

On 17 May 2013, a workshop was held in Hanoi to observe the ninth anniversary of the Child Help Line. About 50 persons including participants from Plan International, DCPC, counsellors, and child journalists were present. The workshop was very informative with a film



Students and counsellors in action

screening about CHL, panel discussion, and testimonies of mothers supported by CHL. The story of one mother, who was too poor to help her mentally-stressed daughter and received support through CHL, was touching.

3) Long Bien Youth Anti-TIP Event

On 30 May 2013, MTV Exit organized an Anti-TIP event near Long Bien market in Hanoi. The youth working in the market is at high risk of unsafe overseas migration due to economic problems. At the event, 'what is human trafficking' was explained and youth volunteers performed a dance and a drama on 'safe migration' with the support of LIGHT, a local NGO. The hotline number of the Project was also publicized during this event.

ACTIVITY PLAN

June 2013: Baseline survey (continued)

Workshop on the baseline survey results and IEC strategy

Departure of the IEC short-term expert

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