



# STOP

HUMAN TRAFFICKING



## newsletter

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### Director Steve Morrish

Welcome to the first SISHA newsletter. SISHA will be compiling a newsletter every month to inform related partners, donors and interested partners about news and events involving SISHA and our activities.

Over the past 3 years I have worked with various non-government organisations (NGO's) in South East Asia, in particular Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and India, investigating human trafficking and child sexual exploitation and I have been a part of many offender prosecutions and victim rescues.

The desire to commence SISHA has been driven by a personal goal to assist exploited women and children, and varying aspects within the antihuman trafficking and sexual exploitation community.

Cambodia currently has a minimal amount of proactive NGO's that actively investigate incidents of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation in local and provincial areas and prosecution rates achieved by NGO's indicate that the overall investigation capabilities are extremely inadequate.

It is paramount that NGO's employ staff that are qualified and experienced in policing and investigation, whether local or non local, to ensure quality investigations and evidence compilation.

This will not only increase the detection of perpetrators of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation but greatly enhance the likelihood of successful prosecutions.

Quality evidence collection and presentation will also increase the Judiciary's awareness of available resources and evidence collection methods.

Furthermore, evidence quality, understanding rules of evidence and evidence compilation and the ability of NGO's to identify and collect valuable physical evidentiary material from victims needs to be improved.

The inadequacies greatly affect the quality of investigations and influence the outcomes of police and judiciary.

Overall, the ability of local police to investigate incidents of human trafficking and sexual exploitation is of a basic standard, however due to internal controls and the current operating environment in Cambodia, there is often a reluctance to be proactive.

The ability of provincial police to conduct similar investigations is far less efficient.

It is therefore imperative that NGO's who conduct training programs for local police communicate with each other and develop standardised training material that will enhance capacity building of basic policing skills and create training material that specifically addresses sex offence investigation.

### SISHA and ASIC Registration

SISHA has the privilege of being associated with Middletons Law Firm Australia who are currently acting on SISHA's behalf and preparing all the necessary documentation required for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).



**'Thai Police inform two rescued Khmer girls and that they are safe and will be taken to a care center'**

Registration has commenced and SISHA will be a public listed company within the month.

SISHA would like to thank Middletons Law Firm who are kindly conducting all of the work for SISHA on a pro-bono basis.

Once registered in Australia, SISHA will be an international non government organisation and be able to apply for a memorandum of understanding with the Cambodian Government requesting permission to conduct investigations into human trafficking and child sexual exploitation.

### Appointment of SISHA Board of Directors

The month of May saw the appointment of 3 board of directors to SISHA (all voluntary).

Rod New and Nola Gray are two Australian based directors who will bring much needed business and administration expertise to the organisation. Peter Gray is a Cambodia based director who will bring business and administration expertise to SISHA as well knowledge and experience in dealing with non-government organisations involved in humanitarian work. SISHA welcomes the newly appointed directors and wishes them the very best for their future with SISHA.



**'Rescued Khmer girls are transported to a care center via mini van'**