

**Minutes of the Technical Consultative Meeting among three sending countries  
(Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar)**

**For**

**Strengthening Protection of At-Risk Migrants**

**Against Forced Labour and Human Trafficking**

**24-25 May 2018**

**Siem Reap, Cambodia**

A technical consultative meeting among the delegations from three countries namely; the Kingdom of Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, was hosted by Cambodia in Siem Reap, Cambodia on 24-25 May 2018.

Members of the meeting are representatives from:

- Cambodia: the National Committee on Counter Trafficking in persons (NCCT), including Ministry of Interior (Cambodia National Police; General Department of Immigration; General Department of Identification); Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, Ministry of Women's Affairs/COMMIT Taskforce; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Siem Reap Provincial authority, the Office and Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection of Siem Reap Province; which is led by Her Excellency Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Interior and Permanent Vice Chairperson of NCCT.
- Lao PDR: the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Lao Women's Union and Lao Federation of Trade Unions, which is led Mr. Onevong Keobounnavong, Chief of Children Assistance Trafficking Victims, Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of Lao PDR.
- Myanmar: the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Cambodia, Mrs. Thin Pyant Thida Kyaw, Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission.

Also present at the meeting as observers are representatives of IOM, UN-WOMEN, UN-ACT/UNDP, USAID, JICA, IJM, Ratanak International, Winrock International, Samaritan's Purse, Hope for Justice, GVC, WVI, LPN, Chabdai, and LSCW. The Association of Cambodia Recruitment Agencies (ACRA) attended the meeting as well.

After the welcoming, introduction and presentations, the meeting discussed the issues/challenges around migration, particularly at-risk migration and trafficking in persons.

We acknowledge that our migrants are gaining benefits and significantly contribute to the economic development of the sending and receiving countries and that each of the three countries have developed and implemented laws and policies to protect the migrant workers;

However, we have learned that approximately 70% of them working in the destination countries, particularly in Thailand are undocumented. In the meantime, Thailand as one of the destination countries is enforcing laws to promote legal migration. To avoid the negative

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impact of the enforcement of the law, the three sending countries and Thailand are collaborating to provide legal documents to existing undocumented migrant workers. We are not sure whether the process will end on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The three countries concern that some migrant workers will not be able to obtain legal documents and face arrest, detention, abuses and trafficking.

We the countries sending migrant workers to the destination countries do not wish to see the sufferings, dangers and exploitation in any of the stages in the migration cycle. Therefore, we, as members of technical consultative meeting, who are from multidisciplinary group, urge to our governments to consider the following aspects of appropriate activities should be taken by individual country and by joining collaboration (with attachment).

Last but not least, our members proposed to have joint resolution, among sending countries as well as between sending and receiving countries, proceeds by regular meetings to share information, issues and achievement.

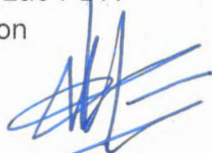
The minutes are signed on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Siem Reap of Cambodia.

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