Title of the Project: 
Raising Awareness and Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups 
To Ensure Safe Migration and Combat Trafficking in Person

Our day begins with Morning Prayer and reflection

Training of Staff
Training of Staff presents a prime opportunity to expand the knowledge base of all the staff members. It strengthens those skills that each staff member needs to improve and brings them to a higher level so they all have similar skills and knowledge. Training enables all concerned to address weakness and strengths. Providing the necessary training creates an overall “knowledgeable staff” and they can take over for one another as needed independently without constant help and supervision from others. Training of staff enables them to respond to the current day challenges of our times.
For these reasons – every day we have training of staff sessions. During these sessions the staff discuss significant subjects such as:

- Trafficking in persons
- Pre-departure information
- Migration – legal and illegal etc

a) **The outreach program conducted at Fountain of Life – is an anti-trafficking initiative operating between 3 main groups:**

- Networking with vulnerable groups in Thailand
- The Villages in Sihanoukville
- The women in the bars in Sihanoukville

**Group 1 – Networking with Fountain of Life Pattaya**
Two staff members will be involved
They will work in Cambodia in the prison in the bars and in the villages paying special attention to children and young adults who have left or who are planning to leave Cambodia to find employment in Thailand and the neighbouring countries
Every three months they will travel to Thailand and work with NGOs in Chonburi – Thailand who are working in this area
They will visit Cambodian families and places where Cambodian children and young adults are working or are kept in Thailand
Group 2 – Working in the Villages
Teaching children and young adults Khmer – English – Hygiene (health education)
Providing information to individuals and families about trafficking and its different and complicated methods of recruitment
Pre-departure workshops for people who are planning to leave the country

Using the Buddhist Temple as a classroom to teach the Children in the villages
Many of the children are too poor to attend special tuition classes – this can have a negative effect in their class performance
Some of the children do not go to school and are used by their guardians to help earn money for the family.
Our staff teach in several villages and this gives an opportunity for all to learn

Staff teaching the children Khmer and English in the Buddhist Temple

Working with the people in the village – Practical Skills in Health Care
Group 3 – Empowering the women and teenage girls who work in the Bar – through:

Providing
- Information on trafficking for forced labour – sexual exploitation – domestic work
- Pre-departure information
- Language skills – English and Khmer
- Counseling services and health education
- Information regarding – marriage with foreigners – smuggling of people

Encouraging
- The women to care for each other and to join the programs at the center

Settling
- Disputes that often arise because of poverty and language problems

Services provided at the Center:
Providing information to vulnerable groups on:
- Pre-departure – Trafficking – Legal and illegal migration
- Pornography
- Forced Labour

**Trafficking and safe migration**

Challenges faced in the villages – and in the bars

**Poverty**
This is a great challenge faced by the women and teenage girls
Therefore they can easily become victims of trafficking

**Unemployment**
Young people have no work
They are frustrated at being idle for long periods. They are often under pressure to find work quickly which makes them vulnerable to accepting dangerous job offers
They do not critically assess the job advertisements or recruiting firms
Afraid to contact local authorities
When it involves border crossing victims seek the help of traffickers who provide them with false documents – they are afraid of the local authorities

Pressure from the Families
Families and relatives vigorously collect enough money so that their daughter or their relative can go abroad and find employment

Pressurized to appear successful
Returned survivors who were trafficked refuse to acknowledge that they are victims of trafficking and despite all the hardships they encountered they are prepared to go again and again until they can bring home money

Stop Migration – has not worked
Curbing their mobility would put them into a more exploitative situation

Our Approach
Safe Migration
Our approach: MAKE MIGRATION SAFE instead of NO TO MIGRATION

Complexity of Trafficking
Trafficking is very complex
Traffickers only want to exploit labour and they are not concerned whether the victim is an illegal migrant or a trafficked person or a smuggled person

Our primary concern
Prevent forced labor
Provide information to vulnerable groups
Form networks that can be useful to vulnerable groups

Make Migration Safe has now become the focus for all our interventions because we know the women will go abroad

Building relationships with the Bar Owners
In 2015 we started a program with the bar owners
Our Staff are in contact with about 10 bar owners
Most of the Bar owners are Cambodian women living with foreign men
They have responded positively
They inform the women who work in their bar about the services we provide
They encourage them to participate in the programs offered at the Center

Pre-departure workshops – fake passports and real passports
(b) Services provided at the Fountain of Life Center

Providing a safe environment for the children

**Day Care Services**

No of Children attending our day care 33

**Services Provided**

Before admitting a child our staff make a home visit to assess the family situation in order to provide the necessary help and support that the family and child needs

Only children and families in difficult circumstances are admitted

Some of these children study at our Center in the morning and in the afternoon they study at the Public school
**Lunch and a snack**
Every day the Children are served with a nutritious meal and they also get a snack before they return to their homes.
The older children help to feed the younger children.

