



## Human Stories – from Desperation to Hope

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**NGO:** Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC)

**UNVTF-Supported Project:** Protecting and Improving Access to Justice for Cambodian Survivors of Trafficking in Persons

**Projected Beneficiaries:** ca. 65 women and girls and 50 men and boys



ADHOC has successfully helped the survivor return home and reunite with her family. Photo © ADHOC

**Virtually no country in the world is unaffected by human trafficking. Trafficking for forced labour is the main form in sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. In Central Asia and South Asia, trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation are near-equally detected.**

**The NGO ADHOC in Cambodia is instrumental in providing assistance to victims of forced labour through the UNVTF-supported project.**

Lured by the promise of employment, Chan, a widow and mother of two children, left her

home in Cambodia. Once abroad, she fell into the broker's trap and ended up without a job. Chan had to support herself quickly. She worked in several farms but never received any salary despite countless hours of hard work. After several months, her passport was stolen, leaving her stranded in a foreign land. To make matters worse, she suffered a work accident that left her severely burned. She went to a hospital, but did not have enough money to cover her treatment costs. Later, she was forced to leave the hospital, and was subsequently reported to the immigration police and arrested.

Once the NGO ADHOC became aware of Chan's plight, they started investigating and intervening in the case immediately. The project team managed to contact the victim by phone to get updated information, communicated with the Cambodian consulate, and requested the hospital to give Chan humanitarian aid. **Through the project, the Trust Fund facilitated covering the air ticket cost to reunite her with her family in Cambodia safely, and facilitated her reintegration into the local community.**

This is just one of the human stories from 60+ grass-root organizations supported by UNVTF. NGOs have been directly providing 3000+ survivors a year in 40+ countries with a variety of substantive assistance, such as humanitarian aid, legal support, psychological counselling, vocational training, repatriation, etc, to give them the hope of a new beginning.

