**2013 Small Grants to Victims of Trafficking in Persons**

UNODC will accept project proposals from eligible not-for-profit organisations and bodies in Lao PDR providing assistance to victims of trafficking in persons. The aim is to empower and protect victims of trafficking in persons through the provision of small grants to established channels of victim protection and support.

**Background**

The UNODC X26 Project: Strengthening Criminal Justice Responses to Human Trafficking in Lao PDR is a three-year project. Victim empowerment and protection through strengthening the access to services and legal assistance is a priority area under this project.

Victims of trafficking in persons need various types of assistance in line with their rights and needs. Victim service providers play an important role in fulfilling these needs – albeit often limited due to a shortage of funding or capacity. Supported victims may also be in a better position to take legal action against the perpetrators.

The X26 project has previously provided small grants of USD 5,000 to two applicant organizations. This is the second call for applications for sub-grants. Applicants may request grants of up to USD 5,000 in 2013 for projects ranging between 1 and 3 months. Each applicant may only apply for one grant. The deadline for the submission of the applications will be **31 July 2013 at 16:00 hours Vientiane local time**.

The focus of the applications should be on effective remedies for victims of human trafficking, including, but not limited to, legal support, access to justice and compensation. Examples: direct support to case proceedings and follow-up; capacity-building for shelter staff; legal advice; and referral procedures. This can either be ongoing work or new initiatives.

**How to apply and further information**

If you would like to apply for a grant, please fill in the application form in either English or Lao. The form is available at https://www.unodc.org/laopdr/en/topics/country-programme/Illicit-trafficking.html, or can be sent via email upon request. The application should be submitted either by email or in hard copy to the UNODC Lao Country Office with reference to “UNODC X26 Project - 2013 Small Grants”.

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