The meals are prepared by the staff.

**Teaching the Children to take a Shower**
Some of the Children do not have safe facilities to have a shower in their homes or in their villages.
Every day before they leave the children take a shower at our Center.
For some Children this is the only shower they will have for the day.

Teaching the children to take a shower.
**Teaching the children LIFE SKILLS**

We believe that
Life skills are learned through repetition and practice
Life skills help children through the turbulence of adolescence
Good Life Skills help children to stand up to unhealthy peer pressure
Children don't naturally know how to make good choices
Life skills help children to know what to do in everyday situations
By teaching children life skills we are preparing them to make good decision as they grow into adulthood

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**Educational Exposure**

Through role play we teach the children good and abusive behavior
The children are taught how to reach out and help less privileged children
Every week our staff take a few children for a 15 minutes educational exposure
When they return to the center they share with the other children what they had seen – what actions they should take and what actions they should avoid

**The Children are learning:**
About their rights as children
What behaviour is appropriate and what is inappropriate
The duties of parents

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*Getting the Parents involved in the development of their children*
**Khmer Classes for Vietnamese Children with Cambodian Citizenship**

**Purpose of this Program**
After the Vietnamese helped to defeat Pol Pot they ruled Cambodia until they were pressurized to leave Cambodia. Many Vietnamese have Cambodian Citizenship but in the past they were very reluctant to learn the Cambodian Language – neither did they allow their children to study the language. However now they are beginning to realize that without the language they will not qualify for jobs or educational opportunities in Cambodia. Currently there are about 5 children learning Cambodia at our Center every day.

**Effectiveness of our services**
This program is very effective as the children are able to read and write in Cambodian. They are able to participate fully in the lessons taught at school. The relationship between the Vietnamese children and the Cambodians children is slowly improving and in some situations the previous suspicion is also slowly disappearing.

![Image of children learning]

**English for at all levels for the people in the Community**

**Purpose of this Program**
The classes are conducted every day from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Through this program we are able to reach out to all the people in the community. Many of the people who attend the classes do not have the money to have private tuition classes. Every day about 139 children – teenage girls and boy – and young adults come to the Centre. Young Mothers are able to share their life struggles with us and receive counseling after the classes. The young adults are working and they need Language Skills.

**Effectiveness of our services**
This is a very effective service. Our visibility is enhanced in the community – since most of our services are outreach services. The children who attend the classes do well in school. There are 6 levels:

- Level Six – Working adults and tertiary level students
- Level Five – Students from secondary level 3 and 4
- Level Four – Students from secondary level 2 and 1
- Level Three – Students from primary level 6 and 4
- Level Two – Students from primary level 3
- Level One – Students from primary level 1 and below

**Prison Ministry**
Every day the staff teach sewing in the prison. They also provide other services to the women prisoners. Once a year there is an inter-faith gathering. Religious leaders from the various religious denominations meet and conduct sessions.
Teaching Sewing in the Prison

Religious leaders from the various religious denominations meet and conduct sessions in the Prison

Other Significant Activities

Workshop on SAFETY
14th February 2015 our staff were invited to give a workshop on SAFETY at the Don Bosco Vocational Training College.
Topics discussed
Pre-departure information
200 students attended the workshop. The Don Bosco staff would like our staff to do this every year.

**Water Festival**
5th of April – The students and the staff celebrated Water Festival – which is the Buddhist New Year in Cambodia – the actual date is from the 13th of April to the 15th of April. Although many people celebrate the 1st of January – the Buddhist New Year is very important to them. The festival is the time to remind the people that they need to recognize and respect what their parents and elders have done for them throughout their life. Buddhist people also visit Buddhist temples and worship the great Buddha. They offer food to monks and cleanse the image of the Buddha with perfumed-water.

*Cleansing the image of the Buddha with perfumed-water – with the prayer that the New Year will bring good luck and prosperity*
**Buddhist Lent**
This festival is celebrated in the month of July – it shows the concern of the Lord Buddha for the environment.
It is a very significant religious ceremony in all Buddhist countries.
The Lord Buddha assigned to all of his disciples to stay in their monasteries during the rainy season because they might accidentally step on young plants and insects.
During this season young men become monks for a short period of time.
It is a special time for self-reflection and doing charitable works.

The Buddhist Monks teaching the children and the women at the Center about the significance of the Buddhist Lent.

**Christmas Party for the Children**
Christmas Party for the Women

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