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Date : 28-30 November 2023

Location : Bangkok, Thailand

Day 1	28 November 2023
Time	Session
08:00 – 08:30	Registration All participants register at the Eastin Grand Hotel Sathorn, Bangkok
08:30 – 09:00	Opening Remarks The opening session will highlight the key priorities of USAID (United States Agency for International Development) in the battle against Trafficking in Persons (TIP) in the Asian region. Contributors: Nils Mueller, <i>Director of the General Development Office, USAID/Regional Development Mission for Asia (USAID/RDMA)</i> ; Akib Anwar, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i> ; & Sara Piazzano, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i>
09:00 – 11:00	Paradigm Shift: Survivor-led Approaches to CTIP Traditionally, survivors have been positioned as passive subjects in counter-trafficking initiatives. This session, rooted in survivor expertise, seeks to dismantle this model. It champions a forum for survivors to guide pivotal discussions on what genuine survivor engagement means, in order to provide pragmatic guidance for CTIP practitioners to effectively actualize this transformative shift. The workshop will be co-designed and delivered by survivors. Contributors: Abdus Salam, <i>Humanity Research Consultancy</i> ; Urmila Shresta, <i>Shakti Samuha</i> ; Put Rim, <i>Chab Dai</i> ; Selina Akter, <i>Survivor's Voice ANIRBAN, Fight Slavery and Trafficking in Persons (FSTIP)</i> ; & Al Amin Noyon, <i>Survivor's Voice ANIRBAN, FSTIP</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Booth walk with refreshments Participants will have the opportunity to stroll through a series of stalls, set up by a diverse range of CTIP stakeholders including grassroots CSOs, international NGOs, and anti-trafficking practitioners showcasing their respective roles and unique programs in the Asia region.



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<p>11:15 – 12:45</p>	<p>Bridges to Healing: Innovations in Trauma Recovery (Pitch Challenge)</p> <p>This session will showcase alternative approaches to facilitating the healing process and promoting holistic recovery among survivors, highlighting the transformative impact of using symbols, art, theater, interactive games, sport-based interventions and others. The highly anticipated annual Pitch Challenge will also be launched, inviting researchers to partner with CSOs to explore the impact of innovative interventions on survivors' holistic recovery.</p> <p>Contributors: Uma Chatterjee, <i>Sanjog</i>; Kamal Raj, <i>Cross Global</i>; Nina Kosyuk, <i>Damytu</i>; & Michaelle Tauson, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i></p>
<p>12:45 – 13:45</p>	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>The Glass House restaurant, 5th Floor</p>
<p>13:45 – 15:45</p>	<p>Practitioner's Mirror: A Workshop on Positionality</p> <p>As practitioners and researchers in the field of human trafficking, we have an ethical responsibility to be aware of the potential impact our background and beliefs have on the decisions we make when implementing programs or conducting research. This workshop aims to facilitate an honest discussion, in a safe space, on unconscious bias and coping cycles of practitioners/ humanitarian or social workers that can lead to negative outcomes for communities and survivors we work with. We will come away with tools and personal exercises that can help us to reflect, pivot, and do better.</p> <p>Contributors: Isla Wilson, <i>Migrasia</i>; Michaelle Tauson, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i>; Sk Najmul Islam, <i>Ashshash Project</i>; Nodira Saidkarimova, <i>Safe Migration in Central Asia (SMICA)</i>; Stanley Joseph, <i>Praxis</i>; Nicole Goodrich, <i>Winrock International</i>; Sabina Malik, <i>Winrock International</i>; & Jonathan Chang, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i></p>
<p>15:45 – 16:00</p>	<p>Booth walk with refreshments</p>
<p>16:00 – 18:00</p>	<p>Battling Cyberslavery: Regional and Global Cooperation</p> <p>In the digital age, cyberslavery has emerged as a pervasive and complex issue that transcends geographical boundaries. To effectively combat this form of modern slavery, it is crucial to transition from isolated efforts to more collaborative approaches. This session aims to facilitate an interactive and engaging session where participants explore strategies, share experiences, and build networks to tackle cyberslavery collectively.</p> <p>Contributors: Mina Chiang, <i>Humanity Research Consultancy</i>; Mark Taylor, <i>USAID Cambodia CTIP</i>; Kristin Rosella, <i>ReAct</i>; Monica Sok, <i>ReAct</i>; & Ryan Winch, <i>Regional Support Office of the Bali Process (RSO)</i></p>



