



Development and Education Programme for Daughters and Communities Centre

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Shan Youth Safety Training to End Risk Migration (SYSTEM)

BACKGROUND

DEPDC/GMS is a non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to the prevention of child trafficking and exploitation through protection, education, and life-skills training. Founded in 1989 by Mr. Sompop Jantraka and Ms. Michiho Inagakia, this community-based organization began as a small project dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating nineteen girls at risk of entering the sex trade. DEPDC/GMS was formally recognized by the government of Thailand in 1995, progressing from a small unrecognized NGO to a prominent and influential member in the fight against child exploitation. In 28 years of operation, the organization has helped provide education, skills training, empowerment, medical assistance, and basic life necessities to over 7,000 children and women from poor communities who are at risk of being lured or abducted into the human trafficking industry for the purpose of sexual exploitation or other forms of forced labor.

BRIEF PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name: Shan Youth Safety Training to End Risk Migration (SYSTEM)

Target Group: 100 at-risk youth and women, stateless migrants

Geographical Coverage: Thailand–Myanmar (Golden Triangle–Shan State)

Estimated Annual Project Cost: 115,000 (USD)

Funding: Partial funding received through UNESCO; 65,000USD required to complete program.

Objectives:

1. Provide basic education and life skills training to at-risk, stateless women and children from the Thailand–Myanmar border and within the Golden Triangle (Thailand-Laos PDR-Myanmar)
2. Empower and encourage at-risk youth to realize the value of basic literacy skills and the ability to read, write and speak a second language.
3. Transfer training and education values into self-sufficiency in order to prevent victimization or being pushed into sexual or labor human trafficking or other forms of exploitation.
4. Form a youth leader network to further prevent at-risk migration from occurring at their country or state of origin.

PROJECT DELIVERY

Program Outline:

Center-Based Training: (3 months) Intensive training at DEPDC/GMS in Mae Sai, Chiang Rai, will be provided 5 days/week for 6-8 hours/day. Please see 'Curriculum' for details.

Community Research Skill Training: (1 month) Data collection and basic research methodology skill training will be introduced and practiced in the real environment and practical community situations.

Field-Based Internship: (1 month) Participants continue training in the field at a pre-designated location. Participants will observe, learn from, and engage in the best practice programs and their platform meetings.

Conclusion and Graduation: (1 month) Participants will provide a written paper report and presentation based on the findings of their community research and internship prior to graduating from the program.

Curriculum: Curriculum is based on alternative and flexible learning with a focus on current issues, policies, and social changes. The program utilizes self-direct and social service-direct learning strategies. Reading, writing, and verbal communication skills are strongly emphasized. The following courses will be selected appropriately to each learner. Please contact International Department of DEPDC/GMS if you would like to learn more about the curriculum.

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