

COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY PILOT TRAINING IN HA GIANG

On 14 and 15 January 2014, a pilot training in communication activities was held in Bac Dinh commune, Yen Minh District, Ha Giang province. The training sessions were conducted by Ms Mac Thi Lien, Deputy Director, DOLISA, Ha Giang, and Ms Au Thi Thu Hoai, Official of Social Protection Centre, DOLISA, Ha Giang. The pilot training targeted community level communicators who will soon conduct communication activities on TIP and Anti-TIP Hotline in different hamlets of Ha Giang province. Thirty six participants attended the training including hamlet leaders and staff members of Women's Union, Police, and Border Guard.

The training sessions covered a range of topics including the definition and various forms of human trafficking, the counter trafficking legal framework in Vietnam, anti-trafficking cooperation with China, victim support systems as well as planning and implementation of communication activity. All the sessions were contextualised to the current situation in mountainous Ha Giang province, which has limited communication infrastructure and many ethnic minorities using several different languages. A plenary and group discussions on measures to counter trafficking and challenges in communication activities followed. The participants were rather quiet in the beginning; but on the second day, lively group discussions were held, and participants actively shared their views and experiences.

MPS HANOI COUNSELLOR TRAINING

On 9 January 2014, Mr Doan The Vinh, our Working Group member representing the Ministry of Public Security, held a training session for counsellors in Hanoi. The Operation Centre has received 83 calls related to human trafficking between October and December 2013. The number of calls has increased every month; from eight in October to 45 in December. About a third of the calls were general inquiries about human trafficking; another third were about missing family members or friends. Some calls related to current human trafficking cases.

The sessions covered practical issues like how to handle calls, what information needs to be collected from callers before making a referral to the police, and so on. The participants also received specific advice in response to their questions based on real cases. This made the training useful and informative.



Above, middle: Pilot training in Ha Giang
Below: Counsellor training in Hanoi

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PROJECT CALENDAR 2014

The Project has produced calendars for the year 2014. For wide dissemination of the Hotline number and services, we distributed 62,000 calendars in 2,600 communes in 131 districts of 14 provinces, which are at high risk of human trafficking. The calendars will be put up at commune offices and commune leaders' residences where people come together so that more people get to know about the Hotline.

Good quality calendars can be an excellent communication tool in rural areas, as beautiful calendars and posters are kept as decoration even after the end of the year. With this calendar, we hope to connect the Hotline to those who need our support.

LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

Selected news on Anti-TIP activities in Vietnam

1) Anti-Human Trafficking Network, Hanoi, Vietnam

On 17 January 2014, a meeting of the Anti-Human Trafficking Network was held in Hanoi. The Network is comprised of international organizations and NGOs working to counter human trafficking. International Organization for Migration (IOM) and World Vision convened the meeting of 11 organizations with about 25 participants. Each organization introduced their activities in 2013 and 2014, followed by lively Q&A for information exchange. MTV Exit made a presentation on its KAP (Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice) survey on safe migration with 1,900 Vietnamese respondents. An online discussion continues to finalize a joint plan for the year 2014 and a Network meeting is being planned for February 2014.

2) The number of Vietnamese overseas workers hit 88,000 in 2013

The number of Vietnamese overseas workers reached 88,000, exceeding the government goal of 85,000. The major destinations are Taiwan (about 46,000 persons) and Japan (about 10,000), followed by Malaysia, South Korea and Lao PDR. The Department of Overseas Labour, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, estimates the number will hit 90,000 in 2014.

<http://www.viet-jo.com/news/statistics/140107012810.html>



Above: Project calendar 2014

Below: Anti-Human Trafficking Network meeting

<http://www.viet-jo.com/news/social/140122091647.html>

(related articles from Vietjo, in Japanese)

ACTIVITY PLAN

Feb: Hotline equipment set-up

Communication activities in An Giang and Ha Giang provinces

Hotline software development



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