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MIGRANT ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION PROGRAM (MAPP): THAILAND

OVERVIEW

The Greater Mekong Sub-region (comprising of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam), and Malaysia is a diverse and highly dynamic region, characterized by evolving economies, political instability, and significant movements of populations across borders, typically in search of better livelihood opportunities.

Since 2010, IOM Thailand has provided assistance to governments to support vulnerable migrants in the region with a strong focus on addressing human trafficking and exploitation through the **Migrant Assistance and Protection Programme (MAPP)**.

In Thailand, MAPP aims to contribute to improving the well-being of migrants in Thailand through **(1) capacity building** for government agencies, civil society and migrant communities, and **(2) direct assistance** for vulnerable migrants.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Training for government and nongovernment stakeholders on Communication for Development (C4D) strategies for trafficking in persons (TIP) prevention
- Outreach facilitation and support for governmental and nongovernmental partners in raising awareness on safe migration and trafficking in persons
- Training support government and nongovernment actors as well as private sector employees on victim identification and trafficking indicators
- Developing information, education and communication (IEC) materials
- Supporting ongoing capacity building of interpreters for victim identification and migrant protection services
- Promoting cooperation and coordination among government and nongovernment counterparts at the local and cross border levels
- Building government and nongovernment actors' capacities in responding to crisis situations

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

- Emergency direct assistance for vulnerable migrants and victims of trafficking
- Voluntary return assistance for victims of trafficking, vulnerable migrants and stranded vulnerable migrants
- Legal clinic services for migrants, especially birth registration of migrant children born in Mae Sot General Hospital

KEY FACTS



Project Duration: October 2017 to September 2018

Field Locations: Mae Sot, Ranong, and Phang Nga

Main Partners: Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (MSDHS), Ministry of Labour (MOL), and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)

Project Beneficiaries: Vulnerable Migrants, Victims of Trafficking, Government Officials, Nongovernmental Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Migrant Networks

Donor: U.S. Department of State — Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration (PRM)



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS (2016-2017)

- 8 C4D trainings organized for 243 participants from governmental, nongovernmental and community based organizations
- 23,790 migrants reached and informed on birth registration, migrant assistance, safe migration and counter trafficking
- 34,781 participants reached via 170 outreach campaigns and 6 public awareness raising campaigns conducted on migrant registration, migrant health insurance scheme, trafficking in persons, birth registration and ministerial regulations on fisher labor protection organized
- 49,021 migrants benefited from IOM interpretation services during screening interviews, case management, psychosocial sessions, medical attention and return processes
- 100 Thai ambassadors and consulate officials sensitized on the Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) Initiative
- 21 Thai victims of trafficking and 3 non-Thai vulnerable migrants provided with return assistance
- 16,120 migrants supported by the IOM emergency fund with medication, health insurance, hygiene, and nutrition support needs
- 981 fishermen provided with medical kit sets
- 1,009 migrant newborns were assisted with birth registration at the Mae Sot Legal Clinic
- 5 bilateral meetings on return and reintegration, and case management of victims of trafficking between Thailand and Myanmar, and Thailand and Cambodia, as well as 3 bilateral border cooperation meetings were supported by IOM MAPP
- Developed and launched Interpreter Handbook for Victim of Trafficking Protection and Assistance in collaboration with DATIP



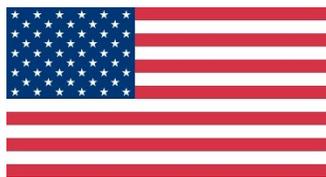
Migrant children learn about safe migration through interactive games. Photo: IOM 2017



First aid kits and information materials are regularly distributed to migrant fishermen. Photo: IOM 2017



Migrant parents are provided with birth registration assistance at Mae Sot Hospital Photo: IOM 2017



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