Rapid Assessment

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FOREGWORD

Asia in general and ASEAN countries in particular are witnessing an unprecedented mobility and migration of populations in the region, fuelled by robust and consistent economic growth in the last decade. These patterns are likely to continue into the future. Today there is a growing body of evidence that migrants and mobile people are more vulnerable to HIV than are populations that do not move. The recent report of the Commission on AIDS in Asia stated that “the future of Asia’s epidemics depends to a considerable extent on what happens to men’s incomes and their mobility outside family settings. Men who have disposable income, and who travel or migrate to work opportunities, provide most of the demand for commercial sex.” Women are a significant proportion of the migrant population and face a wide range of risks and vulnerability that expose them to exploitation, abuse and HIV.

Even though migrants and mobile populations are included as a vulnerable group in the National Strategic Plans (NSPs) of each of the 10 ASEAN Member States, comprehensive programmes to address their needs have yet to be developed, funded and implemented. Likewise, epidemiological data on HIV among migrants needs consolidation, and comprehensive and regular updating, and should be made accessible to practitioners and policy makers from all sectors.

Drawing on data collected during large resource mobilization efforts in 2007, the secretariats of the UN Regional Task Force on HIV and Mobility (UNRTF) and ASEAN agreed to put together the following rapid assessment document. It combines a concise country-by-country overview of HIV and mobility in each of the 10 ASEAN Member States with profiles of the major organizations working in the region on this issue. We hope that policy makers and practitioners find this report useful as they develop comprehensive rights-based responses to address the HIV-related issues that confront migrants and mobile populations throughout the migration cycle from their home countries, in transit to their destination and upon return.

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3 United Nations Regional Task Force on Mobility and HIV Vulnerability Reduction in South-East Asia and Southern Provinces of China
4 Canada South-East Asia Regional HIV/AIDS Programme
A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ASEAN

The ASEAN Heads of State and Government met in a Special Session on HIV and AIDS during the 12th ASEAN Summit in Cebu, Philippines, on 13 January 2007, to review and renew Member States’ commitments on HIV and AIDS. The Leaders reaffirmed ASEAN commitments to preventing the further transmission of HIV and mitigating the impacts of HIV and AIDS, by improving regional responses and enhancing Member States’ development of people-centred initiatives.

An important focus of ASEAN’s efforts has been on migrant and mobile populations, who are by far among the groups most-at-risk. Recognising this, the ASEAN leaders endorsed an ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers by recognising the contributions of migrant workers to the society and economy of both receiving states and sending states of ASEAN.

In line with this, the ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA) and the ASEAN Secretariat have been working closely with UNDP and the UN Regional Task Force on HIV and Mobility (UNRTF) to conduct a Rapid Assessment on HIV and Mobility Issues in all ten ASEAN Member States. This assessment provides information that will be useful for policy makers, health givers and clinicians in ensuring that migrant workers and mobile populations are provided with high-quality prevention and treatment services.

I would like to thank UNDP, the UNRTF and all others involved in this outstanding endeavour. This productive collaboration has put in place a milestone document which will further enhance ASEAN’s efforts at preventing and reducing the impacts of HIV and AIDS. It is through initiatives like this that we give meaning to ASEAN’s vision in forging a caring and sharing society.

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Secretary-General of ASEAN
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<td>Interpersonal communication</td>
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<td>Men who have sex with men</td>
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<td>Mobility technical working groups</td>
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<td>National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD (Cambodia)</td>
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<td>NGO</td>
<td>Non-governmental organization</td>
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<td>Overseas Filipinos Workers</td>
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<td>Orphans and vulnerable children</td>
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<td>Impact Alliance</td>
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<td>Provincial Committee for Control of AIDS (Lao PDR)</td>
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<td>Population and Community Development Association</td>
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<td>People living with HIV/AIDS</td>
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<td>Prevention of mother-to-child transmission</td>
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<td>Reflection and action within most-at-risk populations</td>
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<td>Refugee and Migrant Movement Research Unit</td>
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<td>Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation</td>
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<td>Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organization – Tropical Medicine and Public Health Network</td>
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<td>SPC</td>
<td>Secretariat of the Pacific Community</td>
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<td>Sexually transmitted diseases</td>
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<td>Sexually transmitted infections</td>
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<td>Thailand Ministry of Public Health – US Citizens Development Corps Collaboration</td>
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<td>Universal access</td>
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<td>United Nations Development Programme</td>
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<td>United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</td>
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<td>UNICEF</td>
<td>United Nations Children’s Fund</td>
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<td>USAID</td>
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<td>VCT</td>
<td>Voluntary counseling and testing</td>
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<td>VCLCT</td>
<td>Voluntary and confidential counseling and testing</td>
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<td>WARBEE</td>
<td>Welfare Association of Repatriated Bangladeshis Employees</td>
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<td>WFP</td>
<td>World Food Programme</td>
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<td>WHO</td>
<td>World Health Organization</td>
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<td>WOREC</td>
<td>Women’s Rehabilitation Center (Nepal)</td>
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Mobility is a broad term that describes the full range of mobility, from short-term movement to longer-term or permanent relocation. Mobile people are defined as “those who move from one place to another, temporarily, seasonally or permanently, for either voluntary or involuntary reasons.” Mobile people include: Refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and internally displaced persons.

In South-East Asia, mobility is a growing phenomenon and a major concern due to the high vulnerability to HIV of mobile populations. The dynamics of population movement have evolved in South-East Asia over the last decade, and are in a phase of acceleration due to multiple factors including geopolitical and socio-economic changes, infrastructure development and closer cooperation among ASEAN Member Countries. Whether mobility is internal or cross-border, whether it is voluntary or forced, this increasing population movement generates particular conditions and circumstances that render migrants vulnerable and at risk of HIV infection.

Largely due to growing political and economic integration in South-East Asia, the region is witnessing a steady increase in the millions who migrate between ASEAN Member Countries annually in search of employment. Migrants are a growing and essential part of the workforce in more economically developed countries in the region and beyond in some cases. Remittances from these workers to their families represent a significant portion of the national GDP (14.5% in the Philippines, according to World Bank 2006) and balance of payments.

Despite their contribution to national economies, migrant workers are often exploited, marginalized and stigmatized throughout the migration process. Studies show that mobile populations are vulnerable to discrimination, racism, exploitation and harassment at home and abroad. Their basic rights are violated in terms of pay and working conditions. Often poor and powerless, migrants have little or no right to legal or social protection and generally lack access to HIV/AIDS services and information.

While migration alone is not a vulnerability factor for HIV infection, the conditions under which people migrate expose them to HIV infection risks. New-found freedoms, disposable income, exploitation or abuse lead some migrants to high-risk behaviours, such as unprotected sex or drug use, making them vulnerable to HIV.

It is now clearly recognized in the region that the implementation of bilateral and regional memoranda of understanding, regional work plans, such as ASEAN Work Plan III, and regional strategies and declarations, such as the UNRTF Regional Strategy on Mobility and HIV Vulnerability Reduction and the ASEAN Declaration on the Rights of Migrants, require operationalization into coherent, collaborative and funded implementation plans at the national level. If envisioned results are to be achieved, regional coordination of the implementation of national plans and cross-border interventions in support of signed agreements is essential.

This document presents the key findings and recommendations of a rapid assessment conducted on HIV and mobility issues in the 10 ASEAN Member Countries in 2007-2008. It includes the migration patterns and HIV situation across the region, and the challenges and opportunities facing South-East Asian countries as they work together to develop a comprehensive response to HIV for migrant and mobile populations.

Migration patterns in South-East Asia are the result of complex push and pull factors. Dynamic and growing economies of Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam have attracted in cumulative numbers an estimated 7.6 million migrants—of which more than 3.8 million were undocumented. An estimated 12.6 million workers left Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam for better economic opportunities abroad (see table below).

Key findings

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Estimated HIV prevalence and mobility in South-East Asia

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<td>Indonesia</td>
<td>0.16%</td>
<td>3,500,000</td>
<td>175,000</td>
<td>3,675,000</td>
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<td>Lao PDR</td>
<td>&gt;0.1%</td>
<td>180,000</td>
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<td>Myanmar</td>
<td>0.7%*</td>
<td>1,850,000</td>
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<td>Malaysia</td>
<td>&lt;0.1%</td>
<td>3,600,000</td>
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<td>The Philippines</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
<td>400,000</td>
<td>200,000</td>
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<td>Viet Nam</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>9,580,000</td>
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Human trafficking has been reported in the majority of South-East Asian countries. Cambodia, Indonesia and Thailand are source, transit and destination countries for persons trafficked for forced labour and sexual exploitation. Malaysia and Viet Nam are source and destination countries for trafficked persons, while Lao PDR, the Philippines and Myanmar are source countries. Overall, limited reliable information is available on the magnitude of human trafficking in the region.
HIV trends

There are signs of progress in reducing the prevalence of HIV in some countries in the region. For example in Myanmar, Thailand and Cambodia, where despite the earlier presence of generalized HIV epidemics, the number of new infections per year has declined. In Cambodia and Myanmar, the general prevalence is now below 1% (0.9% and 0.7% respectively), according to the latest 2007 estimates. In contrast, Indonesia is experiencing one of the fastest growing HIV epidemics in Asia, through injecting drug users (IDUs) and men having unprotected sex with multiple partners. Viet Nam also saw a rapid increase of people living with HIV from 2000 to 2005, driven by injecting drug use and unprotected sex. Increasing numbers of women are infected by male partners who engage in either unsafe paid sex or injecting drugs. Moreover, Malaysia is facing a concentrated epidemic among IDUs: over 65% of HIV infections are estimated to result from unsafe injecting drug habits. In the other countries in the region, prevalence of HIV among adults (aged 15-49) is low at or below 0.1% and the main mode of transmission is unprotected sex.

Though comprehensive epidemiological data on HIV prevalence in migrants in South-East Asia is unavailable, current evidence indicates that in particular settings risk behaviour and HIV infection rates are considerably higher among migrants than in the general population. Exclusion, loneliness, exploitation, abuse, and other hardships which migrants and mobile populations face may result in higher incidences of transactional sex, sex for survival, rape, or commercial sex and increased risk of STI/HIV transmission. In Thailand, where more comprehensive data exists, migrant fishermen exhibited much higher risk behaviour, with HIV infection rates as high as 9%.¹² HIV infection rates in sex workers in border areas are consistently reported higher than elsewhere in Thailand and HIV rates among pregnant women tested at antenatal clinics (ANC) were significantly higher in migrant women than among local Thais.¹³ In the Philippines, 35% of registered people living with HIV were returning migrants as were 30% in Lao PDR, according to data from each country’s National AIDS Programme. Most of them acquired the virus through unprotected sex in the destination country.

Response: Opportunities and challenges

Every ASEAN Member Country has responded to the HIV epidemic’s health and development challenges. Six countries — Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam — are currently implementing a total of over USD 200 million in HIV grants received from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) from its first round in 2001 to 2007. Several other bilateral and multilateral donors are contributing financial support to the regional response.

National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plans and mechanisms to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic through HIV prevention, care and treatment have been developed in all ASEAN countries. These plans identify migrants as a distinct vulnerable group that should be included in the national response primarily through HIV prevention strategies. However, the response has focused on high-risk groups such as sex workers and their clients, men who have sex with men and IDUs, without addressing the mobility factor within these groups.

Overall, national health policies and HIV interventions in origin, transit and destination countries do not offer a comprehensive package of HIV prevention, care and treatment services that address HIV vulnerabilities and needs of migrants through all phases of the migration cycle: pre-departure, transit, destination and return. Recent studies have identified the risks and vulnerabilities of migrant and mobile populations. However, operationalization of national HIV strategic plans has yet to include comprehensive and coordinated national and regional responses that meet the needs of migrant and mobile populations.