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Day 2	29 November 2023
Time	Session
08:00 – 08:30	<p>Working and Connecting Session: Pitch Challenge</p> <p>USAID Asia CTIP will encourage all interested researchers and organizations to begin connecting with CSOs implementing innovations for trauma recovery, as highlighted on Day 1.</p>
08:30 – 08:45	<p>Recap of Day 1 MC: Julia Macher, <i>Freedom Collaborative</i></p>
08:45 – 10:15	<p>Integrating Climate Change Response to CTIP Programming</p> <p>This session will bring together experts and practitioners to discuss linkages that exist between sectors with a high incidence of forced labor (extractive mining, fisheries, intensive agriculture, textiles, forestry) and climate change. The goal of this session is to come up with actionable ideas to integrate CTIP programming into the existing climate change response.</p> <p>Contributors: Zakia Naznin, <i>B-PEMS Augrojatra Climate Change</i>; Ibrahim Ahmad, <i>B-PEMS Augrojatra Climate Change</i>; Tasneem Siddiqui, <i>University of Dhaka, Refugee and Migratory Movements' Research Unit</i></p>
10:15 – 10:30	<p>Booth walk with refreshments</p>
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Unlocking the Migrant Potential: Redefining Migration as a Fundamental Right</p> <p>The workshop session convenes labor migrants, researchers, and NGOs from Asia to exchange systematic findings and insights from studies and projects concerning migration barriers. Focused on orderly, informed, and low-cost migration with dignity, the event aims to facilitate knowledge exchange, generate action items and strategic collaboration areas, and formulate policy recommendations for the region. By reshaping the perception of migration as both secure and beneficial for migrants and posing migrants as force of economic development, the workshop underscores the need to establish supportive systems encompassing policies and economics to facilitate such a transformative shift.</p> <p>Contributors: Akib Anwar, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i>; Mina Chiang, <i>Humanity Research Consultancy</i>; Andika A Wahab, <i>National University of Malaysia</i>; Bhim Shrestha, <i>Shramik Sanjal</i>; Aminul Islam, <i>BRAC</i>; Sokchar Mom, <i>Legal Support for Children and Women</i>; Arlene Nietes Satapornvanit, <i>USAID Sustainable Fish Asia Technical Support (SuFiA TS), Tetra Tech</i>; Shariful Islam, <i>BRAC</i>; Nawin Santikarn, <i>ELEVATE Hong Kong Holdings Limited</i>; & Pamungkas Ayudaning Dewanto, <i>University of Mataram</i></p>



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12:00 – 13:00	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>The Glass House restaurant, 5th Floor</p>
13:00 – 15:00	<p>Voices that Matter: Participatory Approaches to CTIP Programming and Evaluation</p> <p>What is participatory monitoring, evaluation, and learning and why is it useful? How can organizations incorporate participatory methods to guide MEL strategy and ensure better outcomes for program stakeholders? This workshop will provide exercises, tools, and resources for organizations to reflect on and improve their MEL through inclusive and ethically-minded engagement with stakeholders.</p> <p>Contributors: Emily Wyman, <i>Rights Lab</i>; Stanley Joseph, <i>Praxis</i>; & Meerim Bolotbaeva <i>Safe Migration in Central Asia (SMICA)</i></p>
15:00 – 15:15	<p>Booth walk with refreshments</p>
15:15 – 16:45	<p>Engendering Change: GESI Integration in CTIP Programming</p> <p>The aim of a gender transformative workshop is to challenge and transform gender norms, roles, and power dynamics to promote gender equality and social inclusion. The workshop seeks to create a space for critical reflection, dialogue, and learning, with the goal of CTIP practitioners to be able to identify tools they can use to support GESI integration to programming and adapt them into to their own contexts.</p> <p>Contributors: Julia Macher, <i>Freedom Collaborative</i> & Kusalin Wongnamkob, <i>GESI Consultant</i></p>
16:45 - 17:00	<p>Booth walk with refreshments</p>
17:00 - 17:30	<p>Film Screening: Caring for Survivors</p> <p>USAID’s Fight Slavery and Trafficking in Persons Activity of Winrock International in Bangladesh has developed a series of animated videos explaining the “do’s and don’ts” of providing care for human trafficking survivors, placing a particular emphasis on “Do No Harm” principles and preventing revictimization. The videos provide valuable guidance for caring for survivors from the time of identification to dignified reintegration. Moreover, the videos promote a rights-based, trauma-informed, and survivor-centered approach that prioritizes survivors’ well-being and ensures their needs are kept at the center of decisions from planning to delivery of services.</p> <p>Contributors: Susan Stamper & Md. Nazrul Islam (Dipto), <i>USAID Fight Slavery and Trafficking-in-Persons (FSTIP)</i>; Hosna Ara Rekha, <i>Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)</i></p>



