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Impulse NGO Network

is a non-profit anti-human trafficking organization based in Shillong, Meghalaya, in the North-east of India. Impulse NGO Network applies the internationally recognized Impulse Model to counter human trafficking in the region, working in all the eight states of Northeast India.

Moreover, the organization has several networkng partners around the globe, especially in the South and South East Asia.

To counter human trafficking, Impulse NGO Network applies the internationally acknowledged **Impulse Model** (formerly known as the Meghalaya Model) which is a holistic method to address human trafficking by engaging stakeholders to work in collaboration with Impulse Case Info Centre. The Impulse Model's case management system follows the 6 R's: Reporting, Rescue, Rehabilitation, Repatriation, Re-integration and Re-compensation. Each of the



What is human trafficking?

According to Article 3, paragraph (a) of the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons "trafficking in persons" is defined as;

The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.

Human Trafficking in South/South East Asia

UNFPA estimates that South and South-East Asia are the highest source areas in the world for human trafficking, with most of the victims being young women and girls. Countries such as India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar along with several others in the region have emerged as hubs for human trafficking, especially child trafficking. The long and porous borders between countries, the persistent poverty, high demand of children for sex trade and forced labour and the lack of systematic, common approach to fight against this illegal trade of human beings, has made women and children in the region extremely vulnerable for this illegal trade.

stakeholders – including government departments and law enforcement agencies, civil society organizations and media – has their own mandate under the 6 R's. This ensures that there will not be overlapping of efforts and resources. All the stakeholders under the Impulse Model are trained to conduct their mandate with efficient and victim-friendly procedures, using the particular tools of Impulse

Model – 6 P's: Partnership, Prevention, Protection, Policing, Press and Prosecution.

The Case Management system of the **Impulse Model** won the second prize in GDN's Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project category under its Global Development Awards and Medals Competition in 2012. The Model has already been



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recognized as a Good Practice Model by South Asia Regional Initiative/Equity Support Program and Academy for Educational Development 'Replicable Approaches Guide', funded by USAID in 2005, UNDP in 2007 and the Government of India, which is piloting the Impulse Model to become a national model.



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June 2015: Release of Impulse Model Replication Handbook Yangon Myanmar
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Strengthening Anti-Human Trafficking Collaboration between India and Myanmar

Human trafficking is rampant across the 1600 kilometres long Indo-Burma border. However, due to an artificial division between South and South East Asia, the cross-border trafficking between India and Myanmar has not been given the needed attention. The countries must establish systematic structures for collaboration, especially with regards to sharing information on human trafficking cases and formalise procedures to repatriate cross-border human trafficking victims.

The Memorandum of Understanding on Border Cooperation that India and Myanmar signed in May 2014 provides a platform to strengthen the collaboration between the two countries to address cross-border human trafficking. Together, we propose to undertake:

- Research to address the different evolving human trafficking patterns and routes across borders.
- Establish Border Liaison Offices (BLOs) with neighbouring countries for cooperation and prevention of cross border human trafficking through joint investigation.
- Develop Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) between the two respective countries for repatriating human trafficking victims.
- Conduct training sessions for frontline law enforcement officials (FLOs) who are handling human trafficking matters; provide in service training for members of the Myanmar Police Force, as well as printing and distributing handbooks on investigation procedures of human trafficking to these uniformed personnel.

Moreover, to create the needed systematic collaboration between India and Myanmar, the good practice of the Impulse Case Info Centre (ICIC) process has been also introduced in Myanmar by Impulse NGO Network and National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar, with the support of Japan Social Development Fund and Global Development Network.

Activities in Myanmar



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Impulse NGO Network with the Focal Country Partner, National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar have introduced various activities in Myanmar, that support Myanmar's *Five-Year National Plan of Action to Combat Human Trafficking* (2012-2016). The National Plan specifies the priority areas to be focused on to undertake preventive and protective interventions to strengthen the anti-human trafficking response of the country.

The U.S. Consulate Kolkata in association with Impulse NGO Network hosted the **third edition of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Conclave** in Guwahati from December 5 - 7, 2013. The international Conclave brought together the key anti-human trafficking stakeholders from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar to strengthen partnerships to combat trafficking in persons in the region.

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Impulse NGO Network and National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar have established a National Anti-Trafficking Data Centre, **Impulse Case Info Centre (ICIC)**, at the **National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar**, Yangon, to document and maintain a database on human trafficking cases and anti-human trafficking activities undertaken in Myanmar. Moreover, the ICIC functions as national and international communication channel for stakeholders to share and receive updated information on human trafficking cases.

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Participants Media Training Phase- I 2014 Yangon Myanmar

Impulse Case Info Centre, Myanmar, organised a **Phase 1 Capacity Building Training Workshop for Media and Journalists** representing different parts of Myanmar, on **March 22 - 23, 2014 in Yangon**, on sensitive reporting on human trafficking, following the national and international standards in reporting on social issues. The journalists were encouraged to raise awareness in their respective areas through writing articles on human trafficking. We further conducted a Phase 2 workshop as a continuation of the Phase 1 training already organized in March 2014. INGOs organized the Phase 2 workshop from June 24th to 25th, 2015.

