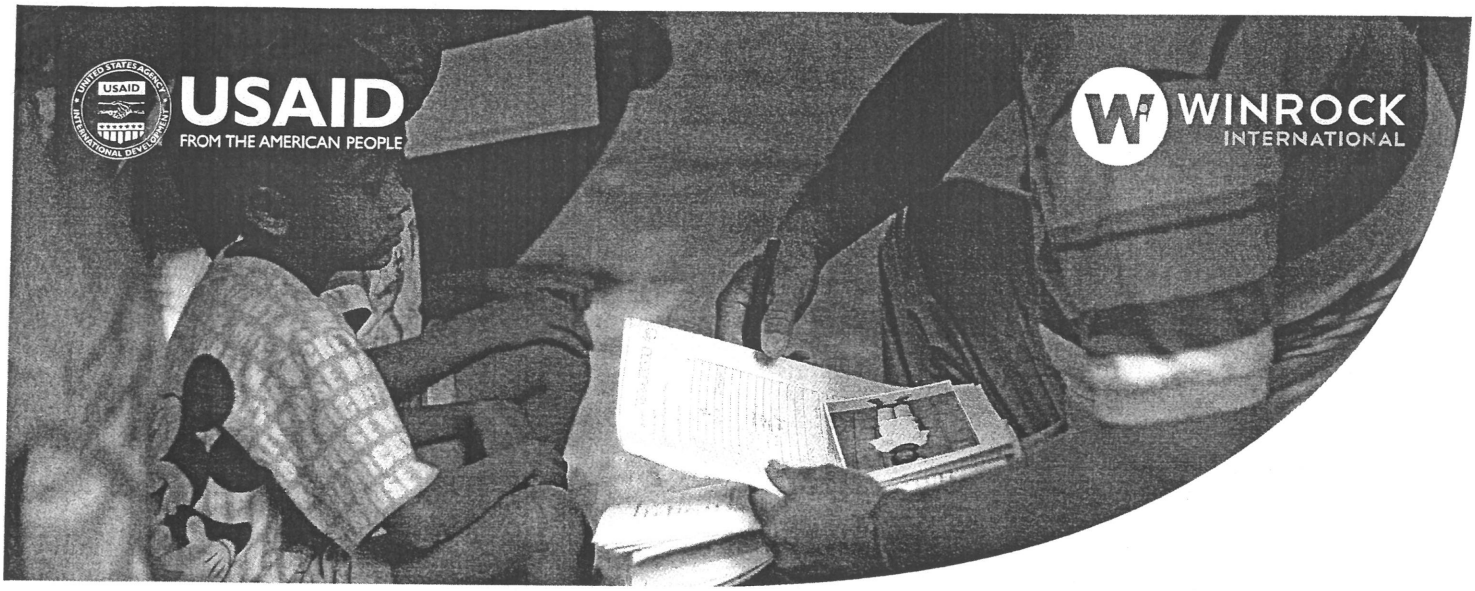

ASIA COUNTER TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Trafficking-in-persons (TIP) is a complex problem that requires multi-stakeholder, multi-disciplinary solutions. Asia accounts for more than half the world's population and the majority of detected trafficked persons. The **USAID Asia Counter Trafficking in Persons** (USAID Asia CTIP) is a five-year (2016-2021) regional initiative that aims to reduce trafficking of persons through a coordinated and consolidated action by *governments, civil society and business.*

The program focuses on the following objectives:

1. strengthened learning around trafficking-in-persons;
2. enhanced cooperation between various sectors in source, transit and destination countries; and
3. increased opportunities for private sector leadership in this area.

Winrock is working with **five partners** with specialized technical expertise and extensive networks to effectively address this issue: the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women, Liberty Asia, the Mekong Club, the NEXUS Institute, and SSG Advisors. Through its Advisory Board and ongoing activities, USAID Asia CTIP integrates the voices and concerns of migrant and survivor groups into implementation and monitoring.

In addition, more than **25 resource organizations**, including research institutions, multilateral agencies, international and local civil society organizations, and private sector companies, contribute their distinct perspectives, knowledge and know-how to the program while benefiting from its reach, generated new learning and networks.

Winrock's **John D. Rockefeller 3rd Scholars Program** is delivering evidence-based policy to the program, and the newly launched **Campaign Against Labor Trafficking** with partner **Concordia** brings a platform of more than 400 public, private and nonprofit organizations together to work on this issue.

Key Approaches

To achieve **strengthened learning around trafficking in persons**, USAID Asia CTIP is:

- improving empirical evidence base for counter-trafficking in persons interventions;
- harmonizing the measurement of CTIP programs, and
- increasing local capacity to conduct TIP research and monitoring and evaluation.

To promote **enhanced cooperation in source, transit and destination countries**, USAID Asia CTIP is:

- supporting implementation of bilateral and regional frameworks, particularly the ASEAN Convention against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;

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- improving effectiveness of civil society networks in policy advocacy and monitoring, as well as in application of best practices in victim identification, service provision, behavior change campaign, private sector linkages and other areas

Finally, **to increase opportunities for private sector leadership** in CTIP, the program is:

- facilitating targeted public-private partnerships to reduce TIP in priority sectors (construction, agriculture, and domestic work);
- improving labor rights protection through expanded use of existing and testing of new approaches, including automated solutions for abuse reporting and access to services;
- decreasing consumer demand for goods and services produced by trafficked persons;
- promoting innovative solutions to priority challenges and developing best practices for the use of ICT and other tools to fight TIP.

