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## Counter Trafficking in Persons (CTIP II)

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### From a downfall to a life full of hope

M.S., a 15-year old girl, had to drop out of school early to migrate to Phnom Penh with her parents in search of work. However, no matter how hard they worked, they would never make a living.

One day, M.S was lured by a neighbor into prostitution. Luckily, she managed to escape after some time and she rejoined her parents. She was also brave enough to file a complaint at the Department of Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection (AHTJP) which led to the arrest of her brokers.

While waiting for justice, CTIP II partner Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) provided her with psychological counseling and gave her the opportunity to attend a beautician vocational training. After finishing her training, she also received a USAID-funded grant that she used to start running her own beauty salon.

***"I am very happy that CTIP II kept supporting me", says M.S.***

Thanks to her salon, she now earns about 20,000 riel per day (5 USD). She now wishes to learn English and expand her salon. She tells us she also wants to train her younger brothers on barbering to save them from risky business.



### Facts and Figure of CTIP II (2011-2015)

#### Number of survivors/victims assisted

- 579 survivors of Labor Trafficking
- 52 survivors of Sex Trafficking
- 135 survivors of Labor Exploitation

#### Assistance and Services Provided

- 419 survivors were repatriated
- 481 survivors received psychosocial counseling
- 383 survivors received legal counseling
- 78 survivors assisted have filed the complaints against perpetrator
- 38 survivors have received vocational and livelihood training
- 176 survivors have been reintegrated
- 74 survivors were provided with business grant and life start up grant

*\* Figures updated to March 30, 2014*

## Rainy Season, Videos Pouring Thick and Fast

CTIP II is recently quite into videos. Indeed, CTIP II recently produced a video about safe migration covering the pre-decision thoughts and checks run by two migrants in Cambodia to finally show them working in destination countries.

The video sparked the enthusiasm of the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training (MoLVT) which provided great input in its production together with key NGOs of the sector. The video is particularly timely because the ministry and the International Labor Organization (ILO) have recently highlighted the lack of material to support the Prakas launched in last December.



The video should be shortly endorsed by MoLVT and should be released soon.

CTIP II also worked on two other video-projects last quarter: a video that gives victims of human trafficking (VoT) the opportunity to share their successful reintegration and the help they received from CTIP II; and a video about Cambodian VoTs on fishing vessels. The last video mainly focuses on prosecution and advocates for stronger action, especially in the wake of the Giant Ocean International Fishery Co., Ltd trial.

***A special thanks to CTIP II partners Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC), Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW) and Cambodian Center for the Protection of Children's Rights (CCPCR) for their support!***

## Giant Ocean Case... or the Case with Twists and Turns

Last April, the Phnom Penh Court of First Instance delivered its verdict for Giant Ocean International Fishery Co., Ltd, this recruitment agency which sent an estimated number of 1,000 Cambodians in the limbo of human trafficking on fishing vessels world-wide. Six convicted persons were sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment and the victims should receive compensation and damages.

Nevertheless, CTIP II partner Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW) has been informed that the suspect of the case, Lin Li Chen, filed an appeal against the instance court's decision beginning of May in order to try to delay the compensation process. LSCW also presented a radio talk show about this burning issue in June.

To date, NGO lawyers have been unable to obtain a copy of the court verdict to verify the names of the clients who seem not to be included in the list of judgment for compensation. LSCW now continues to work on this case at the appeals court.



## CTIP II Launches an Ambitious Pilot Project to Better Fight against Human Trafficking

In June, CTIP II has combined its efforts with its partner Khmer Youth Association (KYA) to empower local authorities and key stakeholders in the prevention of risky migration and trafficking in persons.

CTIP II took the opportunity of those trainings in Svay Rieng, Prey Veng, Kompong Cham, Siem Reap, Koh Kong to introduce its newly developed migrant registration form to participants. This form enables to better keep track of TIP cases and to better manage migration flows. Five communes have already volunteered to be part of this innovative pilot project and their coaching is about to start.

CTIP also presented the form to its partner Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) in Banteay Mencheay who introduced it to the communes of the province. They should shortly identify 5 pilot communes to run the same project. Keep up the good work!



### **CTIP II Self-Help Groups Improving the Future of Human Trafficking Survivors**

The Province of Svay Rieng, near the Vietnamese border, is sadly famous for its desperate families regularly bringing their children to Vietnam to beg. It is difficult to assess the scale of the phenomenon but according to CTIP II partner Cambodian Center for the Protection of Children's Rights (CCPCR), the number of children beggars is estimated to be well over a hundred.

In order to fight this plea, CTIP II in cooperation with its partner CCPCR launched the Self-help group (SHG) pilot project in September 2013 in the region. SHG strategy is to create sustainable livelihood for those families and for people at risk of being trafficked and to create safety nets in the communities. Finance management and vocational trainings, development of business plans and loans

are only but a few tools used in the strategy. The SHG philosophy for loans is that the members need to gradually reimburse them by paying a monthly interest of USD 3. And it is working so far.

SHG also motivates families to support the education of their children and inform them on the risks and consequences of child begging. Indeed, at the same time, CTIP II partner CCPCR also provides education to the children during their temporary stay at shelters.

There are currently 2 SHGs, benefitting to 59 members. In May 2014, the first SHG members learned how to develop a business plan for which they received a USAID-funded business grant a month later. They all have started running their business since then.

As for the 2nd SHG, it is currently developing a new project that would enable all members to eventually own at least one cow. The idea is for 10 selected members to first receive cows and then to give their first 2 baby cows to the 20 other group members. This particular rule was even formulated by the members themselves – a great sign of a change of mentality and that solidarity is on its way.



#### **In brief this quarter**

- Development of the National Plan of Action: Both NGOs and the government shared their ideas to the National Committee. The NGO input has been greatly appreciated and supported by the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training.

# Hotline number of Interactive Voice Response on Safe Migration: 095 975 804

This number can be called free of charge for Cellcard clients until 30/09/2014

**If you see or fall into human trafficking, you can also try to seek for help  
through the following numbers:**



## **In Cambodia**

Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile  
Protection (AHTJP) Head Office:  
023 99 79 19 or 12 88 (free call)

### **Other Provincial AHTJP Offices:**

Phnom Penh	017 276 222
Siem Reap	017 258 222
Battambang	017 236 222
Kampomg Thom	017 254 222
Banteay Meanchey	017 260 222
Kampong Chhnang	017 326 222
Sihanouk Ville	017 259 222



## **NGO Contact Number In Cambodia**

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088 695 4178 (Siem Reap)

Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW)  
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