Some programmatic and budgetary issues to take into account are:

Migrants are not covered by National AIDS Programmes’ services

Most national AIDS programmes do not make provisions for migrants’ access to essential HIV prevention, care and treatment services. Undocumented migrants have no access to health services or programmes within the host country.

Pre-departure HIV prevention efforts in origin countries may be ineffective

Countries of origin, especially Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Philippines and Viet Nam, have developed pre-departure training for outbound, documented migrant workers that includes HIV awareness sessions. The Philippines offers the most comprehensive HIV prevention interventions, including compulsory pre-departure HIV education. However, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure effective delivery of good quality HIV prevention messages and services to migrant workers remain to be developed. Migrants and trainers report that HIV sessions occur too late in the migration process, are of short duration and not comprehensive, and that migrants pay little attention to HIV issues a few days before moving abroad.

Mandatory health examinations may breach migrants’ rights

As in many other parts of the world, pre-departure and post-arrival health examinations are part of recruitment processes for migrant workers. Mandatory HIV testing in health examinations is required by the majority of ASEAN destination countries, except Thailand. Mandatory testing breaches migrant rights, including confidentiality and consent.

Health and HIV services in host countries not geared to migrants

Migrants, especially minorities, face cultural and language barriers. They often do not read or speak the host country language, and consequently do not understand the HIV/AIDS prevention information provided to them. Migrants also seldom have full access to health services in destination countries. In Thailand, registered migrants have access to health services with subsidized medical costs, but anti-retroviral treatment (ART) is not included. In other destination countries, documented migrant workers can access medical services although the cost varies depending on health insurance, if any. If migrants are found to be HIV-positive through routine testing in Malaysia, Singapore or Brunei Darussalam, they are repatriated.

Gaps in host-country treatment and referrals for migrants

Subsidised ART treatment is not available to migrants in any destination country, making it unaffordable. Moreover, there are no provisions for referral services for migrants found HIV-positive during health examinations. This is a major gap in health services throughout the region.

Undocumented migrants have limited access to health services

A large and growing percentage of the migrant population is undocumented or under-documented. Undocumented migrants, including those that have been trafficked, are less likely to seek health care, including treatment for STIs, testing for HIV, or any other services that would put them in contact with health authorities. They are difficult to reach with HIV prevention programming and rarely benefit from government health programmes given the underground nature of their situations. This presents a significant challenge to a comprehensive HIV prevention response.
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Discrimination against migrants, especially those with HIV

Migrants are often stigmatized and face discrimination in host countries, with HIV-positive migrants facing even greater discrimination and often immediate deportation if their sero-status is discovered. As a result, migrants are reluctant to determine their HIV status or to access other health services, increasing their vulnerability. Due to economic necessity, migrants will sacrifice access to treatment and services to remain in the host country. Upon return to their home countries, limited support is available for HIV-positive migrants and their HIV-positive status makes it unlikely that they will have the opportunity to work abroad again.

Recommendations

1) Develop gender-sensitive epidemiological data collection mechanisms

Limited HIV interventions targeting migrants in South-East Asia have inhibited data collection on risk behaviors and vulnerabilities and perpetuated the idea of migrants as a single homogeneous group. This has hindered effectively addressing migrant needs, reducing their vulnerabilities and providing strategic HIV programmes throughout the migration cycle. Greater commitment to rights-based research and epidemiological studies aimed at accurately assessing HIV vulnerability, risks, trends and patterns along migratory routes is required.

2) Strengthen regional cooperation to ensure a continuum of services for migrants

Effective coordination of the response to HIV and mobility in South-East Asia requires better cooperation among ASEAN Member Countries in translating national HIV programmes for migrant and mobile populations into harmonized interventions and health policies that focus on HIV prevention, care and treatment services throughout the migration cycle. Linguistic and cultural sensitivity is important to an effective regional response.

3) Create and fund coordinated, multi-sectoral, cross-border HIV efforts

A comprehensive approach to addressing HIV and mobility issues across borders requires promotion of non-discriminatory HIV and mobility policies by relevant ministries, such as Health, Labour, Transport and Foreign Affairs, and also the private sector, which employs the majority of migrants. The allocation of resources, both financial and human, to improve policy coordination, and the establishment of multisectoral partnerships between the public and private sectors are essential. The meaningful engagement of civil society, including migrant representatives, is crucial for an effective response.

4) Reinforce an enabling policy environment

Effectively addressing the issues of mobility and HIV vulnerability requires the creation of an enabling environment through policy reforms affecting migrant and mobile populations. The appropriate enforcement of existing positive policies, and ASEAN commitments on HIV/AIDS and the Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (January 2007) is essential.

Rights-based national health policies and HIV interventions for migrants and mobile populations will ensure their access to health services, as stipulated in the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. At present, Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines are the only ASEAN Member Countries to have signed this Convention. Effective regional cooperation requires that the remaining seven Member States also sign it and establish services for migrant workers.

5) Allocate sufficient financial and human resources to address migrants’ needs

Recognize the contribution of migrants to the economies of destination countries through their work and to their home countries through remittances by ensuring they have access to affordable HIV prevention services and health care. Targeted investments and allocations of human and financial resources are required to ensure provision of treatment, care and support for mobile populations and migrant workers throughout the migration cycle.

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National HIV programme and response
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Migration patterns
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Overview:
Health and HIV situation

Cambodia has a large amount of people living with HIV in Cambodia in 2007, out of which 3,350 were children under the age of 15. The total number of people living with HIV who receive ART has more than doubled from 12,247 in December 2005 to 25,353 in September 2007.14

The adult national HIV prevalence rate decreased to 0.9% in 2006 from 1.2% in 2003 following the successful implementation of the 100% Condom Use Programme and extensive information campaigns on condom use and HIV transmission risks targeting sex workers and their clients.26 In 2006, among the total number of people living with HIV, 52% were estimated to be women compared to 37% in 1999.20 In 2005, UNAIDS reported that married women account for almost half of new infections. The sex trade has driven the HIV epidemic in Cambodia and female sex workers remain one of the most at-risk groups of HIV infection, despite a significant decrease of the HIV prevalence rate among this group from 21.4% in 2003 to 12.7% in 2006.26

National HIV programme and response

The National Strategic Plan for a Comprehensive and Multisectoral Response to HIV/AIDS (2006-2010) was developed with development partners, civil society organizations and people affected by HIV/AIDS. The Plan has specific objectives and strategies and an operational plan that involves all stakeholders, including the Government, civil society and the private sector. The Plan aims to reduce new HIV infections among at-risk groups, to provide care and treatment to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), to address the socio-economic and human impacts of HIV/AIDS.

In its commitment to provide universal access to treatment and continuum of care for PLWHA, the Cambodian Government has accelerated the centralized implementation of the Operational Framework for the Continuum of Care for People Living with HIV/AIDS. The Ministry of Health provides public health services through provincial health departments and operational health districts. From December 2005 to September 2007, the number of facilities that provide ART increased by 60%; there are currently 48 facilities providing ART in Cambodia.26 In addition, the number of health facilities providing voluntary and confidential counseling and testing increased from 109 in December 2005 to 140 by December 2006.26 Prevention interventions are carried out by non-profit organizations, and by private and public sector agencies, and have had particular success among high-risk groups, especially female sex workers and brothels.

Despite national efforts to address the HIV epidemic, access to health care, treatment and reproductive health services is limited, notably in rural areas where most Cambodians live and migrate from. In addition, the significant epidemiological shift of the HIV epidemic to a larger population, including spouses, young people and indirect sex workers in massage parlors, casinos and beer bars, calls for the adjustment of national HIV prevention, care and treatment strategies to reflect new realities if low prevalence rates are to be maintained. Injecting drug users, men who have sex with men, youth, out of school and internal and cross-border migrants are also populations of concern. In 2004, the National AIDS Authority set up a Mobility Working Group on HIV/AIDS, first to address HIV issues among migrants, and second to strengthen government capacity to deal with these issues. In May 2006, the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training issued a regulation, Education of HIV/AIDS, Safe Migration and Labour Rights for Cambodian Workers Abroad. Its objectives are to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS for migrant workers and their families, to provide pre- and post-departure training on HIV/AIDS, and to inform migrants on safe migration and labour rights.44

In 2006, the Ministry signed an MOU with CARAM Cambodia to provide training on HIV to migrant workers, and an MOU with the Cambodian non-profit organization, Legal Support for Children and Women, to provide outgoing migrant workers with training on legal issues and migrants’ rights.45

Migration patterns

Cambodia is a major sending country of migrant workers to booming Asian economies, including Malaysia, the Republic of Korea and neighbouring Thailand. From 1998 to 2007, 8,969 documented migrant workers worked in Malaysia, 7,042 of them women.42 An estimated 10,000, regular and irregular Cambodian migrants currently work in the Republic of Korea.43 In 2002-2003, remittances to Cambodia amounted to approximately USD 3,177,600.34

Documented migrant workers to Malaysia and the Republic of Korea received a three-month pre-departure vocational training course from recruitment agencies that focuses on reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and general medical exams.34 There is no evaluation and monitoring processes to ensure the delivery of such training courses and to assess their quality. Undocumented migrant workers, who are especially exposed to exploitative forms of labour in their destination countries, are difficult to reach with information on HIV-risk situations and safe migration.

Porous borders, well-established local trans-border networks and economic inequalities have led to the extensive migration of documented and undocumented Cambodian labour migrants to Thailand. These migrants usually perform low-skilled work in agriculture, fishing, mining, and construction. In 2005, 181,579 Cambodians were registered with the Thailand Ministry of Interior, 123,998 male and 57,581 female, representing approximately 13% of all registered migrants in Thailand but his figure decreased to an estimated 37,142 by 2006 as few new work permits are being issued.26 It is estimated that there are another 180,000 undocumented migrants.22 Male migrant workers tend to stay short term in Thailand, while female migrant workers usually stay longer. Undocumented migration from Cambodia to Thailand is an increasing concern. Documented migrant workers in Thailand have limited access to health care and treatment services due to language and cultural barriers. Undocumented migrants, who are less visible and thus more difficult to reach by non-profit organizations, remain largely isolated from HIV prevention, care and treatment services. Poor living conditions and discrimination are just some of the difficulties Cambodian migrants face.

Cambodia is a destination country for labour migrants, mainly from Vietnam and China. The sex industry employs Vietnamese female migrants, who are quite vulnerable to HIV due to their profession and irregular status. The country has also been a major host for Vietnamese asylum seekers and refugees.

Cambodia is a source and transit country for men, women, and children trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation and forced labour to Thailand and Malaysia.34 It is also a transit and destination country for Vietnamese and Chinese women and children for sexual exploitation.

HIV response for migrant populations: Gaps and opportunities

Cambodia’s commitment to address the HIV epidemic has translated into the development of impactful prevention strategies and expanded care and treatment coverage for those in need. However, HIV interventions and programmes specifically targeting migrant and mobile populations remain to be developed and the capacity of national institutions to address HIV and mobility issues needs to be strengthened. Comprehensive gender-based data collection mechanisms and surveillance systems are necessary to develop evidence-based, targeted HIV interventions among migrants and mobile populations.

Evaluation and monitoring mechanisms need to be put in place to ensure the delivery of good quality pre- and post-departure training courses on HIV/AIDS issues to migrants. HIV prevention, care, treatment, and support services for returning migrants are also required, as well as provisions that address trafficked persons’ specific health and psychological needs.

