



Improving the Identification, Protection and Reintegration of Trafficking Victims in Asia: Practitioner Guide Series

A thorough understanding of the needs of trafficking victims must underpin programming, policy and capacity building efforts of governments and civil society in the ASEAN region and Bali Process Member States more broadly. And yet anti-trafficking practitioners often do not have easy access to high quality research on victim protection nor do they have time to read and distill this vast body of literature to identify findings that they can use in their direct daily work. To address this constraint, NEXUS and the Regional Support Office of the Bali Process (RSO) will develop a series of practitioner guides to support the work of practitioners in ASEAN. Topics addressed in this series will be: victim identification; victim protection and support; recovery & reintegration; and special measures in protecting trafficked children, in line with the thematic areas of ASEAN ACWC *Regional Guidelines and Procedures to Address the Needs of Victims of Trafficking in Persons* which was developed in support of the implementation of ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP). Each practitioner guide will identify, distill and present existing evidence in a succinct and accessible format to help practitioners better understand key trends, issues and challenges and to serve as a resource for their work and on-going learning.

The target audience will be practitioners engaged in the protection of adult and child trafficking victims in Bali Process Member States with a particular focus on ASEAN. These practitioners include frontline responders engaged in victim identification and referral (e.g. law enforcement, healthcare providers, social workers, labor inspectors) and professionals involved in the assistance and reintegration of trafficking victims (e.g. social workers, medical staff, lawyers and paralegals, shelter staff, village administrators). Each practitioner guide will serve as a stand-alone and take-home resource for practitioners attending victim protection-related RSO events to operationalize in their work at the national and local levels. As a series, these practitioner guides will offer a comprehensive and holistic overview of key issues and challenges in the protection of adult and child trafficking victims.

This thematic series will also support the work of regional initiatives like UN-ACT and ASEAN-USAID PROSPECT in their on-going capacity building work with government counterparts and civil society. In addition, these practitioner guides will have a variety of applications beyond their immediate use by practitioners in their operational work. They will also:

- Inform the regional training curriculum on victim identification, protection and reintegration, to be used in training national practitioners throughout ASEAN being developed by NEXUS Institute, UN-ACT and ASEAN-USAID PROSPECT;
- Inform human security and victim-centered approach training on victim identification, assistance and protection, developed and delivered by the RSO in partnership with the UNITAR CIFAL Jeju/Jeju International Training Center (JITC) in the Republic of Korea;
- Inform training workshops on combating trafficking in persons by the RSO in partnership with the People's Police Academy in Hanoi, Viet Nam;
- Contribute to the RSO's border management programme on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants including operational border management training workshops and roundtable discussions;
- Contribute to RSO training workshops on strengthening law enforcement capacity and response to trafficking in persons in select Bali Process Member States;

- Contribute to UN-ACT's work on victim identification and reintegration in the COMMIT framework, including through national and transnational referral mechanisms (NRM/TRMs).
- Contribute to ASEAN-USAID PROSPECT's national capacity building efforts including technical exchanges and dialogues on thematic areas of interest, good practice and/or challenges faced in addressing the needs of victims of trafficking.
- Contribute to the development of guidance on how to better address the needs of trafficking victims in ASEAN countries generally.

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The Practitioners Guide Series is comprised of:

- Enhancing the Recovery and Reintegration of Trafficking Victims. A Practitioner Guide
- Understanding trafficking victim identification. A Practitioner Guide
- Improving victim protection and support. A Practitioner Guide
- Special measures for trafficked children. A Practitioner Guide

Enhancing the Recovery and Reintegration of Trafficking Victims: A Practitioner Guide

Recovery and reintegration is a complex and costly undertaking, often requiring a full and diverse set of services for victims and their families. Beyond immediate needs, many victims require on-going assistance to reintegrate into their families and communities. Some assistance needs are a consequence of trafficking while others may be linked to vulnerabilities that existed before victims were trafficked as well as issues that have arisen in victims' lives after trafficking. This practitioner guide will review and synthesize existing research on recovery and reintegration of trafficking victims including barriers and challenges in the reintegration process as well as opportunities and entry points for supporting sustainable reintegration.

Understanding Trafficking Victim Identification: A Practitioner Guide

Victim identification is the process by which an individual is identified as a trafficking victim, which, in turn, entitles them to rights and protections. While formal identification should lead to and facilitate the opportunity for a victim to be referred for assistance, this does not always occur in practice. This practitioner guide will review existing research on victim identification (and non-identification), touching on why some victims are (and are not) identified, challenges in the identification process and practices that may enhance victim identification.

Improving Victim Protection and Support: A Practitioner Guide

Victims of trafficking are entitled to, and should receive, immediate protection from their exploiters and from the possibility of further harm as well as support to meet their immediate needs and ensure their well-being, irrespective of their willingness to participate in criminal justice procedures, protection from detention and prosecution and the right to privacy. This practitioner guide will review existing research on the protection of trafficking victims, in terms of what exists and what challenges arise.

Special Measures for Trafficked Children: A Practitioner Guide

Trafficked child victims have special needs and appropriate measures are needed to ensure the safety and well-being of child victims, from identification to the securing of a durable solution involving longer-term support. This practitioner guide will review existing research on the specific needs and experiences of trafficked children as well as measures in place and challenges faced to protect them.