



Human trafficking workshop for Core Training Group

Date: October 28-31, 2008

Venue: Settha Palace, Vientiane

The Ministry of Justice and UNODC are organising a workshop for its Core Training Group on human trafficking. The workshop will revisit issues associated with human trafficking that were addressed in the series of previous workshops including; the Transnational Organised Crime (TOC) Convention and its accompanying Protocols on Trafficking in Persons, Smuggling of Migrants and Fire Arms, Lao legislation on human trafficking, UN. GIFT, awareness raising to prevent human trafficking, responding appropriately to trafficked victims within the criminal justice system, legal and safe labour practices to prevent illegal labour migrants from becoming victims of trafficking, specialised assistance and support to child victims of human trafficking and good practice interviewing techniques.

Purpose of the workshop:

Since October 2006, UNODC has been implementing the Project R76: *Strengthening of the legal and law enforcement institutions to prevent and combat human trafficking*. The project's goal is to enhance the criminal justice mechanisms and law enforcement against trafficking in persons in implementing the Transnational Organised Crime Convention and the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, the universal tools to address this global crime phenomenon.

This workshop will be the final in the first series for the Core Training Group.

The purpose of this workshop is to revisit some of the concepts and issues presented in the earlier workshops, allowing the participants to reflect upon the workshop series and clarify any outstanding queries or concerns that they may have. A test will take place for all participants at the conclusion of this workshop on the areas covered by all workshops to date. The test will include; multiple choice questions, short answer questions and an essay and must be passed by each participant before they can successfully complete the first series of the training programme.

Scheduled presentations:

- (1) Awareness Raising Measures to prevent human trafficking and tackle the demand for victims of sexual exploitation
 - ECPAT International (Bangkok)

- (2) The UN TOC Convention and its Protocols (The Trafficking in Persons, Smuggling of Migrants and Fire Arms Protocols)
 - UNODC

- (3) Lao legislation on human trafficking
 - UNODC

- (4) UNODC and its role in human trafficking prevention and UN. GIFT
 - UNODC

- (5) A case study of a successful UNODC human trafficking prevention project assisting with the implementation of the UN TOC Convention and TIP Protocol: Project R96 Vietnam 2005-2007
 - Mr Hoang Van Lai (former R96 Project Coordinator, Interpol)

- (6) Legal and safe labour practices to prevent illegal labour migrants from becoming victims of trafficking
 - Mr Kolakot ILO

- (7) Specialised assistance and support to child victims of human trafficking in the criminal justice process
 - ECPAT International, Thailand

- (8) The importance of identifying treating trafficked persons as victims of crime in the Lao criminal justice process
 - Mr Vienvilay, Lao National University, Faculty of Law.

It is proposed that a human trafficking drama be presented at the workshop by the students from the National University, Law Faculty, Community Legal Education (CLE) Programme. This drama has been presented as a part of their CLE programme whereby law students educate village communities on various aspects of national law. Human trafficking is one area that the CLE programme aims to address and raise awareness of at village level.