Prospective Associate Programs under USAID Asia CTIP

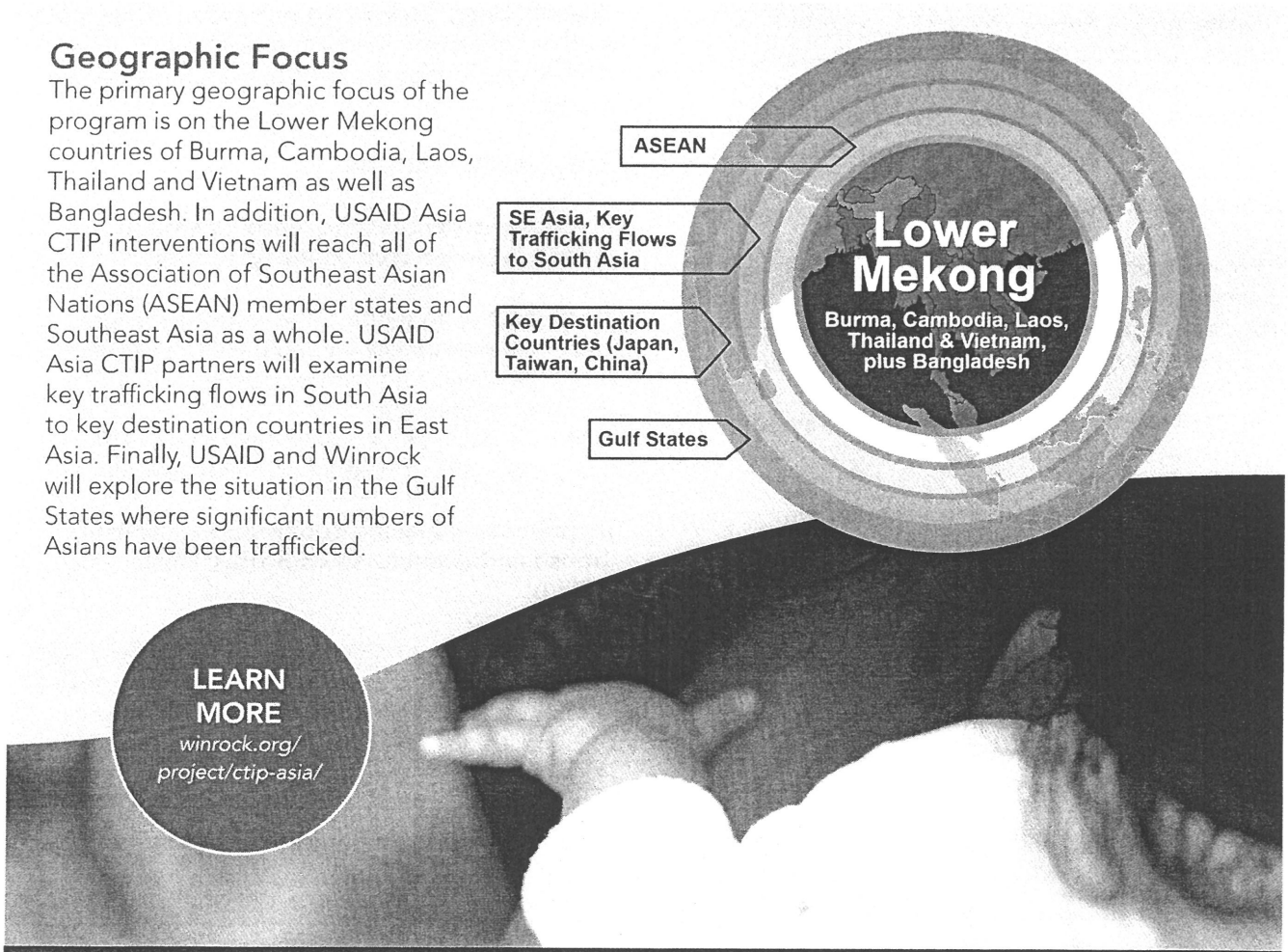
The USAID Asia CTIP Leader with Associates (LWA) mechanism provides USAID offices in the region an opportunity to develop complementary activities that link to the regional CTIP efforts. These Associate Awards will support the goals above as well as the following objectives:

1. reduce the vulnerability of at-risk individuals and groups to human trafficking,
2. increase the quality and availability of support for trafficked persons, and
3. improve access to justice and remedy for trafficked persons.

The Asia CTIP principal program office is in Bangkok, Thailand. For additional information, please contact Katie Henke, Winrock's director of civic engagement and social equity, at **khenke@winrock.org**.

Geographic Focus

The primary geographic focus of the program is on the Lower Mekong countries of Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam as well as Bangladesh. In addition, USAID Asia CTIP interventions will reach all of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states and Southeast Asia as a whole. USAID Asia CTIP partners will examine key trafficking flows in South Asia to key destination countries in East Asia. Finally, USAID and Winrock will explore the situation in the Gulf States where significant numbers of Asians have been trafficked.



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