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Overview: Health and HIV situation

Overall, the HIV prevalence rate of Indonesia is increasing, and the spread of the epidemic in the country has been among the fastest growing in Asia. Indonesia now faces a concomitant epidemic mainly fuelled by injecting drug use and the sharing of contaminated equipment, unprotected paid sex, and mother-to-child transmission, unprotected sex between men.44

HIV infection rates vary in Indonesian provinces. The two provinces of Papua (Papua and West Papua) face a generalized epidemic. In Papua province, the number of AIDS cases is 15 times higher than the national average and HIV prevalence is estimated at approximately 2.4%. Higher infection rates have been recorded in remote highlands (3.2%) and less accessible lowland areas (2.9%). In West Papua, the number of AIDS cases is twice the national average.44

Currently, an estimated 193,000 people live with HIV in Indonesia, up from 170,000 in 2005, and 110,000 at the end of 2003.45 It is estimated that 46% of people living with HIV are injecting drug users and their sex partners are clients of sex workers.46 AIDS-related deaths have also drastically increased from 2,300 in 2003 to 3,500 in 2005.45 In 2006, 2,873 AIDS cases were recorded, 82% of them men.46 Every year an estimated 5,000 to 5,500 lose their lives to AIDS in the country, or 8-14 people per day.46

The number of women infected by HIV has almost doubled from 15,000 in 2003 to 29,000 in 2005.46 As of December 2006, out of the estimated 20,577 people who had an advanced HIV infection, 5,100 of them (24.78%) were receiving ART.47

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Indonesia is a major sending country of migrant workers to the Middle East and to neighbouring Hong Kong, Malay- sia, Singapore and Taiwan.49 In 2006, 680,000 Indonesian migrant workers — 80% (541,708) of them female— were deployed by the government; 502,432 migrants (73.9%) worked in the non-formal sector including domestic work, and the rest in the formal sector.50 Government estimates of the total annual number of Indonesian migrants abroad was 1 million in 2007. However, synergies may exist between those who are employed overseas and those who are actively involved in sex work in Indonesia.51

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Policy implications

Indonesia is a source, transit, and destination country for migrant workers. The Ministry of Manpower and Trans-migration is responsible for providing health and rehabilitation services to repatriated migrant workers.52 It is currently estimated that 0.5 million Indonesians work overseas.53 Undocumented migration remains an issue with an estimated annual 150,000-200,000 undocumented migrants working abroad.52 In 2006, remittances amounted to USD 4.4 billion.54

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Overview: Lao PDR

Health and HIV situation

In June 2007, the official cumulative number of registered HIV infections reached 2,480 of whom 1,523 were known to be AIDS cases and 775 had died of AIDS.1 Idem, p. 2 These were reported to the National Committee for the Control of AIDs of Lao PDR recently. The official cumulative number of registered mobile workers or farmers working outside of the country, especially in Thailand, is estimated to be around 770,000 people, including sex workers and their clients, and men who have sex with men (MSM).2 Idem, p. 4 In 2006, 2.2% of tested sex workers were HIV positive, compared to 0.9% in 2007.3 Idem, p. 5 However, access to care remains limited and HIV awareness is low. In addition, Lao PDR experiences coordination challenges and lacks comprehensive monitoring and evaluation systems.4 Idem, p. 7

National HIV programme and response

The National Strategic and Action Plan on HIV/AIDS and STI 2006-2010 developed by the National Committee for the Control of AIDs aims to expand national capacity for universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support. Priority areas include: expanding HIV counseling and testing services and data collection, monitoring, evaluation and surveillance mechanisms; strengthening prevention campaigns; increasing condom use; and building capacity of implementing agencies. The Plan targets vulnerable groups, including sex workers and their clients, mobile populations, drug users, MSM and young people.5 Idem, p. 6 Regarding HIV and mobility, the Plan aims to: raise HIV risk awareness among mobile populations and their families; provide pre-departure and post-arrival information and counseling at selected border crossings; promote behaviour change and increase condom use; provide confidential STI services; establish and strengthen voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) and referral services; and build local authorities’ capacity to support mobile populations and their families. The Plan expects that by 2010, 5% of mobile men and their partners will use VCT services, 75% of migrant men will use condoms, and that STI prevalence among mobile men will be reduced by 50%.

In 2007, a Task Force on HIV and Drug Use was established to address issues related to injecting drug use and HIV transmissions. The Task Force is co-chaired by the Lao National Commission of Drug Control and Supervision and the Ministry of Health.6 Idem, p. 6 Companies sending Lao workers overseas must receive countries’ immigration requirements. HIV testing of migrants before departure is carried out with informed consent, counseling and confidentiality. The Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare recently approved a pre-departure orientation and mobilization programme for outgoing documented migrant workers. In Thailand, migrants from Lao PDR account for 12% of the estimated 1,284,920 migrants and dependents registered for the general ID card, and the 649,552 migrants registered for a work permit.7 Idem, p. 7 These figures do not include the probably large numbers of undocumented migrants from Lao PDR in Thailand. Long, porous borders and Thailand’s demand for low-skilled labour make possible various migration networks for economic opportunities abroad. Lao PDR is also a destination country for mobile workers, especially from Viet Nam and China. In 2006, 5,731 Vietnamese migrant workers worked in Lao PDR,8 Idem, Source: Centre for HIV/AIDS/STI: Second Generation Surveillance Round 1 and 2 p. 10 while in 2008 an estimated 300,000 Chinese workers were in the country as well. The Lao population is vulnerable to trafficking due to high poverty levels and porous borders. Lao PDR is a source country for trafficked men, women and children to Thailand and a destination country for trafficked Vietnamese, Chinese and Burmese women and girls.9 Idem, p. 10

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HIV response for migrant populations

Gaps and opportunities

The National Strategic and Action Plan on HIV/AIDS and STI 2006-2010 shows commitment to address HIV and mobility issues with provisions on HIV prevention, testing and counseling for mobile populations and their families. Pre-departure HIV information and linguistically and culturally appropriate prevention programmes for prospective migrant workers need to be expanded, as do comprehensive HIV prevention, care, treatment, VCT and support services for returning migrants. To success fully address HIV and mobility issues, it is important to develop a more comprehensive surveillance system including gender-based data to target HIV interventions among migrant and mobile populations.
Overview

Health and HIV situation

By December 2006, an estimated 5,830 new HIV cases were reported in Malaysia compared to 7,000 in 2002. AIDS-related deaths reached 976 in 2006. With an estimated HIV prevalence rate of 0.4%, Malaysia currently faces a complex epidemic primarily driven by injecting drug use and unprotected heterosexual contact. In 2006, 3,127 new HIV infection cases were reported among injecting drug users. It is estimated that nine out of ten HIV infections occurring through injecting drug use were among men. While injecting drug use has been the primary mode of HIV transmission, new HIV infections acquired through heterosexual contact are on the rise, 17.5% in 2002 compared to 27.4% in 2006. Despite limited data available, recent trends in the HIV epidemic in Malaysia may indicate a decrease in HIV infections through injecting drug use among men and an increase in HIV infections among women through heterosexual contact. In 2006, 2,883 infected women acquired HIV through heterosexual contact. By 2006, HIV infections among women and girls represented almost one-fifth of newly infected persons in Malaysia.

The National Health and HIV situation Survey showed that the HIV prevalence among commercial sex workers was above 5%. Mandatory medical screenings for migrant workers in Malaysia have shown that 0.03% of those screened tested HIV positive as of 2004.

National HIV programme and (co)ordination

The National Strategic Plan on HIV and AIDS 2006-2010 concentrates on reducing the transmission and impact of HIV/AIDS by using harm-reduction approaches and by increasing access to HIV prevention, care and treatment for affected populations. Strategies to address the HIV epidemic include strengthening leadership and advocacy at the highest government levels to address stigma and discrimination and to increase access to HIV services. Upgrading surveillance systems and human resources through training is also part of the HIV National Strategic Plan.

The National Strategic Plan identifies the following groups as highly vulnerable to HIV: commercial sex workers, men who have sex with men, transsexuals, mobile populations including documented and undocumented migrants, displaced persons and refugees. The Plan’s objectives are to raise awareness on HIV risk behaviour through HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health information and education; to promote the use of condoms; and to provide mobile populations with VCT services including mobile units. The Plan also aims to improve surveillance coverage and quality of outreach programs by establishing new programmes, training staff and volunteers, and by involving target populations in the design, delivery and evaluation of programmes.

The Malaysian Government has developed and amended the limited number of policies and laws to address discrimination, and to increase vulnerable populations’ access to services and programmes in a culturally appropriate manner. HIV testing is mandatory for incoming prospective migrant workers and for the annual renewal of work permits under the Policy of Mandatory Testing. Due to the government’s concern over potential health risks to Malaysians, migrants have to undergo three mandatory medical screenings in the first two years of their arrival. Female migrant workers are also tested for pregnancy.

If migrants have tested positive for pregnancy or any infectious diseases including HIV, they face deportation. Provisions for treatment, medical assistance and post-test counselling have been developed in the case of deportation but remain difficult to access for migrants. Also, there is no referral system for migrants who are HIV positive or considered unwell, which hinder potential follow-up, care and treatment in migrants’ origin country.

The confidentiality of results in mandatory HIV testing remains an issue. The Foreign Workers Medical Examination Agency is in charge of medical screenings and notifies the Immigration Department of the HIV test results. The Immigration Department then informs the employer. The majority of unskilled and semi-skilled labourers are women, and they are the ones that are tested and screened while professionals and expatriates may voluntarily test.

Health information and education programmes for migrant workers are not available through formal channels in Malaysia. Some NGOs work with migrants to increase their awareness of their rights and of health issues, however the lack of resources and lack of access to resources available make reaching out to the large number of migrant workers very difficult.

Refugees with appropriate UNHCR documentation are able to receive medical services at government hospitals at subsidised cost. As of December 2007, UNHCR registered 39,094 refugees and asylum seekers in Malaysia. Since 2005 UNHCR has conducted HIV awareness activities, including the distribution of information leaflets and condoms. In addition, a volunteer counselling and testing campaign conducted in 2007 reached more than 1,800 refugees and asylum seekers. HIV counselling, shelter homes and nursing care were made available to UNHCR’s persons of concern infected with HIV. UNHCR provided financial assistance to refugees living with HIV and funded ARV treatment. The Government of Malaysia funds two-thirds of the cost of ARV drugs for refugees. Recently, the Czech Embassy in Kuala Lumpur provided UNHCR with USD 19,000 to implement a nine-month project aimed at reaching 1,000 refugees in Malaysia with health care services.

Migration patterns

Malaysia is a major destination country for migrant workers from Indonesia, Nepal, Viet Nam, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, PDR, Thailand and Sri Lanka. Migrants represent almost 12% of the Malaysian population.

Migrant workers are mainly employed in 3D (dirty, dangerous and demanding) jobs. Latest estimates show 1.8 million documented migrant workers employed in Malaysia; 17% are domestic workers, 15% employed in construction, 36% in manufacturing, 9% in services and 7% in agriculture. Undocumented migrant workers may equal the number of documented workers employed in the country, although this is hard to verify. Data on remittances from Malaysia to the origin countries is scarce.

Malaysia is a source and destination country for trafficked persons. Malaysian women and children, primarily of Chinese ethnicity, are trafficked to Singapore, Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Australia, Canada, and the United States where they are sexually exploited. In 2006, fewer than 100 Malaysian women were trafficked abroad and the number of trafficking, especially among women and children, seems to be declining.

Men, women and children are also trafficked to Malaysia from Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Cambodia, Viet Nam, Myanmar, and China. No information has been found on HIV prevalence rates and HIV vulnerability and risk behaviour among migrants and mobile populations, except for documented and undocumented refugees in Malaysia. The National Strategic Plan identifies refugees as a group vulnerable to HIV, but data on HIV incidence rates amongst refugees are not yet captured through the existing HIV surveillance system.

HIV response for migrant populations:

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Health and HIV situation

In 2007, an estimated 240,000 people were living with HIV in Myanmar, with the national prevalence rate at 0.7% that year. Myanmar’s eastern provinces remain the most affected by HIV.

