Project Childhood (Protection Pillar)

Overview and Activities
2011-2012
Project Childhood

A $7.5 million Australian AID initiative to combat the sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism in the Mekong sub-region. Project Childhood builds on Australia’s long-term support for programs that better protect children and prevent their abuse.

4 year program (2010-2014)

Key Priority Countries:
- Cambodia
- Lao PDR
- Thailand
- Vietnam
Project Childhood Pillars and Partners

1 (UNODC)
   Technical assistance and capacity building
   UNODC & INTERPOL

2 (INTERPOL) – Operational activity
   World Vision

Protection Pillar

Prevention Pillar
Protection Pillar Objectives

AIM: To strengthen and enhance the capacity of law enforcement officials in identifying, arresting and prosecuting travelling child sex offenders

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT**
(UNODC)

- **Outcome 1:** Legislative frameworks relevant to combatting travelling child sex offenders and protecting victims are enhanced / improved
  - Output 1.1: Legislative review undertaken
  - Output 1.2: Clear and practical recommendations presented to government counterparts with regard to improving legislative frameworks to combat travelling child sex offenders

- **Outcome 2:** Informed and capable front-line law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges
  - Output 2.1: Training and Capacity building needs assessed
  - Output 2.2: Training and other capacity development support delivered and institutionalised
  - Output 2.3: Priority equipment packages delivered and installed

- **Outcome 3:** Enhanced cooperation between criminal justice agencies within and across borders with respect to combating travelling child sex offenders and protecting victims
  - Output 3.1: Enhanced networking and communication mechanisms established between key stakeholders

**OPERATIONAL COMPONENT**
(INTERPOL)

- **Outcome 4:** Expert investigations carried out, offenders identified, investigated and (as appropriate) arrested and prosecuted, and child victims appropriately supported
  - Output 4.1: Detailed operational plan prepared and endorsed
  - Output 4.2: Operational plan implemented and reviewed
  - Output 4.3: Results and lessons learned discussed and shared
Project Beneficiaries

Police
Prosecutors
Judges
Law and Order Officials
Public Servants
Regional Overview

Outcome 2: Training and Capacity Building Activities

Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Viet Nam

- 2 Country Assessment of Training Delivered to Police (Nov 2011)
  - Cambodia
  - Thailand

- 3 Technical Working Group Established & 5 Meetings on Designing Police Training Curriculum
  - Thailand (29 February, 3-4 May, 20 July 2012)
  - Viet Nam (16 August 2012)
  - Cambodia (27 September 2012)

- Investigating Sexual Exploitation of Children
  - Draft Version of Police Training Curriculum (30 November 2012)

- Cross-Pillar
  - Introductory Training to Community Policing Officers & Community Leaders
    (13-14 November 2012)

- IOMC Training - Computer Facilitated Course
  (18-20 September 2012)

- Final Government-Approved Version of Curriculum

- Lao Technical Working Group to Be Established (January 2013)

- CST Baseline report 2011 (Jan 2011)
- Study on Media Reporting (June 2012)
- Police Response to CST report 2011 (Dec 2011)
- Project Implementation Design Document (Dec 2011)
- Cambodia Gender Training
  1. Gender and Violence against Women and Children (10-13 September 2012)
  2. Training for Newly Elected Female Police Deputy Commissioners (24-26 October 2012)
Regional Overview

Outcome 3: National and Regional Cooperation

- **Protection Pillar became member of Cambodia Law Enforcement & Justice Working Group of the National Committee**
- **Cross-Pillar Project Childhood Coordinating Committee (10 July 2012)**
- **Protection Pillar Stakeholders Meeting (11 July 2012)**
- **Introduction to Community Policing in Thailand (5 October 2012)**
- **Regional Cooperation Law Enforcement Cooperation Workshop in Viet Nam (30-31 October 2012)**
- **Regional Cooperation Legal Research Group: TOH to be prepared by Viet Nam**

**2011**
- Viet Nam Conferences on launching plan for combating child sexual abuse (3 and 16 May 2012)

**2012**
- Viet Nam Project Management Board (29 June 2012)
- Cambodia-Thailand Police-to-Police Cooperation (9 August 2012)
- Thai Pre-Meeting for Regional Law Enforcement Cooperation Workshop (24 October 2012)
- Legal Report Approval Meeting (Multi Agency) (19-20 November 2012)

**2013**
Regional Overview

Outcome 4: Operational Component

Technical Expertise
• Supported establishment of Police Training Technical Working Group (Cambodia, Viet Nam and Thailand)

Computer Facilitated Crime Course
• Collaboration with the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) in organizing 2.5 days training in Bangkok on the “Investigation and Prosecution of Online/Offline Sexual Exploitation of Children”

Police Units
• Specialist Police teams identified
• Ongoing operational support and planning with police units

Cases
Ongoing technical support to operations in the project countries
Outcome 1: Improving Legislative Frameworks

- Legal Analysis Report finalized, translated, endorsed and launched
- Legal frameworks enhanced through legal reform process

Outcome 2: Training and Capacity Building Activities

- Police Training Curriculum delivered: Training-of-Trainers
- Police Training Curriculum disseminated and institutionalised
- Delivery of equipment to law enforcement officials
- Community Policing Training and Community Duty Bearer Training delivered
- Gender Pilots initiated and training delivered

Outcome 3: National and Regional Cooperation

- 2nd Meeting of the Project Childhood Coordinating Committee
- 2nd Meeting of the Protection Pillar Regional Law Enforcement Cooperation Members
- 2nd Meeting of the Viet Nam Project Board

Outcome 4: Operational Component

- Operational plans developed and implemented
- 4 Specialist Units functional