

ANTI-TIP HOTLINE NEWSLETTER

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BASELINE SURVEY COMPLETED

The Project conducted a baseline survey between late May and mid-June in Ha Giang and An Giang provinces. The survey gathered information about the level of awareness regarding TIP, use of hotlines in general, information/communication channels in the two target provinces, all of which will inform the development of an effective IEC (Information, Education and Communication) strategy.

From 25 May to 1 June 2013, the survey team visited 4 communes in Ha Giang province and collected 201 responses to questionnaires and interviewed key persons in anti-TIP such as local People's Committee officials. In Ha Giang hamlets and houses are scattered in the border areas. The survey team walked long distance to reach people living in areas inaccessible by car.

In Ha Giang, where kidnapping of women and children is often reported, 60% of the respondents said that they knew about TIP. Many ethnic minorities living in the border areas rely on local authorities (People's Committee, Border Guard and Women's Union) for information and not on mass media due to language barriers.

During the survey in An Giang province from 2 to 8 June 2013, 216 questionnaires were administered and in-depth interviews were conducted.

While An Giang reported a high level of recognition of TIP, the team repeatedly heard that 'there is no TIP here'. In the province there is a heavy flow of people between Cambodia and Vietnam, which makes it difficult to control and keep accurate record of each case, including TIP cases. It was also noted that religious leaders are highly influential among ethnic minorities and could be an effective channel for disseminating information about the anti-TIP hotline and other resources.

This short but intensive survey was made possible due to the strong commitment of the local consultant, Mr Ngo Van Nam, IEC short-term expert, Mr Doi, and hotline counsellors who participated in the survey as interviewers. We also thank all the people who supported the survey in Hanoi and the two provinces. Analysis and final report writing is now on-going. We will report the results when it is ready.



Above: Market in Ha Giang

Below: Interviewing in Ha Giang



Above: Border area in An Giang

Below: Interviewing in An Giang



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WORKSHOP ON SURVEY RESULTS AND IEC STRATEGY

On 20 June 2013, a workshop was conducted in Hanoi to share the results of the baseline survey and the IEC strategy which has been recently drafted.

With Mr Nguyen Trong An, Deputy Director of Department of Child Protection and Care, in the chair, Mr Ngo Van Nam reported the survey results and Mr Doi presented the IEC strategy of the Project. The presentations highlighted the distinctiveness of the two provinces in terms of TIP situation and communication channels. The IEC plan of the Project should therefore take varying approaches to suit the specific characteristics of each project area, Hanoi, An Giang and Ha Giang.



*Above left: Mr Nguyen Trong An, Deputy Director General, DCPC
Below left: Mr Akira Doi, IEC short-term expert
Below right: Mr Ngo Van Nam, local consultant*



LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

Selected news on Anti-TIP activities in Vietnam

1) Compassion House, a shelter for TIP survivors in Lao Cai province, renewal open

Lao Cai province, on the Vietnam-China border, has reported many TIP cases. Pacific Links Foundation, an international NGO, has been running a shelter for TIP survivors in the province since 2010. Recently, the British Embassy supported the construction of a new facility with the cooperation of Lao Cai provincial authorities. An opening ceremony was held on 3 June 2013, in the presence of the British Embassy, including the Ambassador, provincial and local authorities, and representatives of international organizations. After the inauguration, which included reports and speeches, everyone toured the new shelter and reviewed the facilities. The new facility has bedrooms, a kitchen, a library and a spacious multi-purpose hall which could be used for meetings and life skills and vocational training.

Lao Cai Compassion House assisted 36 persons during the period from 2010 to 2012. Of these, 26 persons returned to their communities and 10 are currently residing at the shelter (for photos of the inauguration, please see <http://goo.gl/hoJlW>).



*Above:
Opening ceremony*



*Below:
Cutting the ribbon
(British Ambassador in the centre)*

ACTIVITY PLAN

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Hotline software development



Project for the Establishment of anti-Trafficking in Persons Hotline in Vietnam

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