Recent national responses to the epidemic have led to a decline in HIV infection rates among pregnant women (prevalence rate of 1.8% in 2004, down from 2.2% in 2000), but infection rates among other groups, including female sex workers (FSWs) and injecting drug users (IDUs), are still high and rising. In 2003, HIV infection rates among IDUs tested ranged from 50% to 85% in Yangon and Mandalay. From 1992 to 2003, HIV infection rates among sex workers rose to 31% from 5%. In 2004, one in four FSWs were infected with HIV as were one in three IDUs. AIDS-related deaths were estimated at 24,000 in 2007.

According to latest estimates, primary modes of transmission are heterosexual contact (65%), injecting drug use (26%) and contaminated blood (5%). Treatment, care and support services still fall short of needs, with less than 10% of AIDS patients receiving ARV treatment. The high incidence of unsafe injecting drug use and unprotected sex along well established internal migratory routes has contributed to the HIV epidemic’s expansion in Myanmar.

Migration patterns

Burmese is the first national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic to use participatory approaches, health education and community mobilization. The Plan focuses on the control and prevention of HIV, mobilizing resources, providing care and support for AIDS patients, and expanding health education-based behaviour change programmes.

The Plan identifies and prioritizes HIV interventions for the groups at highest risk of HIV infection: sex workers, clients of sex workers, drug users, men who have sex with men, and partners of people living with HIV.

A comprehensive package of HIV prevention and treatment has been developed internally. Mobile populations are also considered a group vulnerable to HIV infection. To reduce HIV-related risk, vulnerability and impact among migrant and mobile populations, the Plan aims to reach 110,000 people on the move from April 2007–March 2008, and 121,000 from April 2008–March 2009 with a programme package of HIV prevention. Data and mapping mechanisms on HIV and mobility will be developed to reach priority areas and populations and to implement HIV prevention interventions among them. Treatment, care and support services for returning migrants, including displacing and those registered.

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Cases of trafficking have also been reported. Myanmar is a source country for trafficked men, women and children to Thailand, China, Bangladesh, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea and Macau. Myanmar is also a transit country for trafficked persons from China to Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore. Some information on HIV infection among Burmese migrants is available. In 2001, an estimated 1.4% of Burmese migrants from a surveillance sample tested HIV positive in the Thai province of Samut Sakhorn. In 2004, 9.4% of tested Burmese fishermen were found HIV positive in the Thai province of Chumphon. This represents the highest HIV infection rate among fishermen found in any provincial surveillance site in Thailand. Unprotected sex between migrants and sex workers is believed to be the primary mode of HIV transmission. Limited access to condoms and low condom use by migrants due to lack of information, familiarity and trust increase HIV risks.

Myanmar

National HIV programme and response

The Multi-sectoral Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS 2006-2010 is the first national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic to use participatory approaches, health education and community mobilization. Although the Plan advocates for multi-sectoral participation in HIV interventions, there is restricted space for community organizations. Despite a great demand for self-help groups and networks of people living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, treatment, care and support services and ART coverage for at-risk groups need to be scaled-up.

Migration patterns

The country for migrant workers who are primarily employed in Malaysia and Thailand. It is estimated that 3,000,000 people are living and working overseas with at least half of them in Thailand. Porous borders and economic inequalities have driven this large cross-border migration from Myanmar to Thailand.

Burmese migrants are the largest migrant population in Thailand. In 2004, 633,692 Burmese migrant workers were registered for work permits, 75% of Thailand’s total registrations. In the same year, an estimated 20% of Burmese migrants were employed in agricultural work, 14% in household work, 13% in construction, and 10% in seafood processing and related industries. Undocumented migrants are estimated to be twice the number of those registered.

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HIV response for migrant populations:

Gaps and opportunities

The HIV response for migrant populations needs to be developed linguistically and culturally appropriate pre-departure HIV information and prevention programmes, as well as counseling and referral services for returning migrants. Despite funding challenges, HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services for migrant and mobile populations need to be expanded.

Comprehensive gender-based data collection mechanisms to identify infection patterns and risk behaviours are essential to target highly vulnerable migrants and mobile populations in migrant prone areas. Part of this means involving Myanmar in a broader regional strategic information system, including surveillance.
The Philippines

Overview:

Health and HIV situation
In 2007, 7,490 people were estimated to be living with HIV in the Philippines, out of which 1,788 (23%) were women.1 At an average of 29 new HIV infection cases were reported per month in 2007.2 The national HIV prevalence among adults remains below 0.1%.3 The cumulative number of AIDS cases reached 3,061 and 782 respectively in the 1984-2007 period.4 Currently, a total of 336 patients receive free ARV treatment.5 HIV prevalence among most-at-risk populations, including injecting drug users (IDUs), female sex workers (FSWs) and their clients, and men who have sex with men (MSM), is 4%.6 Unprotected sex remains the most common mode of HIV transmission (85%).

In the 2007 Integrated HIV Behaviour Serologic Studies conducted in 10 sentinel sites, 48% of IDUs reported using sterile injecting equipment the last time they injected.7 The same year, 48% of interviewed FSWs, 49% of MSM, 27% of male IDUs and 65% of male clients of FSWs reported to have had more than one sexual partner during their last sexual intercourse.8

In relation to HIV and mobility, approximately 35% of the total reported HIV infection cases were among overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).9 By the end of 2007, 33% of the sero-positive cases among OFWs were seafarers and 17% were domestic workers.10 74% of them were male11 and 94% of them acquired HIV through unprotected sexual contact.12

Long-term programmes
In 2005, the Philippines launched its 4th AIDS Medium Term Plan, a road map for the national HIV response from 2005-2010. The Plan includes a new push to expand universal access to HIV prevention, care and treatment among highly vulnerable groups, including FSWs and their clients, IDUs, MSM, and OFWs.

The national strategy against HIV includes mobilizing and involving all sectors including the Catholic Church, continuing implementation of surveillance and research systems on the HIV epidemic, and focusing on local HIV interventions.13 Now, 32 public VCT centres are available with trained staff. Full implementation of the AIDS component of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) has boosted the country’s prevention, treatment and care programmes. Genital ARV drugs are provided free of charge to adults and children living with HIV. The expansion of GFATM services has broadened service coverage among marginalized sectors of the population, and now is available to more people likely to be exposed to HIV. Through UNICEF, the Filipino Government has procured 20 million (about USD 400,000) of additional ARV for opportunistic infections and diagnostic reagents. Challenges remain in assuring continuum of prevention and care interventions in a decentralized setting and in having enough well-trained personnel despite the ongoing “brain-drain” in the health sector.14

HIV prevention and education have long been mandatory for overseas workers. The Philippines HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Act of 1998 outlines the need to provide HIV/AIDS education for overseas workers and gives guidelines for voluntary HIV testing. Foreign Service Officers receive training from the Foreign Service Institute in collaboration with the career development arm of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs of DFA and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.15 In addition, the Positive Response: Guidebook on Handling Migration and HIV/AIDS Issues for Foreign Service Personnel has been developed and made available in all 89 foreign posts along with a 33-minute HIV awareness video for OFWs.16

Most receiving countries require departing migrants to undergo mandatory HIV testing. Despite this, the government-mandated pre-departure seminars do not always deliver accurate health information and quality HIV counseling and testing services. Overseas workers must undergo a medical examination after the recruitment agency – or the destination country employer – interviews and pre qualifies them.17 Tests for HIV TB and pregnancy are also mandatory. Some destination countries require overseas workers to go through another round of medical tests upon arrival. The AIDS Law in the Philippines guarantees confidentiality of HIV test results, but test results including HIV are sent directly to the recruitment agency.18

By 2010, the 4th AIDS Medium Term Plan aims to provide all migrants with access to improved HIV prevention and information services, information and referral sites in destination countries, reintegration programmes, and testing centres with quality assurance surveys and strategies. Pre-departure and post-arrival prevention and care programmes need to be further developed.

Migration patterns
International migration is an integral part of the Government's poverty alleviation program. The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration reports that in 2006, 1,092,055 Filipinos were employed abroad, 24% of them sea-based.19 This is a 10% increase compared to 2005.20 There are an estimated 3.6 million contract workers overseas at any point in time working in more than 160 countries, with an additional 1.3 million undocumented Filipinos working abroad.21 The Philippines received an estimated USD 12.8 billion in remittances in 2006.22

The Philippines is a source country for trafficked men, women and children to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, South Africa, North America, and Europe.23 Trafficking rings also operate internally with people trafficked from rural areas, such as Visayas and Mindanao, to urban centres.24

UNHCR reports 100 refugees and 40 asylum seekers present in the Philippines in 2005.25 The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre estimates that 91,905 people were internally displaced during 2006.26 The southern island of Mindanao witnessed the most displacement.27

Little is known about HIV infection rates and vulnerability among internally displaced persons, asylum seekers and refugees. Recently, the Philippines Senate proposed a bill, Improving Philippine Commitment to Human Rights Protection and Promotion by Providing the Necessary Mechanisms for the Prevention of the Occurrence and Protection from the Adverse Effects of Internal Displacement and for Other Purposes (Internal Displacement Act of 2006), with health provisions for internally displaced persons with a focus on women’s reproductive health.28 However, the bill does not ensure HIV prevention, care, treatment and support for them.

Gaps and opportunities
The Philippines renewed its commitment to increase access to improved HIV prevention and information services for overseas workers through its 4th AIDS Medium Term Plan. Moreover, the GFATM guarantees expanded prevention, treatment, care and support services for migrants (before departure and upon return).

To fully address HIV vulnerabilities among OFWs, quality comprehensive pre-departure, post-arrival and reintegration programmes need to be strengthened. The new counseling referral programme for Filipino migrants testing HIV positive overseas needs to be expanded in the Philippines and replicated in other countries. Strengthening surveillance and gender-sensitive data collection mechanisms is crucial to develop strategic HIV prevention, care and treatment services for mobile populations.

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Health and HIV situation

At the end of 2007, the cumulative number of known HIV-positive Singaporeans was 3,224, up from 2,075 in 2003.57 In 2006, 357 newly diagnosed HIV infection cases were recorded compared to 317 in 2005.58 The prevalence of known HIV cases in the resident population (aged 15 and above) was 0.07% and for pregnant women 0.05%.17 The male population is most affected by the virus.

Out of the above-quoted 3,224 cumulative HIV cases, 89% were among men, 69% acquired HIV through heterosexual transmission, and 24% contracted HIV through homosexual or bisexual contact.18 In the same period, only 2% of all HIV infection cases occurred through injecting drug use.19

In the first six months of 2007, 76% of all diagnosed HIV cases were detected during medical care and 12% through voluntary HIV screening.20 At-risk groups mainly include female sex workers and men having unprotected sex with multiple partners, including men who have sex with men.

National HIV programme and response

The Singapore National AIDS Control Programme includes a broad range of strategies to address HIV: public education; legislation; blood supply screening; counselling and care for people living with HIV/AIDS; contact tracing and tracking; surveillance among high-risk behaviour groups; and training of medical personnel. Both government and non-government stakeholders are engaged in the HIV response, including the Ministry of Health, a multi-sectoral National HIV/AIDS Policy Committee, civil society groups such as Action For AIDS (AFA) and the Association for Women and Action (AWARE), and the private sector.

Education is provided to both the general population and to those at high risk of HIV infection. Special education programmes are carried out for sex workers to educate them on STIs, including the use of condoms, also target men who have sex with men and high-risk heterosexual men.21

The Health Promotion Board of Singapore (a Statutory Board under the Ministry of Health) carries out various prevention and education activities to promote HIV/AIDS awareness among migrant workers. These include distributing information materials in various languages to foreign workers and holding group discussions and Q&A sessions. In addition, the AIDS business Alliance of Singapore has launched the Rallying Employers to Support the Prevention, Education and Control of STI and HIV/AIDS (RESPECT) in 2006 to raise awareness on HIV issues among workers and to fight discrimination against HIV-positive people in the workplace.22

In 2000, the Ministry of Health issued a new directive making mandatory HIV testing part of the health examination for prospective migrants applying for a work permit who have obtained in-principle approval for employment.23 Those tested HIV-positive are not granted employment passes and if identified HIV-positive in Singapore they are repatriated.

