ENHANCING A VICTIM CENTERED APPROACH: IDENTIFICATION, ASSISTANCE, AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Advancing an understanding for a victim centered approach to assist and protect trafficked persons
Victim Background

1. Age
2. Sex
3. Nationality
4. Family situation (before migrate)
5. General Observation (physical, psychology)
6. Is rarely alone

Group Q

ACTION
- Do you have an illegal documentation?
- Was your port contacted?
- Who assisted you to process this document?

MEANING
- Why did you migrate?
- How many times have you migrated?
Victims should be at the forefront of government efforts to address trafficking in persons.
THE SITUATION

Trafficking in persons is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of a person by deceptive, coercive, or other means for the purpose of exploiting that person.¹

Virtually every country in the world is affected by trafficking as a country of origin, transit or destination. Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, in their home countries and abroad.

Trafficking in persons is especially prevalent in the Asia Pacific region. As organized crime and trafficking syndicates continue to evolve, it is essential that Bali Process Member State Officials are provided with a platform to exchange best practices and access to training to build a robust victim centered approach to identifying and protecting victims of trafficking.

¹ Compare definition of trafficking in persons in Article 3 of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons (Trafficking in Persons Protocol)
THE TRAINING WORKSHOP

Following two successful workshops in 2014, CIFAL and the RSO in partnership with IOM are continuing to work with Bali Process Member States to provide in depth training related to the identification, assistance and support of victims of human trafficking. The workshops, *Enhancing a Victim Centered Approach: Identification, Assistance, and Protection of Trafficking Victims in the Asia-Pacific Region*, also provide an opportunity to share expertise on human trafficking and victim-centred approaches with government officials, civil society groups and trafficking survivor groups.

Through 2015 the RSO and CIFAL will organize two training workshops in June and October with the October workshop being supported by the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). These workshops will continue to engage local government and NGOs from Bali Process Member States to provide training related to a victim centred approach to addressing trafficking in persons.

Through the training workshops the RSO and CIFAL seek to advance an understanding of human trafficking issues among local stakeholders with an emphasis on the following subjects: trafficking trends in East Asia; available international legal tools to combat trafficking; international/national standards of assistance and referral systems for victims of trafficking; and the role of governmental and non-governmental agencies.

CIFAL in affiliation with UNITAR has become a knowledge hub and platform for promoting city-to-city cooperation. Through this approach, CIFAL directs its capacity building efforts towards local actors. CIFAL Jeju / Jeju International Training Center (JITC) focuses on the thematic area of social inclusion, especially focuses on the human trafficking issues which impact on the capability of human beings to drive their own lives and decide their own future. Cities in the Asia-Pacific region can substantially improve the situation by focusing and sharing experiences on the prevention of trafficking, prosecution of traffickers and the protection and reintegration of victims of trafficking. Therefore, this training aims at strengthening the role of local authorities in the Asia-Pacific region to better identify and protect trafficking victims.
ENHANCING A VICTIM CENTERED APPROACH TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Following the Enhancing a Victim Centered Approach Training, participants will be better equipped to:

1. Demonstrate the linkages between human security and the victim-centered approach to protection of trafficking victims
2. Explain and apply standards and exchange good practices in identifying, assisting and protecting trafficking victims
3. Analyze how anti-trafficking strategies, policies and frameworks can be adapted for local implementation and present inter-agency/governmental coordination methods
4. Be prepared to promote information and practice exchanges between central/provincial governments and NGOs/local actors

SESSIONS INCLUDED IN THE CIFAL-RSO TRAINING WORKSHOP

1. Concept introduction – Who is a victim and what is a victim-centred approach
2. Introducing the 3P Approach: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution
3. Exercise: Awareness-Raising Campaign Checklist
4. Protection and Identification of Refugees in the Context of Human Trafficking
5. The Nexus of Labour Migration, Forced Labour and Human Trafficking
6. Assistance for Victims of Trafficking
7. Exercise: Creating Checklists to Facilitate the Identification of Victims
8. Exercise: Planning Programs for Victim Assistance
10. Cooperation between Local Authorities and NGOs/Social Service Providers
11. Monitoring and Evaluation of Anti-Trafficking Interventions
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REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES

The Victim Centered Approach training workshops rely upon a range of resource persons with vast regional expertise in victim centered approaches to combating trafficking in persons. Organisations that have presented at the training include:

- International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- The Regional Support Office of the Bali Process (RSO)
- United Nations Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons (UNACT)
- And the Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women (GAATW)

PARTICIPANTS

Thus far the partnership has trained participants from:

- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Thailand

GET INVOLVED

To take part in the CIFAL-RSO training workshops, receive a copy of the curriculum or to enquire about becoming a presenter, please contact info@rso.baliprocess.net

The RSO also welcomes secondments from interested Bali Process Member States to work on similar training workshops or related projects.