

COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY IN AN GIANG

Following the success of a pilot communication training in October 2013 and a communication training in 4 communities and 1 secondary school in December 2013, communication activities were conducted by the community communicators, students and DOLISA/An Giang in 10 secondary schools and 30 communities in February and March 2014. The activities at school are meant to target a large number of students given that trafficking victims are getting younger in the recent past. We also hope that the students will share the information on human trafficking with their families.

Each community level activity reached about 30 to 40 persons. The information on human trafficking and the Hotline was shared through discussions and story-telling activities. School events used games and quizzes to accommodate 200 to 300 students at once. Mr Cuong, a counsellor of the Hanoi Operation Centre anti-TIP group with a lot of experience in communication, joined the first school-based activity to provide support and advice.

3RD WORKING GROUP MEETING IN HANOI

The 3rd central-level Working Group meeting was held in Hanoi on 11 March 2014 with almost full participation of Working Group agencies.

The achievements from November last year to the present, on-going activities and the plan for the fiscal year 2014 (from April 2014 to March 2015) were presented at the meeting. Some suggestions include: closer cooperation with the Migrant Resource Centre (from DOLAB) and sharing the leaflet soft copy to disseminate the Hotline information widely within Working Group organizations (from Women's Union and Border Guard).

We also discussed the process and outlines of a legal document about cooperation among the Working Group agencies. Ms Do Ninh Xuan, former DSVC (Department of Social Vices Prevention and Combat, former DSEP) Deputy Director, who conducted two counsellor trainings for the Project, supports the development of the document as a consultant in cooperation with the Working Group agencies. We expect the document development will benefit from her knowledge and experience.



Above: Mr Cuong conducting the communication activity in An Giang
Middle: Secondary school students reading the Hotline leaflet.
Below: 3rd Working Group meeting

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MEKONG REGIONAL WORKSHOP IN BANGKOK

The 5th Mekong Regional Workshop, MDT Approach in Protecting Trafficked Persons: Sharing Experiences with Mekong Regional Countries was held in Bangkok from 18 to 20 February 2014. The Vietnamese delegation included two counsellors from the Operation Centre in Hanoi, Deputy Director of An Giang DOLISA, and a Women's Union official from Ha Giang. The first two days had presentations on the anti-trafficking in persons project in Thailand and reports from participating countries on supporting the repatriation and reintegration of trafficked persons, the theme of this year's workshop. The participants from Vietnam actively joined the lively discussions, posing questions based on their experience and responsibilities. On 20 February, we visited a shelter for women and another for men. The visit was very informative; we learned about creative handling of operational challenges and the varied needs of residents.

LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

Selected news on Anti-TIP activities in Vietnam

1) Number of TIP survivors, 2013

On 18 December 2013, a meeting of the COMMIT Task Force of Vietnam reported the achievements of 2013. The year 2013 saw 507 cases (487 cases in 2012; +4%), with 982 victims (883 in 2012; +11%), and 697 perpetrators. The number of people trafficked to China is increasing, accounting for 70%. Among them, 214 cases were heard, 512 perpetrators were tried, 31 persons were convicted and imprisoned for 15 to 20 years, and 161 persons from 7 to 15 years. Trafficking and kidnapping of women and children in border provinces in the north, such as Ha Giang, Lai Chau, Lao Cai, Quang Ninh were a serious challenge, with 37 recorded cases in 2013.

2) Vietnamese workers in Japan increased by 40% in 2013

According to the data published by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, as of 31 October 2013, the number of foreign workers in Japan is 707,504, an increase of 5% over 2012. China accounts for 303,886 migrants, followed by Brazil and the Philippines. Vietnam is the 4th largest with 47,537,



5th Mekong Regional Workshop (Vietnamese delegate)

showing the highest percentage point increase of 40% (China: 3%, Brazil: 7%, the Philippines: 10%).

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ACTIVITY PLAN

April: Set-up of Hotline equipment
Software development



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

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