HIV response for migrant populations: gaps and opportunities

Singapore’s policies and interventions do not specifically target migrant and mobile populations. Migrants have access to the same HIV prevention programmes, VCT and treatment services that are available to the general population. There are also HIV prevention and education programmes that reach out to migrants, with plans to continue their expansion.

Strengthening HIV data collection mechanisms and surveillance systems with gender-based approaches and increasing access to referral services in Singapore remain an important condition to strategically address HIV risks and vulnerabilities among migrant workers.

Migration patterns

Singapore is a destination country for migrant workers from South-East and South Asia, including Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Pakistan and the Philippines. While Singapore attracts highly-skilled workers, the country also employs many domestic workers, especially from the Philippines, and construction workers. In 2006, the estimated number of foreign workers (non-resident workforce) reached 613,000.24

While cases of trafficking to Singapore for sexual exploitation have been reported, Singapore’s investigation has substantiated very few of these cases.25
Overview:

Health and HIV situation

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Viet Nam

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Health and HIV situation

It is estimated that there were 291,000 people living with HIV in Viet Nam in 2007. The national HIV prevalence among the general population is estimated to be 0.53%. Cumulative reported data has indicated that there were 132,628 HIV infection cases, 24,828 AIDS cases and 15,007 deaths due to AIDS as of 31 August 2007. Out of all reported HIV infection cases, 76.9% are in the 20-39 age group and 85.2% were among men. There are concerns that HIV infections among young people are on the rise as well as HIV transmission through heterosexual contact. Viet Nam currently experiences a concentrated epidemic with at-risk populations including injecting drug users (IDUs), female sex workers (FSWs) and men who have sex with men (MSM). The national HIV prevalence rate among IDUs has been estimated at 26.6%, and at 4.4% for FSWs. In 2006, the HIV prevalence rate among MSM was 9.4% in Hanoi and 5.3% in Ho Chi Minh City.

Studies show that IDUs have been engaged in unprotected sex with different partners, including FSWs. Unprotected sex between IDUs and FSWs reached 55% in An Giang and 54.8% in Ho Chi Minh City. The rate of condom use between street FSWs and their clients was low at 37%, and condom use among MSM remains also low. There are concerns on the high rate of FSWs injecting drugs. The Ministry of Health of Viet Nam has estimated that 72,970 people living with HIV will need receive ARV treatment by 2010. Need to be harmonized and implemented by key sectors at all levels. In addition, human resources and programme management capacities remain to be strengthened and civil society organizations more involved in the national response to HIV.

On HIV and mobility, the National Strategy aims to collaborate with neighbouring countries on HIV prevention and control and to expand intervention measures to mobile populations. In 2007, the Government Decision on Cross-Border HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control was approved and, like the other nine ASEAN Member Countries, Viet Nam signed the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers. Viet Nam’s Labor Law stipulates that Vietnamese employment agents should provide migrant workers with orientation prior to their departure. Mandatory tests including HIV testing are required as requested by receiving countries. No pre- or post-test counseling is ensured and breach of confidentiality of results remains an issue. Currently, there are 70 government-mandated hospitals that provide health testing and issue health certificates for migrants.

Migration patterns

With Viet Nam being the leading country of migrant workers to South-East and East Asia with Malaysia and Taiwan the top destination countries. The Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) estimates that 400,000 Vietnamese workers were abroad by mid 2006. There were 37,941 recorded migrant workers in Malaysia in 2006 compared to 24,605 in 2005, and 22,784 migrants employed in Taiwan in 2005 compared to 14,127 in 2006. To a lesser extent, Vietnamese migrant workers are employed in the Republic of Korea, Japan and in the Gulf countries.

HIV response for migrant populations:

Gaps and opportunities

HIV and mobility issues have been recognized in Viet Nam, but provisions on pre-departure HIV prevention, care, treatment, support, counseling and VCT services for migrants and mobile populations are lacking. Migrants and mobile populations have been included in the National Strategy, but specific HIV interventions among this group remain to be developed. Great national efforts to mainstream HIV/AIDS interventions among migrants and mobile populations are needed.

Quality pre-departure HIV information and prevention, counseling, and referral services remain to be put in place. Refererral services for migrants, and provision of HIV prevention, care and treatment, are also needed for returning migrants.

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**Type**
Regional network of NGOs of people living with HIV/AIDS

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### Focus
Advocacy, education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building; research and surveillance; advocacy; stigma reduction

### Activities
Organizational development; networking; advocacy; knowledge sharing

### Target
People living with HIV, governments, bilateral agencies, NGOs

### Coverage
Asia-Pacific region

### Partners
UNAIDS, UNDP, Ford Foundation, HIV/AIDS Alliance, Levi Strauss Foundation, Tides Foundation, Constella Futures (USAID), CIDA, 7 Sisters, and groups of people living with HIV

### Funding
In 2007: Approximately USD 1 million

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Inter-governmental organization

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### Title
Third ASEAN Work Programme on HIV and AIDS

### Duration
2006-2010

### Focus
Advocacy, education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

### Activities
Leadership development; gaps, strengths and emerging issues; integration of HIV in development priorities; non-programme strategies; monitoring and evaluation

### Coverage
All ASEAN member countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam

### Partners
UNAIDS, UNDP, USAID, UNRTF, WHO, Seven Sisters, ILO, IOM

### Funding
Approximately USD 1 million

## Publications and Web Links
- Socioeconomic Impacts of and Resource Requirements for HIV and AIDS, 2007
- ASEAN’s Fight Against HIV/AIDS: Success Stories and Future Challenges, 2005

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**Funding**
Funding

**Funded by**
UNAIDS, UNDP, USAID, UNRTF, WHO, Seven Sisters, ILO, IOM

**Funded until**
All of 2008
**协调行动研究与AIDS和移动性（CARAM Asia）**

**类型**

区域网络的NGOs

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**焦点**

倡导、教育、信息和预防; 能力建设; 研究和监控

**活动**

倡导和基于权利的方法来预防HIV

**目标**

移徙工人

**覆盖**

17个国家，包括巴林、孟加拉国、柬埔寨、香港、印度、印度尼西亚、日本、约旦、韩国、马来西亚、尼泊尔、巴基斯坦、菲律宾、新加坡、斯里兰卡、泰国和越南

**资助**

2007年：约100万美元

主要资助方：荷兰国际合作署（DGIS）

资助至：2008年

**出版物和网络链接**

最近的出版物：

- 《2007年-强制检测报告》
- 《2005年健康报告》
- 《外籍家政工运动工具箱》

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国际NGOs

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**项目/计划信息**

**标题**

Can Tho Bridge Project to Health

**持续时间**

2年

**焦点**

倡导、教育、信息和预防; 治疗、咨询、护理和支持; 能力建设（公司卫生人员）; 社区卫生服务提供者和同伴教育者在HIV/AIDS和STDs预防和治疗; 与流动人口和移徙工人进行沟通和咨询技能培训; 监控和评估

**活动**

避孕套推广（社会营销; 写作和音频视觉信息; 行为改变和沟通; 群体信息和培训; 个体咨询和转介; 同伴教育; 社区动员和能力建设）

**目标**

越南的移徙工人、女同性恋者、建设公司的管理层、员工和卫生工作人员

**覆盖**

越南

**合作伙伴**

省卫生厅、省艾滋病中心、乡村卫生站、建设公司和分包商

**资助**

15万美元

资助方：JBIC/Tasei Corporation

资助至：2008年2月

**出版物和网络链接**

- 《2007年—强制检测报告》
- 《2005年健康报告》
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**FUNDING**
USD 6.3 million

**Funded by**
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

**Funded until**
30 September 2008

**Coverage**
Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS): Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam

**Partners**
MTWGs in each country and in the GMS, including multiple sectors of the national governments of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam, and key regional actors in HIV prevention including: UNRTF, UNDP, UNAIDS, UNESCO, ASEAN Secretariat/ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFoa) Focal Points, International Red Cross and Red Crescent, USAID, EEC, DFID, FHI, Ford Foundation, IOM, ILO, AIDS Positive Network - APN+, MFA, CARAM, CARE International, Rek Thai Foundation, Equal Access, Health Development Network (HDN), Burnett Institute, Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance (KHANA), the Rockefeller Foundation, PDA, PSI

**Activities**
Public sector reform and implementation of the UNRTF’s Mobility and HIV Vulnerability Reduction Regional Strategy; policy and advocacy; national planning; capacity development of Mobility Technical Working Groups (MTWGs); national and cross-border demonstration projects; regional coordination and harmonization of activities and resources (financial and non-financial)

**Target**
Multiple sectors involved in HIV prevention including: Governments, civil society, private business, people living with HIV/AIDS, mobile and migrant populations in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam

**Focus**
Advocacy, education, information and prevention; capacity-building (public sector policy reform; advocacy; national planning; gender mainstreaming; cross-border collaboration, regional coordination and programme design; implementation; monitoring; reporting and financial management); research and surveillance (HIV prevention among mobile and migrant populations (MMPs)); health services data collection, analysis and triangulation on MMPs in Thailand; policy self-audits in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam; monitoring and evaluation

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**FUNDING**

**Funding**

**Funded by**

**Funded until**
30 September 2008

**Coverage**
Viet Nam

**Projects**

**FHI: PROJECT 1 of 4 INFORMATION (Viet Nam)**

**Title**
Implementing AIDS Prevention and Care Project (IMPACT)– Asia Regional Programme

**Duration**
September 1997-September 2007

**Focus**
Advocacy, education; information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building (VCT, ART, SBC); research and surveillance (Behavioural Surveillance Survey (BSS))

**Activities**
Under IMPACT/Viet Nam, FHI initiated strategic prevention interventions among injecting drug users (IDUs), female sex workers (FSWs), men who have sex with men (MSM) and their clients by establishing drop-in-centres and through community outreach work, peer evaluation, and behaviour change.

As the epidemic advanced and prevention and care needs increased, IMPACT/Viet Nam extended its focus to include:
- Voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) for HIV;
- Preventing, diagnosing, and treating sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
- Clinical management of HIV and TB, including anti-retroviral therapy (ART);
- Care, support and treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families through the development of the continuum of care model;
- Support to orphans and vulnerable children (OVC);
- NGO support and development;
- Participatory planning and community mobilization at the district, province and national levels;
- Supporting the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam to develop HIV care and treatment policies, procedures and guidelines.

**Target**
Injecting drug users, sex workers, men who have sex with men and mobile population

**Coverage**
Viet Nam

**PUBLICATIONS AND WEB LINKS**

A list of CSEARHAP publications is available at: [www.csearhap.org](http://www.csearhap.org)

Viet Nam - IMPACT Final Report, December 2007
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**Coverage**
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**Target**
Injecting drug users, sex workers, men who have sex with men and mobile population

**Coverage**
Viet Nam

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### FHI: PROJECT 2 of 4 INFORMATION (Indonesia)

**Title**
Aksi Stop AIDS (ASA)

**Duration**
October 2005-September 2008

**Focus**
Advocacy, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building; research and surveillance, monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**
To reduce risky behaviours among high-risk groups and the general population in Papua, the programme introduced a packaged approach to deliver STI and HIV/AIDS services through key partnerships and a mix of proven technical interventions. Overall, programme activities have raised demand for prevention services and supplies, increased the quality and coverage of outreach and peer education activities, increased availability of testing, screening, care, treatment and support services, and reduced barriers to accessing those services. STI and HIV prevention activities to promote risk-reduction and risk-elimination behaviours through an “ABC” approach (ABC refers to Abstinence, Be faithful and use Condoms). HIV prevention among injecting drug users and through strengthened health care-seeking behaviours. STI clinical services provide user-friendly STI diagnosis, testing and treatment, access to VCT and entry into the continuum of care. Care, support and treatment activities are offered to target groups such as People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and their families by the Government of Indonesia, NGOs, faith-based Organizations, private clinics and hospitals, and local support groups.

