

# ANTI-TIP HOTLINE NEWSLETTER

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## YEN BAI COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

On 4 and 5 August 2015, a joint communication activity was conducted in Yen Bai province in the Northeastern part of Vietnam. The activity aiming to raise awareness of the local youth on human trafficking and Anti-TIP Hotline was planned and facilitated by Hanoi Foreign Trade University students who participate in the training on human trafficking last May and the facilitator of the training.

Four communes of Tran Yen district of Yen Bai province have received support for human trafficking prevention, targeting the youth, care givers and potential migrants from an NGO, World Vision, under its End Trafficking in Persons Programme (ETIP). We had activities in Kien Thanh and Y Can, two of these target communes. On 4<sup>th</sup>, the youth mostly aged from 12 to 16 gathered at a commune office and a villager's house, and on 5<sup>th</sup> at a commune office.

Following speeches and introduction to the projects, the youth were divided into 3 groups to participate in quiz, poster making and a role play. The quiz group made small teams and had an exciting match. Explanatory information with photos and charts after each question effectively passed information related to human trafficking to the participants. The poster group discussed messages and design to make A4 size posters in groups. Some groups followed samples and others showed off their originality. At the end, each poster and its message was shared for their better understanding of trafficking prevention. The role play group decided who take the roles of a job seeker, his/her family, a recruiter, etc. and created stories. This must help them understand the process of safe migration.

Originally we planned to have about 60 youth participants at each place but in fact we had 80 to 120 youth. This brought some difficulties to the facilitators who needed to raise their voices to work with a big group; however we were fortunate to see such strong interest of the local youth. People from commune offices and Youth Union also liked the activities.

This was made possible by the students and the facilitator as well as World Vision, which agreed to cooperate and took the trouble to finalize necessary procedures, and warm acceptance and cooperation of people of the communes and local volunteers. We reaffirmed to continue raising awareness on human trafficking prevention and Anti-TIP Hotline with the support of partner organizations and individuals.



Above: Poster making (Kien Thanh commune office)

Middle: Quiz session (Da Khanh village, Kien Thanh commune)

Below: Role play performance (Y Can commune office)

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## OPERATIONAL GUIDLINES COMPLETE

The Operational Guidelines is now complete after year-long preparation. The Guidelines delineate operational processes such as hotline system and procedures to receive calls to cater for the needs of hotline counsellors and organizations which plan to start a similar hotline. The 46-page guidelines in Vietnamese will be distributed to counsellors, relevant agencies including DOLISA in An Giang and Ha Giang.

## NUMBER OF CALLS REACHED 3,000

The number of calls received by the Hotline by the end of August exceeded 3,000. The majority of the calls are questions about the role of the Hotline and the government policy and support regarding human trafficking. There are also about 50 cases in need for referrals. Among them, 12 cases are about actual trafficking cases and 8 cases saw rescue of the victims of trafficking.

The news of rescue makes us thrilled even though the Hotline does not directly work for rescue and protection of victims. We will try to keep up the good work to contribute to rescue and support of victims in as many cases as possible.

## LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

### 1) Human trafficking related articles in Viet Nam News

A digest of recent Viet Nam News, English online newspaper and an Asia News Network member:

- Four Vietnamese and one Chinese were sentenced to 20 to 23 years' imprisonment. The perpetrators sold ethnic minority adolescent girls to China for marriage and prostitution and made USD13,000 of profit. The Vietnamese perpetrators are also from ethnic minority (30 July).
- The UK Prime Minister committed additional funding to build a shelter for victims of trafficking and agreed to take forward negotiations on a MOU on human trafficking (30 July).

(An apology and correction: This section of the last issue wrongly stated that "Vietnam has been ranked at Tier 2 since the first report in 2001, except for 2010 and 2011 when it was ranked at Tier 2 Watch List." Vietnam was ranked at Tier 2 Watch List in 2004 as well. Our apologies for this mistake.)



Operational Guidelines

- The deputy spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam expressed the government's determination to fight against human trafficking in response to the US TIP report. She also mentioned that some information in the report did not accurately reflect Vietnam's efforts (30 July).
- Fifty four victims returned to Vietnam through a border gate in Ha Giang province. The majority was women and children from ethnic minority, forced to work as prostitute or labourer (31 July).
- Four men and women were detained in Tay Ninh, a southeastern province of Vietnam. The accused allegedly sold a girl to China as a bride. The police found that they had sold more than 10 women, of whom 3 were rescued at border gates (10 August).
- Two men were arrested in Ha Giang for selling a woman to a Chinese man for USD 700. She has been rescued. The police found that they had sold two women in 2012 (24 August).

[http://vietnamnews.vn/search/?q=human trafficking](http://vietnamnews.vn/search/?q=human+trafficking)

(Viet Nam News)

## ACTIVITY PLAN

Sep: Visit of Goodwill Supporter of JICA Vietnam to An Giang

Communication event at Foreign Trade University

Ha Giang mission and Workshop in An Giang



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