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MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

between

National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT)

and

GRUPPO DI VOLONTARIATO CIVILE (GVC)

Italian International NGO

on

The project “Migra-Action: Advocate, Monitor and Communicate to
Combat Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Cambodia”
(EIDHR/2015/369-068), financed by the European Union

Cambodia, May 2016

Project Summary

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Title of Action:	"Migra-Action: Advocate, Monitor and Communicate to Combat Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Cambodia"
Project number:	EIDHR/2015/369-068
Location(s) of Action:	Siem Reap, Oddar Meanchey, Kampong Cham, Bantey Mancheay, Kampong Thom
Project partners:	Cambodia Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) and Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW)
Global Budget:	US\$ 500,000
Action Start Date:	February 1 st , 2016
Action End Date:	January 31 st , 2019
Local Staff:	7 people
Expatriate staffs:	1 person

General aims of Cooperation

The purpose of the memorandum of understanding is to establish the mechanism of cooperation between the Royal Government of Cambodia, represented by National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT) and GVC regarding the implementation in Cambodia of the action **MIGRA-ACTION: Advocate, Monitor and Communicate to Combat Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Cambodia (EIDHR/2015/369-068)**. This collaboration is aimed at improving safe channels of migration, monitoring and advocating for the implementation of effective solutions put in place by Cambodian Authorities especially those by the Ministry of Interiors thanks to the NCCT at national and provincial level and the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training who plays an important role for labour exploitations forms.

Project Description

Project Name: Advocate, Monitor and Communicate to Combat Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Cambodia (EIDHR/2015/369-068).

The proposed intervention is intended to work on the current situation characterized by an urgent need that RGC strengthen the existing law and instruments to combat human trafficking and promote safe migration and cooperate with neighbouring destination countries in effective way. Civil society such as NGOs and CSOs have the important role of giving visibility to the real situation in the country which, most of the time, is unknown at national level due to poor instruments to monitoring and analysing the situation on the ground. The gap of contacts and interactions from national and local level is made bigger by an extremely weak civil society and the feeble role of the Commune Chiefs who has very little knowledge about laws and national plans despite the efforts to decentralize power from the national government to the communes. The weakness of civil society is even more exacerbates by the phenomenon of migration (especially in the Provinces bordering Thailand, the major destination country for Cambodian migrants) since leads to a depopulation of villages with enormous impact on the lives of children left behind and elderly people and enormous social costs and desegregation for Cambodian families. MIGRA ACTION will work to diminishing this gap between national and local level, monitoring and advocating for the correct implementation of migrant protection plans with supplementary case studies showing the real situation on the ground. It will support discussions and decision making process during the main meetings organized by the RGC and/or other institutions about human trafficking with updated information. The project aims also to increase knowledge and advocacy skills to recognise cases of exploitation by Local Authorities and raise awareness, promoting the achievement of common human rights agenda by empowered CSOs and NGOs.

General Objective:

To improve safe channels of migration monitoring and advocating for the implementation of effective solutions put in place by Cambodian Authorities and to focus on advocacy and

communication actions in order to increase visibility and fulfil gaps in the information flow from national to local level and vice versa.

Specific Objective:

The project has two Specific Objectives:

1. Increase knowledge to recognise cases of exploitation, advocacy and communication skills to CSOs, Local Authorities, migrants and their families to raise awareness at local, national and international level. A more well prepared and equipped civil society will increase opportunities to give visibility to the real situation on the ground underling the gap of connections and circulation of information between local and national level. In addition to that, increased knowledge will protect migrants against many forms of abuse connected to unsafe migrations.
2. Increases the efficiency of measures put in place by the Cambodian Government to combat human trafficking and irregular migration thanks to actions undertaken at commune and village level through the Self Help Groups and the advocacy actions promoted at national level. SHGs will help to collect information to understand the impacts of those measures on migrants and their real implementations on the ground while advocacy and communication actions will bring at national and ASEAN level the information collected on the ground.