In Papua, where the epidemic is different from the rest of Indonesia, FHI works on health and education programmes for communities and migrant workers in Mimika and its surrounding districts. Many employees of Freeport and its contractors return regularly to their home villages in the Central Highlands. While this enables an efficient spread of the epidemic, it also presents an effective avenue for prevention activities. FHI/Indonesia therefore collaborated with Pelni, the domestic passenger shipping company, to develop Education Communication materials and edutainment videos to be shown on ships for people moving around the province.

**Target**
Men who have sex with men, female sex workers and their clients, high-risk men, mobile populations, waria (transgender), and injecting drug users

**Coverage**
Indonesia, Papua Province

### FUNDING

| Funding | USD 7.9 million |
| Funded by | USAID |
| Funded until | 30 September 2007 |

### FHI: PROJECT 3 of 4 INFORMATION (Cambodia)

**Title**
Implementing AIDS Prevention and Care (IMPACT) Project – Cambodia

**Duration**
June 1998-September 2007

**Focus**
Advocacy, education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building

**Activities**
The project’s mission was to strengthen Cambodia’s capacity to prevent HIV/AIDS; to provide care, support and treatment; and to mitigate the epidemic’s impact. Programs and activities included:

- Providing technical support to the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (NCHADS) to develop and use strategic information to generate a comprehensive response. This included support for the design, implementation and data analysis of the National HIV Sentinel Surveillance, the Behavioural Surveillance Survey (BSS) and the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Sentinel Surveillance Surveys;
- Developing, implementing and monitoring targeted behaviour-change interventions to reduce the risks and vulnerability of those most susceptible to STIs and HIV, including entertainment workers, uniformed services personnel and men who have sex with men. FHI also carried out STI/HIV prevention and vulnerability reduction interventions for the wives and family members of military personnel;
- Collaborating with the Government and NGOs to strengthen STI service delivery for high-risk populations in the civilian and military health systems;
- Providing technical support and systems for the rapid scale-up of HIV/AIDS care, support and treatment, using the Continuum of Care approach.

**Target**
Men who have sex with men, female sex workers and their clients, high-risk men, mobile populations, waria (transgender), and injecting drug users

**Coverage**
Cambodia

**Partners**
Government and NGOs

### FUNDING

| Funding | USD 19 million |
| Funded by | USAID |
| Funded until | 30 September 2007 |
**Activities**

- Providing technical assessments;
- Strengthening second-generation surveillance capacity and data use;
- Implementing comprehensive Behaviour Communication for Change (BCC) and STI control programme for sex workers and their clients;
- Setting up a pilot project for STI control and outreach in Luang Prabang;
- Conducting research on Lao-Thai migration and HIV risk and providing BCC, STI and VCT intervention among migrant populations;
- Expanding the Wellness Centres model and sex workers outreach for STI and VCT services;
- Increasing capacity of government partners on the use of surveillance data, use of outcome data for programme implementation and quality assurance, programme and financial management, and provision of quality Strategic Behavioural Communication (SBC) and STI services;
- Strengthening capacity of NGOs as implementing agencies to conduct HIV interventions and to advocate for prevention among vulnerable groups in targeted sites.

**Target**

- Sex workers and their clients and mobile populations

**Coverage**

- Lao PDR

**FUNDING**

- **Funding**: USD 2.2 million
- **Funded by**: USAID
- **Funded until**: 30 September 2007

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**Type**

United Nations organization

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**PUBLICATIONS AND WEB LINKS**

Publications to be released in 2008:

- Mandatory HIV Testing for Employment of Migrant Workers in 8 Countries of Southeast Asia: An Analysis of National Law and International Practice
- ILO/UNICEF Joint Assessment of HIV Vulnerabilities of Migrant Children Involved in the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Thailand

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| Activities | - Study Mandatory HIV Testing for Employment of Migrant Workers in eight Countries of South-East Asia  
- ILO/UNICEF Joint Assessment of HIV Vulnerabilities of Migrant Children Involved in the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Thailand |
| Target | Child labourers, migrant workers |
| Coverage | South-East Asia |
| Partners | Ministries of Labour (in the region), workers’ and employers’ organizations, ASEAN Task Force on AIDS, UN partners (UNAIDS, UNICEF, IOM) |

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**UNAIDS, ILO**

**Funded until**: End of 2009
International Organization for Migration (IOM)

**Type**  
Inter-governmental organization

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**Activities**  
Supporting the return and reintegration of trafficked women, including HIV prevention, care, counseling and support

**Partners**  
Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

**Target**  
Trafficked women

**Coverage**  
Viet Nam

**Focus**  
Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**  
Triangulation of behaviour data, local epidemiologic data and mapping of responses for future improvement on data collection and programmatic response

**Funding**  
Funded by European Union (EU)  
Funded until June 2009

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**IOM: PROJECT 1 of 13 INFORMATION**

**Title**  
Violence against Women: A Rights-based Approach to Empowering Migrant Women Affected by Violence — Viet Nam

**Duration**  
2008-2009

**Focus**  
Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**  
Empowering migrant women affected by violence, including HIV prevention, care, counseling and support.

**Target**  
Migrant women

**Coverage**  
Viet Nam

**Partners**  
Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

**Funding**  
Funded by USD 250,000  
Funded until December 2008

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**IOM: PROJECT 2 of 13 INFORMATION**

**Title**  
Comprehensive Return and Reintegration Through Partnership and Collaboration — Viet Nam

**Duration**  
2008

**Focus**  
Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**  
Supporting the return and reintegration of trafficked women, including HIV prevention, care, counseling and support

**Target**  
Trafficked women

**Coverage**  
Viet Nam

**Partners**  
Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

**Funding**  
Funded by US Department of State  
Funded until December 2008

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**IOM: PROJECT 3 of 13 INFORMATION**

**Title**  
HIV/STI Data Triangulation Project — Thailand

**Duration**  
2007-2008

**Focus**  
Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**  
Triangulation of behaviour data, local epidemiologic data and mapping of responses for future improvement on data collection and programmatic response

**Funding**  
Funded by European Union (EU)  
Funded until June 2009

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**PUBLICATIONS AND WEB LINKS**

Please contact Dr. Nenette Motus at E-mail: nmotus@iom.int for a copy of the following publications:  
A Journey from Vulnerability to Greater Resilience, 2007  
For live, With love (safe mobility video and life skills activity package on HIV/AIDS), 2007  
STIs/HIV KAP Survey among Migrant Factory and Sex Workers in Mae Sot, Tak Province (tentative title), 2008  

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**IOM: PROJECT 4 of 13 INFORMATION**

**Title:** Malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment or Care and Support for Migrants and Migration-impacted Communities in the Mon State — Myanmar

**Duration:** May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008 with possible two-year extension

**Focus:** Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

**Activities:** Preventing HIV infections and AIDS by building the resilience of selected migration source communities and improving access to free testing, care and support for infected patients and their families. Activities: community-based, participatory HIV awareness raising; Voluntary Confidential Counseling and Testing (VCCT); home-based care and support; opportunistic infections treatment and ARV drugs (still in pilot

**Target:** Source communities, out-going and in-coming migrants in 75 villages of the Mon state, Myanmar

**Coverage:** 75 villages in 6 townships of the Mon State, Myanmar

**Partners:** Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

**FUNDING**

**Funding:** USD 657,000 for the HIV component alone (Total project funding: USD 1.06 million)

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**IOM: PROJECT 5 of 13 INFORMATION**

**Title:** Programme Review and Database Compilation on Experience with HIV Prevention Activities and the Infrastructure Sector — Viet Nam

**Duration:** 2007-June 2008

**Focus:** Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

**Activities:** Collection and compilation of relevant materials and activities in preventing HIV alongside infrastructure projects

**Target:** Infrastructure Project implementers as well as migrant workers and communities affected by infrastructure development projects

**Coverage:** Greater Mekong Subregion - Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam

**Partners:** Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

**Funding**

**Funding:** USD 120,000

**Funded by:** ADB

**Funded until:** June 2008

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**IOM: PROJECT 6 of 13 INFORMATION**

**Title:** Health Assessment Programme for Refugees (for host country resettlement), Regular and Irregular Migrants including Trafficked Persons — Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and Viet Nam

**Duration:** Ongoing, no timeline

**Funding**

**Funding:** USD 567,000 for the HIV component alone (Total project funding: USD 1.06 million)
### Focus
Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation.

### Activities
- Travel advice and health assessments of refugees bound for resettlement countries; and health processing for migrants and trafficked persons (voluntary testing; pre- and post-testing; HIV education and information dissemination; health promotion and education).
- Building up local capacity by establishing community-based mechanisms to prevent and mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS in mobility-affected areas.

### Target
- Refugees, host-country governments, irregular migrants, trafficked persons
- Out-going and in-coming migrants in 20 villages of the Mon state, Myanmar

### Coverage
- Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and Viet Nam
- 20 villages in 2 townships of Mon State, Myanmar

### Partners
- Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations
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- Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

### FUNDING
- Funded by: Self-payers, host countries
- Funded until: Ongoing

### IOM: PROJECT 7 of 13 INFORMATION
**Title**
Capacity-building for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care for Migration affected Communities in the Mon State — Myanmar

**Duration**
2006-2008

**Focus**
Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation.

**Activities**
Building up local capacity by establishing community-based mechanisms to prevent and mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS in mobility-affected areas.

**Target**
Out-going and in-coming migrants in 20 villages of the Mon state, Myanmar

**Coverage**
20 villages in 2 townships of Mon State, Myanmar

**Partners**
Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

### FUNDING
- Funded by: UNAIDS
- Funded until: 2008

### IOM: PROJECT 8 of 13 INFORMATION
**Title**
Adapting IEC Materials for HIV Prevention in Infrastructure Projects: Using the IOM Safe Mobility and HIV/AIDS Video and Life-Skills Activity Package (pilot project) — Viet Nam

**Duration**
2007-2008

**Focus**
Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation.

**Activities**
Develop animated film series to prevent HIV in migrants and communities affected by road construction and mobility.

**Target**
Migrant workers

**Coverage**
Viet Nam

**Partners**
Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

### FUNDING
- Funded by: UNAIDS
- Funded until: 2008

### IOM: PROJECT 9 of 13 INFORMATION
**Title**
Sexual Violence Against Migrant Women— Viet Nam

**Duration**
Ongoing

**Focus**
Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation.

**Target**
Migrant women

**Coverage**
Viet Nam

**Partners**
Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

### FUNDING
- Funded by: UNAIDS
- Funded until: 2008

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**FUNDING**

| Funding | USD 30,000 |
| Funded by | CSIH, New Zealand Embassy in Viet Nam, IOM |
| Funded until | 2008 |

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**IOM: PROJECT 10 of 13 INFORMATION**

**Title**

Social Network Development of Trafficked Women — Viet Nam

**Duration**

2005-2007 (While the project is over, IOM still provides support to the self-help groups that have been created through the project. A similar project model is expected to be used to set up self-help groups in the provincial towns of Lao Cai and An Giang.)

**Focus**

Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**

Support trafficked women by developing self-help groups, and by providing prevention, care, psycho-social support and training on counseling and facilitation. Beneficiaries included women living with HIV

**Target**

Trafficked women

**Coverage**

Hanoi, Viet Nam

**Partners**

Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

**FUNDING**

| Funding | USD 120,000 |
| Funded by | U.S. Department of State |
| Funded until | October 2007 |

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**IOM: PROJECT 11 of 13 INFORMATION**

**Title**

Safe Mobility and HIV and AIDS Video and Life Skills Package for Migrants and Populations affected by HIV in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS)

**Duration**

November 2005–July 2007 (completed), draft in progress for phase 2 (training and dissemination)

**Focus**

Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; Capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff Capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**

Develop an Information and Education Communication (IEC) tool for use by governments and NGOs, and create animated video, facilitator and training manuals focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention and safe mobility in five GMS languages (Khmer, Lao, Burmese, Thai and Vietnamese).

