


Legal Support for Children and Women

Addressing the needs of Cambodian
Migrants in crisis in Klong Yai district,
Trat, Thailand



Presented by the LSCW Migrant Support Team
(MST)



Project structure and activities

- Target: Cambodian migrant workers in Klong Yai district
 - Mobile Support Team (MST): Three staff (Coordinator, project officer and mobile staff)
 - Two weeks - Migrant Support team based in Klong Yai district
 - Three times a year awareness raising in Takeo and Kampot on safe migration
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What has been achieved?

- ❑ Project began July 2005. Cross-border Koh Kong/ Klong Yai border
 - ❑ Establishment of a Migrant Volunteer Support Network (10 Volunteers)
 - ❑ Research on the situation of Cambodian migrant workers (Sept 2005) and survey report of cross-border migration (Feb 2006)
 - ❑ Cooperation with Raksthai Foundation who work on health and HIV/AIDS
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- Mapping of resources and services in Klong Yai district
 - Capacity building of migrant volunteers and inclusion in national level meetings
 - Lobbying for cross-border cooperation and enforcement of labour and trafficking laws and MOUs (Trafficking and migrant workers)
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Awareness raising on rights, laws and legal policies

- Thai registration procedure and Certificate of Identification (CI) and visa process
 - New legal channels of migration through recruitment agencies
 - Thai government decisions on education
 - MOU on employment of workers
 - Child and migrant rights
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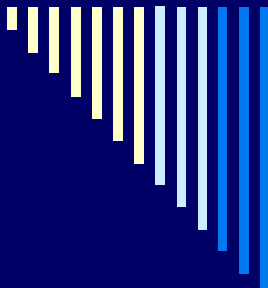
Awareness raising in port areas in Klong Yai district





Female Cambodian migrant with Certificate of Identification (CI)





Information collected from migrants by the MST

- ❑ Info and data has been collected by the VSN (six month report)
 - ❑ Details of various industries (construction, fishing, fish processing, shrimp peeling, saw-mills, loading and unloading)
 - ❑ Reasons for migrant children's non-attendance at school
 - ❑ Problems and issues faced by Cambodian migrants in KY district
 - ❑ Saving and remitting money
 - ❑ Female migrant workers
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Collecting information from migrant volunteers





Working to Empower Cambodian migrant workers

In eight different villages in Klong Yai district

- ❑ Rights of migrant workers regarding holding of work permit
 - ❑ Rights in regard to Thai Labour Protection Act
 - ❑ Rights of women, children and migrants generally
 - ❑ Information on making a complaint to the Labour Protection Office in Trat
 - ❑ Information on new legal channels and MOU
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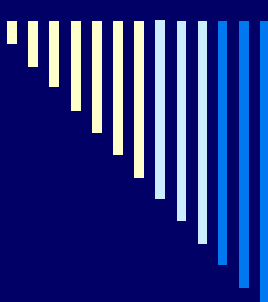
Thai Labour Protection Act session with fish processors





Findings

- ❑ High percent of young female Cambodian migrant workers under 18 years old
 - ❑ Klong Yai district is transit point for trafficking to other areas of Thailand especially fishermen
 - ❑ Large numbers of migrant children and families
 - ❑ Social problems (drinking, gambling, killings, domestic violence, rape, violence)
 - ❑ Migrants in crisis (abandoned babies, disappearance, debt, irregular work, arrest)
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Large numbers of Cambodia migrant children lack access to education





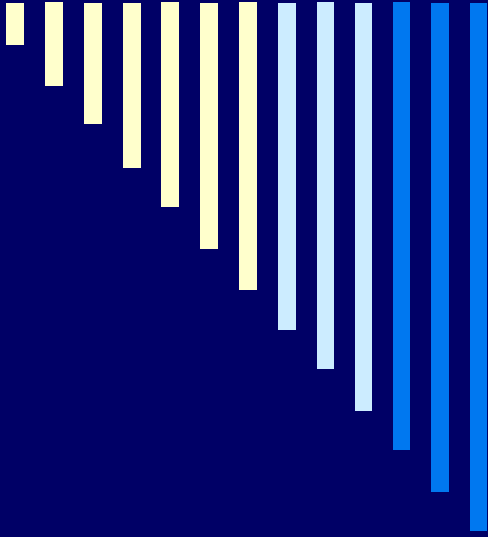
Future activities

- ❑ Establishment of female migrant support groups and fishermen network
 - ❑ Research on Cambodian fishermen
 - ❑ Referral system for migrants in crisis especially serious labour exploitation
 - ❑ Training of Cambodian migrant workers in protection strategies
 - ❑ Cross-border mechanism for returns between Klong Yai and Koh Kong
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Our appeal

- To work in collaboration with Raksthai and the PHAMIT partners and share information and resources
 - To distribute information on legal rights through the PHAMIT partners
 - To strengthen cooperation between Thai and Cambodian NGOs for the benefit of migrants
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Thank you for your
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