Day 3	30 November 2023
Time	Session
08:30 – 08:45	<p>Recap of Day 2 MC: Charis Smuthkochorn, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i></p>
08:45 – 09:15	<p>Film Screening: Trapped people</p> <p>A short film by widely acclaimed investigative filmmaker and journalist Mahi Ramakrishnan, “Trapped People” focuses on the plight and struggles of the people who form the backbone of Malaysia: immigrant workers. The film explores reasons for the flourishing trade of migrant smuggling Flores, Indonesia to Malaysia.</p>
09:15 – 10:45	<p>Narratives of Change: Harnessing Storytelling to Combat Human Trafficking</p> <p>In the fight against human trafficking, storytelling has emerged as a powerful tool to raise awareness, inspire action, and foster change. This interactive workshop dives into the world of narratives, exploring how storytelling can be harnessed as a transformative force to combat human trafficking. Participants will delve into the art of crafting impactful stories, understand the nuances of effective storytelling techniques, and explore strategies to inspire action and create meaningful change.</p> <p>Contributors: Mahi Ramakrishnan, <i>Investigative Documentary Filmmaker</i>; Shariful Islam Hasan, <i>BRAC</i>; & Meghan MacBain, <i>USAID Thailand CTIP</i></p>
10:45 – 11:00	<p>Booth walk with refreshments</p>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Empowering Domestic Workers: Building a Bridge to Better Rights and Recognition</p> <p>Despite often being less protected by labor regulations, domestic workers are indispensable to the economy as they enable other family members to participate in the workforce, ultimately boosting overall productivity. This workshop serves as a vital platform for migrant domestic workers and regional NGOs to come together, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange. Participants will share their experiences and strategies, with the goal of enhancing the safety and success of migration endeavors for domestic workers. Additionally, this event aims to facilitate the development of an advocacy agenda that emphasizes their integral societal role and advocates for improved recognition and protection of their rights</p> <p>Contributors: Sirivipa Thedvichienchai, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i>; Bijaya Rai Shrestha, <i>AMKAS Nepal</i>; David Bishop, <i>Migrasia</i>; Jaya Anil Kumar, <i>Humanitarian Organisation for Migration Economics (HOME)</i>; Fitra Wicaksana, <i>ReAct</i>; Kay Yamagiwa, <i>USAID Laos CTIP</i>; & Yada Chuaychamnak, <i>USAID Thailand CTIP</i></p>



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12:30 – 13:30	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>The Glass House restaurant, 5th Floor</p>
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Film screening: A Beacon of Inspiration</p> <p>"A Beacon of Inspiration" highlights the triumphant tales of human trafficking survivors from Bangladesh's high-risk regions. Through the Switzerland-supported 'Ashshash' project implemented by Winrock International, experience their resilience and journey towards recovery. This project's unique victim-centered and gender-sensitive approach has empowered survivors, turning them into leaders and advocates. Join us in celebrating these survivor leaders and catalysts for change who are making an impact on the lives of countless others today!</p> <p>Contributors: Najmul Islam, <i>Ashshash Project</i> & Meri Parvin, <i>Survivor, Bangladesh</i></p>
14:30 – 15:30	<p>EmpowerU: Sharing: Voices from Migrant Worker Students</p> <p>EmpowerU is a non-profit organization founded in 2018 by a team of University of Hong Kong (HKU) educators and a community of determined domestic workers. This side event, led by EmpowerU students, will share the types educational and mentorship programs on offer to migrant workers in Hong Kong, benefits of the programs, and explore the potential for similar programs to be replicated in countries across Asia.</p> <p>Contributors: Bradley Aaron, <i>EmpowerU</i> & Liberty Bognadon, <i>Migrasia</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	<p>Booth walk with refreshments</p>
15:45 – 16:15	<p>Pitch Challenge Selection</p> <p>A selection panel from the Asia CTIP project will announce three finalists for the <i>Bridges to Healing: Innovations in Trauma Recovery Pitch Challenge</i>.</p> <p>Contributors: Michaelle Tauson, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i> & John Luke Chua, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i></p>
16:15 – 17:15	<p>Takeaways and Next Steps</p> <p>Brainstorming session to gather feedback from participants and main takeaways from the workshop.</p> <p>Contributor: Nicole Goodrich, <i>Winrock International</i></p>
17:15 – 17:30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Contributor: John Luke Chua, <i>USAID Asia CTIP</i></p>



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