**Target**

Target groups: government agencies, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

**Coverage**

Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand

**Partners**

Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

**FUNDING**

| Funding | 300,000 Euros (Approximately USD 450,000) |
| Funded by | Government of the Netherlands |
| Funded until | Completed in July 2007; no donors as yet. Currently undergoing active resource mobilization for phase 2 (training and dissemination) |

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**IOM: PROJECT 12 of 13 INFORMATION**

**Title**

Research – Mandatory Testing for Employment of Migrant Workers in 8 Countries in South East Asia – An Analysis of National Law and International Practice (IOM and ILO)

**Duration**

2007-2008

**Focus**

Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building with government health counterparts, NGO partners, community leaders focusing on community and basic health staff, capacity-building for prevention, voluntary testing, pre- and post-test counseling and home-base care, training for government doctors on opportunistic infections, treatment and ARV drugs; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation
### Activities
An analysis of national laws and international practices on mandatory testing for HIV/AIDS

### Target
Governments in eight South-East Asian countries

### Coverage
Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam

### Partners
Government health authorities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand (Ministry of Public Health) and Viet Nam, CSEARHAP, ILO, WHO, UNAIDS, NGOs working with migrants, mass organizations

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#### Type
International NGO

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<td>Prevention of HIV transmission through educational activities in the refugee community; care and support for AIDS patients including the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections, and the provision of HIV/AIDS clinical services</td>
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<th>Refugee Community, Reproductive and Child Health Capacity-building Programme — Mae Hong Son Province</th>
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<td>Prevention of HIV transmission through educational activities in the refugee community, and capacity-building for health staff in VCT, PMTCT and basic counseling for PLWHA</td>
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<td>Ban Mai Nai Son and Ban Mae Surin refugee camps, Mae Hong Son, Thailand</td>
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# Migrant Forum Asia (MFA)

**Type**
Regional network of NGOs, associations and trade unions of migrant workers

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## PUBLICATIONS AND WEB LINKS

- The 9th Regional Conference on Migration: Report: Migration for “Development” and its Feminization Process
- Harnessing Migrant Savings for Alternative Investments (MSAI) as a Community Development and HIV Resiliency Strategy
- Migration, Health and Gender: Issues, Trends and Responses

## PROJECT/PROGRAMME INFORMATION

**Title**
Moving the Agenda Forward in the Promotion and Protection of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

**Duration**
January 2006 – December 2008

**Focus**
Advocacy and campaigns on migrants rights; migrants rights to health; capacity-building; information and education; networking and network building; women migrant workers and gender; migration and development; sustainable reintegration through the MFA Migrant Savings for Alternative Investment (MSAI) Task Force; West Asia networking

**Activities**
- Advocacy: Campaigns for the promotion and protection of the rights and well-being of all migrants and members of their families. Engaging at country, regional (ASEAN, SAARC), and international level (UNHRC, WTO, CEDAW, International Labour Conference, Global Forum on Migration and Development

## FUNDING

**Funded by**
Institutional Funding: Ford Foundation Activity Funding: Global Fund for Women; ILO; UNIFEM; Levi Strauss Foundation

**Funded until**
2009

## Target
Migrant workers and their families, migrant grassroots organizations, trade unions, NGOs

## Coverage
- Bangladesh
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- China
- the Philippines
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan

## Partners

- Bangladesh: Welfare Association of Repatriated Bangladeshis Employees (WARBE); Ain O Shalish Kendra (ASK); Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit (RMMRU); Association for Community Development (ACD)
- Hong Kong: Asian Migrant Centre (AMC); Indonesian Migrant Worker Union (IMWU); Coalition for Migrant Rights (CMR)
- India: Migrant Forum India (MFI); Center for Indian Migrant Studies; Center for Education and Communication (CEC); Peace Trust; Migrants Rights Council
- Indonesia: Jarnas Pekabumi; Center for Indonesian Migrant Workers; Serikat Buruh Migrant Indonesia; KOPIBUMI; Solidaritas Perempuan
- Japan: Solidarity Migrants Japan (SMJ)
- Malaysia: Tenaganita; Charles Hector Inc.
- Mongolia: Center for Human Rights and Development (CHRD)
- Nepal: Women’s Rehabilitation Center (WOREC); All Nepal Women’s Association (ANWA); Youth Action Nepal; Pourakhi
- The Philippines: Unlad Kabayan; Batis Center for Women; Kanlungan Center Foundation; KAKKAMI; Center for Migrant Advocacy
- Republic of Korea: Joint Committee for Migrant Workers (JCMK)
- Singapore: St. Francis Workers Center; Transient Workers Count 2; Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics (HOME)
- Sri Lanka: Women and Media Collective; Migrant Services Center; Action Network for Migrants (ACTFORM)
- Taiwan: Hope Workers Center

- Capacity-building: Annual Diplomacy Training Programme (DTP); training on migrants rights violations monitoring (web-based migrants rights violations reporting system of the MFA network) and migrants rights to health; migration, gender and health capacity-building;
- Strengthening migrants and families’ ability to fight for their rights through information, education, training, group discussions, representation and lobbying;
- Information and education: Organizing forums, publishing the Asian Migrant Yearbook, a quarterly newsletter, reports and manuals;
- Networking and network building: Strengthening networking among members; engaging with other networks, such as the Solidarity Asia Peoples Advocacy (SAPA), Asian South Pacific Bureau on Adult Education (ASPBAE), South East Asian Committee for Advocacy (SEACA) and Migrants Rights International;
- Organizing migrant workers to uphold their freedom of association and their right to form and join unions and associations in origin and destination countries;
- Trade Union and NGO collaboration: Mainstreaming the issue of migrants rights.
Population and Community Development Association (PDA)

**Type**: NGO

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**PUBLICATIONS AND WEB LINKS**
UNAIDS Best Practice on the Positive Partnership Program

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<td>Education (community mobilization); training; monitoring and outreach; technical assistance on income generation; and peer education</td>
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<td>Cambodia, China, India, Thailand (including Lao and Myanmar border areas)</td>
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<td>PDA works closely with local institutions within Thailand, and with women-living-with-HIV network groups and NGOs in Cambodia, China, and India</td>
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**FUNDING**

- **Funding**: Depends on project type and duration: Between USD 25,000 (1 year) – 400,000 (4 years)
- **Funded by**: Private sector (Pfizer, UPS, Bangkok Bank, Novartis), UN agencies (mainly UNDP and UNAIDS), international NGOs (PACT and NCA), and national and international government agencies, such as USAID
- **Funded until**: Although funding may stop for some projects, they are still sustainable in activity implementation. Some projects receive funding on an annual basis.

Population Services International (PSI) – Lao PDR

**Type**: NGO

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<td>• Peer-to-peer outreach and support networks; interpersonal communications and behaviour change and reduction of high-risk behaviour among high-risk groups, including female sex workers (FSW) and men who have sex with men (MSM); • Peer networking and HIV/STI educational training and services; • Provision of quality sexual health information and services; • Coordination of government and community-building advocacy in support of HIV prevention programmes; • Tracking surveys for FSW and MSM (Track target groups’ behaviour and condom use related to the prevention of HIV/STIs)</td>
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<td>MSM focusing on katoey and their short- and long-term partners, FSW and their potential partners</td>
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<td>Coverage</td>
<td>Coverage nationwide for the general population: HIV information, education and communication, billboards, television public service announcements, with a focus on Interpersonal Communication (IPC) work in high-risk areas such as Vientiane, Vientiane Province, Savannakhet, Luang Prabang, Champasak, Bokeo, Lumphuntha, Khammuan, and Saravan</td>
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- **Funded by**: Lao Ministry of Health, USAID, Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), DFID, The Nam Theun 2 Authority, UNFPA
- **Funded until**: GFATM and other donors extending until 2012
Raks Thai Foundation

**Type**

NGO

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**PUBLICATIONS AND WEB LINKS**


Other publications available at: www.phamit.org/e_library.html

**RAKS THAI: PROJECT 1 of 3 INFORMATION**

**Title**

Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Migrant Workers in Thailand

**Duration**

July 2003-September 2008

**Focus**

Education, information and prevention; capacity-building (HIV/AIDS prevention and improvement of health services for migrants); monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**

Increasing targeted HIV prevention efforts for migrants working and living in Thailand; supporting development of health systems, social supports, and related policies so migrant workers and related populations can improve their quality of life while in Thailand. Current activities include: Drop-in centres; health referrals; condom promotion and provision; written and audiovisual information; reproductive health services; community networking and capacity-building; children’s health and education; development of health systems through partnerships with public health centres and hospitals.

**Target**

Migrant workers in seafood and garment industries, and sex workers

**Coverage**

Thailand

**Partners**

Center for AIDS Rights (CAR), World Vision Foundation of Thailand, Stella Maris Center, Migrant Assistance Programme (MAP) Foundation, Empower (Chiang Mai), Pattanarak Foundation, and the Thailand Ministry of Public Health

**FUNDING**

**Funding**

USD 13,462,258

**Funded by**

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)

**Funded until**

30 September 2008

**RAKS THAI: PROJECT 2 of 3 INFORMATION**

**Title**

Radio Programme for Migrants Who Are Vulnerable to HIV in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (PHAMIT)

**Duration**

October 2007-June 2008

**Focus**

Education, information and prevention

**Activities**

Ten weekly educational radio programmes for broadcast in Thailand targeting Cambodian migrants in their own language

**Target**

Cambodian migrants working in the fishing industry, Trad province, Thailand

**Coverage**

Thailand

**Partners**

Equal Access International (Cambodia), the Thailand Ministry of Public Health

**FUNDING**

**Funding**

309,000 Baht (approx. USD 10,000)

**Funded by**

Canada South East Asia Regional HIV/AIDS Programme (CSEARHAP)

**Funded until**

June 2008

**RAKS THAI: PROJECT 3 of 3 INFORMATION**

**Title**

Strengthening Networks on Sexual Health for Mobile and Cross-border Populations:

Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Viet Nam and China

**Duration**

April 2007-March 2010

**Focus**

Capacity-building (reproductive health; gender and sexuality of migrant workers and mobile populations; networking and group learning mechanisms); monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**

National and regional networking of NGOs and public organizations to increase capacity for sexual health and HIV/AIDS planning and implementation. Includes activities on training, discussion workshops, IT-based discussions, curriculum development, website for information sharing and networking, cross-border visits, educational material development

**Target**

NGOs and local administrative bodies in Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Thailand, Viet Nam

**Coverage**

Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Thailand, Viet Nam

**Partners**

Border Esan Action Network (BEAN), Prevention of HIV/AIDS Among Workers in Thailand (PHAMIT), Action Network of Migrants (ANM)

**Funded by**

The Rockefeller Foundation

**Funded until**

March 2010

**FUNDING**

**Funding**

USD 320,000
**The Rockefeller Foundation**

**Type**
Philanthropic organization and private foundation

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**Grants Programme**, including the following organizations: EMPOWER Foundation; Raks Thai Foundation; Pattanarak Foundation; International Organization for Migration (IOM); AIDS Network Development Foundation.

### ROCKEFELLER: PROJECT 1 of 2 INFORMATION

**Title**

**Duration**

**Activities**
EMPOWER Foundation: Enabling cross-border sharing of strategies and approaches to reduce HIV vulnerability and risk in ethnic and mobile women in emerging entertainment settings in Lao PDR and Yunnan Province of China.
Raks Thai Foundation: Strengthening networks and building capacity among organizations working with migrants in the Greater Mekong Sub-region to promote sexual health and combat HIV.
Pattanarak Foundation: Supporting project activities to develop experimental models to improve the health and livelihoods of marginalized cross-border ethnic communities in Kanchanaburi, Thailand.
IOM: Supporting project activities to institutionalize disease control measures in Thai immigration detention centers, thereby increasing access to HIV/AIDS prevention and TB control among detained migrants.
AIDS Network Development Foundation: Supporting activities to reduce HIV/AIDS vulnerability in ethnic and migrant populations in northern and northeastern Thailand and in Lao PDR.

