



STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Newsletter

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Welcome to the November Newsletter

SISHA would like to deeply thank the constant and ever growing list of people and organisations that are supporting SISHA in our efforts to suppress human trafficking, sexual exploitation and bonded labor in South East Asia. Without your support SISHA would not be able to investigate incidents of trafficking and exploitation and assist the many exploited men, women and children.

November was another busy month for SISHA. Director Steve Morrish conducted a police training course on behalf of NGO - 'International Justice Mission' between the 1st – 15th of November, teaching twenty five (25) Anti Human Trafficking & Juvenile Protection Police in Sihanoukville Province, Cambodia, 'Witness & Victim Interview Techniques' and Courtroom Procedures'.

Director Steve Morrish would like to thank Maggie Eno and the children at M'Lop Tapang children's orphanage for their involvement and role playing during the 'Witness & Victim Interview Techniques' practical exercises. Without their assistance, the police trainees would not have been able to put into practice what theory they had learnt in the classroom.



'Anti Human Trafficking & Juvenile Protection Police conduct victim interviews during police training'

On the 16th of November 2007, Director Steve Morrish attended the Cambodia National 'Trafficking In Persons' stakeholder forum held at the Cambodian Hotel, Phnom Penh and presented results of the research study he conducted over the past 4 months on police training in Cambodia on behalf of NGO - The Asia Foundation. The findings indicated that there are numerous problems with current police training, recruitment and promotion systems in the Cambodia National Police and that four recommendations needed to be considered by the Cambodian Government and high ranking officials of the National Police, if the quality and level of police training and ability of the Cambodia National Police is to be improved and recognised at international levels.

1. The development and implementation of a national standardised police training curriculum.
2. The development and implementation of standardised instructor intake processes and training programs.
3. The development and implementation of standardised recruitment processes for specialised departments.
4. The development and implementation of standardised training programs for specialist departments.

The results of the study were well received by Cambodia Government and policing officials, however in order to take the next step in addressing the identified issues, serious commitment is required by all involved, in particular International governments and financial support organisations. The research study will be placed onto the SISHA website www.sisha.org in the very near future.

Case

Over the past 3 weeks SISHA, in co-operation with Cambodian Anti Human Trafficking Police, had been conducting an investigation into illegal people trafficking from Cambodia to Thailand for the purposes of forced labor. On the 20th of November, SISHA and police raided a rented house in Poipet province and located 43 Cambodian men who were ready to be trafficked across the Cambodian/Thailand border. The men who are from various poor provinces in Cambodia had been led to believe that they would receive good paying jobs in Thailand. The reality being that once across the border the men would be placed into the illegal logging and fishing industries, have their identification and travel documents taken from them and made to work long hours for very small amounts of money. Two Cambodian men, Ke Chanrith (37 y/o) & Ma Sasmath (45 y/o) were arrested at the house and charged with kidnapping and human trafficking. They are now in pre-trial detention.



'43 Cambodian men rescued before being trafficked to Thailand'

Case

In 2005 a young 17 year old Cambodian girl named Chhorvy was trafficked from Cambodia to Thailand and sold to a brothel.

Chhorvy who is from a poor Cambodian family in Koh Kong province was deceived by a Cambodian male into believing that he could find her work in Thailand and make money to support her family. Chhorvy was taken across the Cambodia/Thailand border without any identification and sold to a brothel in Klong Yai, Thailand.

Chhorvy soon became aware that she had been sold to a brothel but refused to engage in sex with customers and after a short period of time was sold to another brothel in Klong Yai. Chhorvy was locked in a room against her will, verbally abused and physically assaulted by the owners of the brothel and was eventually forced to engage in sex with male customers, ultimately losing her virginity against her will.



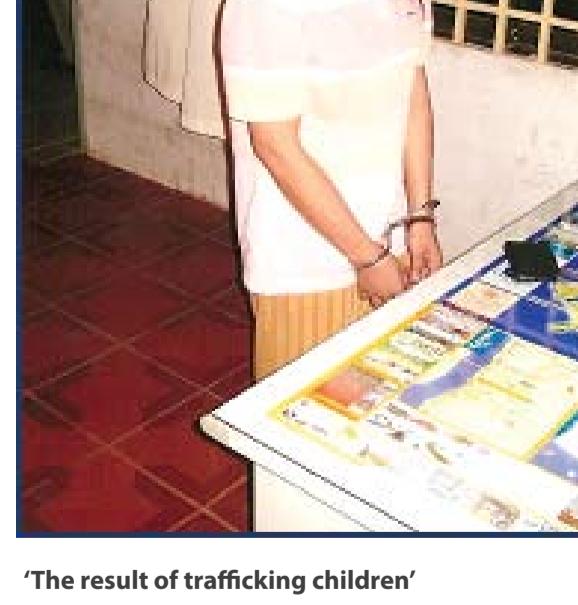
'Police inform the offender that she is under arrest for trafficking children'

For 6 months Chhorvy was raped by male customers until she managed, through the help of a friend, to notify authorities in Cambodia and was rescued a short time later. Koh Kong provincial court issued an arrest warrant for the owner of the brothel; however she eluded police arrest and fled to Cambodia.



'The offender is officially placed under arrest'

On Monday the 19th of November 2007, SISHA in co-operation with Cambodian Anti Human Trafficking police, located and arrested Lim Hann, the 29 year old Vietnamese brothel owner, in Sihanoukville province. Lim Hann was transferred to Koh Kong provincial court and is now in pre-trial detention in Koh Kong goal.



'The result of trafficking children'

SISHA Bank Account – SISHA is constantly seeking financial support from socially conscious companies and like minded individuals who wish to assist SISHA in rescuing victims from trafficking, sexual and non-sexual exploitation, bonded labor, rape and sexual assault. For those who wish to provide financial support, SISHA now has a Cambodian bank account and all donations can be sent to that account.

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