

ANTI-TIP HOTLINE NEWSLETTER

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CASE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

On 15 October 2015, a Case Management Workshop was held in Hanoi. The facilitator was Ms Nguyen Hoa, an experienced social work specialist living in Malaysia. About 50 participants came from the Hotline, police, shelters and government and non-governmental organizations and discussed difficulties and good practices based on real cases.

In the morning, Hotline counsellors introduced 3 cases of calls from family members of victims who were eventually rescued. The workshop attendants were divided into groups and discussed 'what the client's needs were', 'whether the needs were met', and 'what factors influenced the decision on support'. In the afternoon, we first had an informative presentation about Vietnamese victim cases in Malaysia by Ms Nguyen Hoa. Then, two cases on shelter and re-integration assistance were shared and the groups discussed the cases using the same questions as in the morning. It is not always easy to discuss actual cases among related organizations; however, we recognize its importance for mutual understanding of the roles of each organization involved in victim support. We will plan to continue discussions especially on cross-border cases, taking into account the increase in Vietnamese victims in Malaysia.

AN GIANG WORKSHOP

On 9 October 2015, a Workshop on Anti-TIP Hotline service and information sharing was organized in An Giang province. In addition to our usual partners, such as Women's Union, Police, Border Guard, and DOLISA Social Vices Prevention division, we invited people from all districts in An Giang, and Ha Giang Hotline staff. In total about 90 persons attended the workshop. Partners' reports on victim support and cooperation with Hotline acknowledged that the communication activities supported by the Project achieved certain results; however, awareness on human trafficking is still low in many areas. Continued activities were strongly requested by the participants.

After the workshop, DOLISA staff from Ha Giang visited An Giang Connecting Unit and observed a communication activity at a secondary school. During the visit, small scale hotline management and fun methods to introduce the human trafficking issue were presented to Ha Giang staff and the Hotline staff of both provinces had exchanged their experiences.



Above: Case Management Workshop (group discussion)

Middle: Workshop in An Giang province

Below: Visit to An Giang Connecting Unit

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ANTI-TIP SEMINAR IN JAPAN

From 19 to 30 October, a ‘Seminar on Promotion of Networking among Asian Countries on Anti-Trafficking in Persons’ was held in Tokyo. Representatives from 7 countries, namely, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, participated in the seminar. Our counterpart, DCCP sent two staff to the seminar. Ms Nguyen Thi Nga, Deputy Director, became in charge of the Project early this year. Since then, she has strongly supported and been involved in project activities such as development of the Operational Guidelines and a legal document. Ms Kieu Thu Trang is a Hotline counsellor in Hanoi. She was the youngest participant and her sincerity was liked by all.

The participants visited government, non-governmental and private organizations and learned about support to vulnerable women and foreigners as well as anti-TIP measures. They posed many questions and sometimes the session time was not enough. The two-week intensive seminar brought the participants closer. They exchanged their contacts and started a Facebook group to continue and further expand the network.

LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

1) Overseas labour goal of 2015 achieved

The Department of Overseas Labour, MOLISA, announced that the number of overseas workers sent from January to September this year was 90,558 (of which 28,894 are women; about 32% of the total) and already surpassed the 2015 goal of 90,000. The top countries in September are the same from the beginning of the year; Taiwan comes the first, and second is Japan. This is followed by Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Macau. Women account for 31% of those sent to Taiwan. The proportion for Japan is 46%, Malaysia 50%, Saudi Arabia 86%, South Korea 8%, and Macau 100%, seemingly reflecting the number of Vietnamese domestic workers.

(<http://www.viet-jo.com/news/statistics/151011060149.html> Vietjo; http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/---ilo-hanoi/documents/publication/wcms_376172.pdf Vietnam Country Brief, ILO, June 2015)



Above: Vietnamese representatives making a presentation
Below: Seminar participants from 7 countries

2) Human trafficker arrested and sentenced to 5 year imprisonment

A 66-year-old woman was sentenced to 5 years in prison on human trafficking charges. In 1992 she sold women and paid 300,000 VND (about 25 USD, calculated based on the 1992 exchange rate) per woman to her accomplice. She was on the run for 23 years and arrested last December. Revision of articles of the Penal Code regarding human trafficking is under discussion.

(<http://vietnamnews.vn/society/276554/66-year-old-jailed-for-human-trafficking.html>)

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