**Target**
EMPOWER Foundation: Ethnic and mobile women; Raks Thai Foundation: Migrants; Pattanarak Foundation: Marginalized cross-border ethnic communities; IOM: Detained migrants; AIDS Network Development Foundation: Ethnic and migrant populations

**Coverage**
EMPOWER Foundation: Lao PDR, Thailand, Yunnan Province of China; Raks Thai Foundation: GMS; IOM: Thailand; Pattanarak Foundation: Thailand; AIDS Network Development Foundation: Lao PDR, Thailand

### FUNDING

**Funding**
- EMPOWER Foundation: USD 100,000
- Raks Thai Foundation: USD 320,000
- Pattanarak Foundation: USD 190,000
- IOM: USD 176,150
- AIDS Network Development Foundation: USD 500,000

**Funded by**
USAID

**Funded until**
30 September 2007

### ROCKEFELLER: PROJECT 2 of 2

**Title**
Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS)

**Duration**
December 2007-November 2010

**Activities**
Reducing morbidity and mortality from communicable diseases in marginalized people living in the Mekong region by developing an integrated approach to disease surveillance and response across borders, and by strengthening national and Mekong sub-regional capabilities in disease surveillance and response to outbreaks of priority diseases.

**Target**
Marginalized populations

**Coverage**
Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Viet Nam

### FUNDING

**Funding**
USD 2.4 million over three years (2007-2010)

**Funded by**
The Rockefeller Foundation

**Funded until**
Funding assured until 2010
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**Type**
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### PUBLICATIONS AND WEB LINKS


**The Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health,** Vol. 38 No.6, November 2007, ISSN: 0125-1562

### PROJECT/PROGRAMME INFORMATION

**Funded by**
German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

**Title**
Control of HIV/AIDS/STD Partnership Project in Asia Region (CHASPPAR); ICT and HIV/AIDS Preventive Education; BACKUP

**Focus**
Education, information and prevention; capacity-building; research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation

**Activities**
Human resources development

**Coverage**
South-East Asia

**Target**
Female sex workers and their clients

**Coverage**
Chong Mek district and Ubon Ratchathani in Thailand, and Vong Tao, Champasak Province, Lao PDR

**Partners**
Ubon Ratchathani Provincial Health Office

**FUNDING**
Thailand MOPH-US CDC Collaboration (also known as CDC Global AIDS Program)

**Funded until**
September 2008

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**Please contact Ms. Martha Scherzer at E-mail: Mscherzer@cdc.gov for materials and about the RAMP approach to behaviour change that was piloted in this project and is now being used in several other projects.**

**A Comprehensive Model for HIV and STI Prevention and Care in a Cross-Border Setting (under the US CDC Global AIDS Program Southeast Asia Regional Office)**

**Duration**
2005-2008

**Focus**
Education, information and prevention (innovative behaviour change activities; basic health education in clinics and outreach); treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building (training women in skills for alternative income generation); research and surveillance (clinic data tracks on HIV and STI infection in women; health fair tracks on HIV and STI infection in men)

**Activities**
Targeting border-area people with high-risk sexual behaviours to prevent and care for HIV and STI with three main components:
- Annual health fair at the Chong Mek, Thailand-Vong Tao, Lao PDR border crossing. This targets men using health education, voluntary HIV counseling and testing, and STI testing;
- Full clinical services twice monthly for female sex workers in a clinic located in the "free zone" around the border checkpoint;
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**FUNDING**
Thailand MOPH-US CDC Collaboration (also known as CDC Global AIDS Program)

**Funded until**
September 2008
**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

**Type**
United Nations organization

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**PUBLICATIONS AND WEB LINKS**
A list of UNDP publications is available at: www2.undprcc.lk/resource_centre/rcc_publications.php

No Safety Signs Here: Research study on Migration and HIV Vulnerability from Seven South and North East Asian Countries, 2004, a multi-country research publication on the HIV vulnerabilities of migrants in North East Asia

Human Trafficking and HIV – Exploring vulnerabilities and responses in South Asia, 2007, a rapid assessment study on trafficking and HIV in South Asia

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HIV & YOU: An HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme Among Migrant Industrial Workers and Surrounding Communities by People Living With HIV/AIDS

Migration and HIV in South Asia

For more information on HIV in Asia and the Pacific, please visit the portal: www.youandaids.org

**PROJECT/PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

**Title**
Regional Programme on HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific

**Duration**
1997-ongoing

**Focus**
- Advocacy, research and development of innovative pilot projects on prevention, treatment, care and support for vulnerable mobile populations;
- Strengthening regional collaboration and inter-governmental responses in policy, programmes and implementation of regional organizations’ strategies on mobility and HIV (SAARC, ASEAN)

**Activities**
Main technical focus and current activities of the Programme include:

**Human Development and Poverty**
1. Research and advocacy on HIV and trafficking to support evidence-based policies and programmes;
2. Innovative pilot projects to reduce socio-economic vulnerability of people to human trafficking, forced migration and HIV;
3. Minimum package of services to address HIV prevention and care of migrant workers and host communities in large infrastructure projects (ongoing with UNRTF, ADB and its partners);
4. Substantive technical support to UNRTF Mobility and HIV Vulnerability Reduction in Southeast Asia and southern China.

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**United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)**

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**PROJECT/PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

**Title**
United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Regional Support Team (Asia Pacific)

**Activities**
Priorities of the Regional Support Team (Asia and Pacific) for the next biennium (2008-2009):
- Sustained leadership and stewardship for Universal Access (UA) implementation;
- Increased resources mobilized and effectively used to achieve UA;
- Increased technical capacity mobilized and effectively used for UA implementation;
- Increase availability and use of strategic information to track the epidemic and monitor the response;
- Intensified prevention strategies adopted and implemented;
- Strengthened civil society capacity to effectively participate and contribute to the achievement of UA.

**Coverage**
Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji and the Pacific Islands, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam

**Partners**
Co-sponsors: UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, ILO, UNESCO, WHO, the World Bank

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4. Substantive technical support to UNRTF Mobility and HIV Vulnerability Reduction in Southeast Asia and southern China.
Governance of the AIDS response
1. Support to ASEAN Work Programme on HIV and AIDS (2006-2010) with large components to address various issues on mobility and HIV. The Regional Programme took the lead role in supporting ASEAN together with UNRTF and its members to submit a ten-member countries’ regional proposal on migration and HIV to the 7th round of Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

HIV, Human Rights and Gender
1. A regional initiative on the socio-economic empowerment of HIV-positive women to reduce their vulnerability to distress migration and trafficking undertaken in Cambodia and India in partnership with a Thai-based NGO, Population and Community Development Association (PDA). The initiative provides women with livelihood opportunities, micro-credit and vocational training through social enterprises;
2. Completed a 3.5-year regional initiative, Adolescent Girls, Trafficking and HIV/AIDS: Strengthening Responses in South Asia, funded by the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS) which rescued over 300 trafficked women and girls and benefitted about 600,000 people. The second phase of the initiative is under formulation;
3. A multi-country study in association with Harvard School of Public Health is ongoing to collect and analyse disaggregated data on the linkage between trafficking and HIV in Southeast Asia with the view to inform policies and programmes in the region;
4. Successfully advocated the integration of HIV prevention and care in anti-trafficking activities and a minimum standard of care for trafficked women rescued from forced labour and sex work;
5. Supported policy advocacy and evidence-based programming: The Regional Programme in partnership with CARAM Asia, IOM, UNIFEM and UNAIDS initiated a four-country gender study to assess the HIV vulnerabilities of female migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka working in the Middle East (Bahrain, Lebanon and UAE).

Target
Cross-border migrants, women and girls who are vulnerable to unsafe migration and HIV and who will benefit from an enabling environment for access to HIV prevention, care and support services. People living with and affected by HIV, especially those infected or affected due to mobility.

Coverage
Asia and the Pacific (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, PNG, the Philippines, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste and Viet Nam)

Partners
UN Partners (UNAIDS, ILO, IOM, UNESCO, UNODC, UNIFEM, UNICEF), regional organizations (ASEAN, SAARC, SPC); civil society groups (CARAM Asia, MFA, Saridq); and development partners (ADB, JBIC and the World Bank)

Funding
Funding
USD 1 million (to be mobilized)

Funded by
UNDP, CIDA, UNAIDS, others

Funded until
2008 – 2012 (new programme)
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**Project/Programme Information**

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<td>Advocacy, education, information and prevention; capacity-building (radio dramas inform listeners about HIV/AIDS and human trafficking among ethnic minorities and promote self-prevention and community cohesion as strategies to combat these problems); research and surveillance (post-broadcasting surveys are conducted among minority communities to gather feedback on effectiveness of radio dramas); monitoring and evaluation</td>
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<td>UNESCO has developed a unique, innovative methodology for producing culturally acceptable radio programmes in minority and main languages to educate its target audiences of ethnic minorities and Lao migrants in the GMS.</td>
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**Funding**

| Funding | USD 1.2 million |
| Funded by | ADB, CDC, UNAIDS (United Budget Workplan (UBW)) |
| Funded until | 2007 |

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**Project/Programme Information**

| Title | Current Strategic Plan: Refugees, HIV and AIDS — UNHCR’s Strategic Plan 2005-2007 — Fighting HIV and AIDS Together with Refugees |
| Duration | Ongoing |
| Focus | Education, information and prevention; treatment, counseling, care and support; capacity-building (UNHCR staff, implementing and operational partners and community-based organizations in implementing HIV activities); research and surveillance; monitoring and evaluation |
| Activities | Protecting refugees affected by HIV and AIDS; coordinating and mainstreaming HIV policies and interventions at various levels; incorporating HIV policies and interventions into UNHCR’s programme for durable solutions; advocacy; quality HIV programming; HIV prevention, support, care and treatment; assessment, surveillance, monitoring and evaluation; training and capacity-building; and resource mobilization |
| Target | Refugees, asylum seekers, returnees, internally displaced persons |
| Coverage | Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand |
| Partners | International and national NGOs and governments |

**Funding**

| Funding | USD 1 million per year |
| Funded by | AUSAID, UNHCR own funds, UNAIDS |
| Funded until | 2009 |
### United Nations Regional Task Force on Mobility and HIV Vulnerability Reduction in South-East Asia and Southern Provinces of China (UNRTF)

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### Publications and Web Links

All publications, including HIV/AIDS & Mobility in South-East Asia - Rapid Assessment (published by UNRTF in partnership with the ASEAN Secretariat), are available in the Resources and Publications section of UNRTF's website at: [http://www.hivmobilitysea.org](http://www.hivmobilitysea.org)

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| **Activities** | Main activities include:  
• Establishing multi-sector partnerships at national and regional levels;  
• Creating an enabling environment for responses addressing the needs and rights of migrants and mobile populations;  
• Coordinating national planning and HIV-prevention efforts in member countries;  
• Facilitating the development of national and regional data collection and research mechanisms;  
• Disseminating information for regional programming responses to HIV and mobility issues;  
• Enhancing coordination and collaboration mechanisms between regional and national levels on HIV prevention, care and treatment for migrants and mobile populations |
| **Target** | Migrants and mobile populations in Southeast Asia and two southern provinces of China (Guangxi and Yunnan) |
| **Coverage** | Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam and two provinces of Southern China (Guangxi and Yunnan) |
| **Partners** | ASEAN Secretariat, UN and international organizations (UNDP, UNAIDS, IOM, ILO, UNESCO, UNHCR), CIDA, CSEARHP, regional NGOs (APN+, CARAM Asia, MFA), and all 10 ASEAN Member States representatives (through the ASEAN Task Force on Aids, ministries of labour or similar bodies) |

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