The Project outcomes:

The Outcome of the Projects are as follow:

1. **Expected Result 0: Continued Engagement of Stakeholders & Successful Management and Coordination of the Project** – achieved with Activity 0: Establishment, Management and Coordination of the project of the Project Steering Committee
2. **Expected Result 1: Strengthening the role of community to participate the discussion with local authorities for safe migration and combat human trafficking** –achieved with Activity 1: Creation of 25 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for 5 Province to raise awareness, building capacity and advocacy actions through 5 Social Ambassadors.
3. **Expected Result 2: CSOs and NGOs Cambodia will be empowered and their visibility increased at national and ASEAN level on human trafficking and human rights**– achieved with Activity 2: Creation of 4 CCs (Communication Campaigns) using real stories of exploitation (on vulnerability of women and children (including children left behind), male labor exploitation, procedures for repatriation, recruitment agencies)_which become documented case study.
4. **Expected Result 3: Increase effectiveness implementation of measures put in place by RGC to combat unsafe migration** – achieved with Activity 3: Monitoring and advocacy activities towards an efficient implementation of policy frameworks approved by RGC.

Detailed term of Memorandum of Understanding
National Committee for Counter Trafficking
and
Gruppo di Volontariato Civile, Italian international ngo

Article 1

General Terms of Memorandum of Understanding

- 1.1 The general scope of this memorandum of understanding is to increase cooperation between National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT) and GVC in Cambodia to strengthen the quality of the implementation of the project called **MIGRA-ACTION: Advocate, Monitor and Communicate to Combat Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Cambodia (EIDHR/2015/369-068)** within the Cambodia's Government Policy and strategy.
- 1.2 The Project starts from 01/02/2016 and will continue until 31/01/2019. The cooperation between NCCT and GVC will thus continue for the entire duration of the project.
- 1.3 None of the activities of this collaboration shall be involved with political activities and/or parties.
- 1.4 Copies of this memorandum of understanding are held by NCCT and GVC in Cambodia to be used officially and form the basic guide for cooperation and work.

Article 2

Gruppo Di Volontariato Civile (GVC) agrees to

- 2.1 GVC will manage the funds granted by the European Commission and will guarantee the implementation of the action.
- 2.2 Throughout the implementation of the project, GVC will assure a permanent dialogue with different local actors and CSOs active in the promotion of migrants' and women's rights and decent work.
- 2.3 GVC commits to promote partnership between 5 Provincial Committee for Counter Trafficking (PCCT)'s staff and local stakeholders as a mean to enhance project sustainability, sharing information and strengthening coordination among local actors within the Provincial/National system for contributing to create and reinforce a bridge to facilitate the flow of information relating human trafficking and safe migration between local and national level.
- 2.4 To provide NCCT with Semester Reports - based on the year of the project - including the activities performed in the related period, achievements and difficulties encountered.

- 2.5 GVC recognizes that NCCT has the right to monitor the activities implemented in the target area of the project.
- 2.6 GVC shall inform in writing to NCCT on any change in address, designated representative and program manager.

Article 3

National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT) agrees to

- 3.1 Allow GVC to hire Cambodian people to work, abiding by the law of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- 3.2 Ensure the commitment of its members at provincial level to be involved in sharing the outcomes and visibility of the results and to advocate for the project at national level to facilitate the promotion of and enabling environment for a protected migration.
- 3.3 Involve NCCT representatives at provincial and district level to participate to the Self Help Groups (A1) to better understand the situation on the ground and also report the information at national level.

Article 4

General Clause

- 4.1. Country Representative of GVC or an official designed representative is authorised by GVC to act on its behalf with NCCT.
- 4.2. Written amendments to this memorandum of understanding may be made with mutual agreement and approval, signed by both parties after due consideration.
- 4.3. This memorandum of understanding shall take effect from the date of signing, and shall remain in effect until the project end date for 3 years, as stated in clause 1.2.
- 4.4. This memorandum of understanding is presented unaltered, in 2 originals, Khmer and English, all texts being equally authentic and of equal value.

Phnom Penh,

29 / Aug / 2016

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