Special highlights include:

- The total number of media Participants who attended Phase-II of the Myanmar Media Capacity Building Workshop was 22, out of which 15 represented print media while the remaining 7 represented electronic media. In Phase I (2014), the total number of media organizations who attended was 35; out of which 25 were from the print media and 10 were from the electronic media.
- The outcome of these workshops were a total of 38 news articles issued on human trafficking, labour and migrant workers' rights, physical/sexual abuse, missing/dead announcements, crime forensics. The quality of these articles was an improvement and indicated the media's commitment to ethical and sensitized reporting/public awareness of such serious issues.
- The number of media personnel who authored and published these articles was 16, out of which 6 were from print media while the remaining 10 were from electronic media.
- The total number of media organizations/personnel inclusive of Phase-I and of Phase-II is 64, out of which, 8 organizations and 7 personnel attended in both Phase-I and Phase-II of the Workshop.
- The numbers of fresh organizations and personnel who participated in the Phase-II of the Myanmar Capacity Building Workshop, 2015 are 21 and 22, respectively.
- Various articles, written by the attending media personnel/organizations, are published as a form of media intervention. The number of media personnel/organizations who wrote articles is 14, out of which 5 are of the print media and 9 are of the electronic media.
- The number of articles published is 38.
- The articles concerns about issues which are of grave importance, for example: Human Trafficking, Labour and migrant workers' rights, Physical/sexual abuse, Missing/dead announcements, Crime medical check and awareness raising.

Impulse Case Info Centre, Myanmar, maintains a data bank on the articles written in Myanmar on human trafficking.



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Session in progress



March 2014: L-R: U Maung Maung Win General Secretary Myanmar YMCA Elisa Makinen Project Manager Impulse NGO Network

Impulse Case Info Centre, Myanmar, organised a Phase 1 **Capacity Building Workshop for Civil Society Organizations and NGOs** representing different parts of Myanmar, on **March 24 - 25, 2014** in Yangon, on organizing prevention activities in their respective communities and how to collaborate with Impulse Case Info Centre and other stakeholders, including law enforcement officials, in managing human trafficking cases. INGON organized the Phase 2 workshop (in continuation of Phase 1) from **June 22nd to 23rd, 2015**. **Special highlights include:**



Participant Myanmar Civil Society Organisation
Phase- I 2014



Session in progress

- An action plan, to conduct training for law enforcement and border personnel in collaboration with the local government, emerged from this workshop.
- The total number of participants who attended Phase-II of the Myanmar NGO Capacity Building Workshop was 88, while in Phase I (2014), the total number of participants was 92; these participants collectively represented diverse NGOs, CSOs and individual stakeholders. The sessions were mainly on establishing IC-IC's presence and the practice of the Impulse Model in the country; there were also discussions on the media's role, rehabilitation and border-transit issues of trafficking in persons within the Myanmar context.
- An action plan on NGO response to counter human trafficking in Myanmar emerged from this workshop. A proposal to conduct training workshops for 45000 cadets of the police force with audio-visual aids as well as training for Law Enforcement personnel at the Sagain and Kachin borders in collaboration with the local government.

Impulse Case Info Centre, Myanmar, maintains a databank on anti-human trafficking activities conducted by these organizations in Myanmar. [Read more Annex C](#)

Impulse Case Info Centre, Myanmar also organised the **Indo-Myanmar Regional Consultation on Trafficking in Persons – Scaling of Impulse Case Info Centre**, which was held in Yangon on June 2nd, 2014. Around 57 participants from varying fields of law enforcement, government departments, civil society organizations, media houses and representatives of embassies along with international experts, came together to discuss and formalise a **Plan of Action to Prevent and Combat Trans-Border Human Trafficking in the Indo- Myanmar Region**. [Read more Annex D](#)

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The Third Annual Trafficking in Persons Conclave “MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER”

**Organized by the American Center, Kolkata in Association with Impulse NGO Network
Guwahati, Assam, India December 5 - 7, 2013**

An international Conclave to bring together key stakeholders from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar, joining hands and strengthening partnership to combat trafficking in persons



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The main objectives of this Conclave was to review the status of the participating countries in adopting and implementing *UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children*; to initiate the process of developing Standard Operating Procedures for repatriation of victims of cross-border trafficking in persons between India and neighbouring countries; and to join hands with Chambers of Commerce to encourage responsible economic development while enhancing border trade relations.

The different participants to the Conclave included Ministers of Home and External Affairs, Ministers of Social Ministries Welfare and Labour, representatives of law enforcement, Anti-Human Trafficking Units. Along with them there were various experts, civil society organizations and media personnel from all the targeted countries. The participation from various international organisations was also seen in the Conclave which included UNODC, UNICEF, Global Development Network and Asian Human Rights Commission. The participants shared information about the on-the-ground situation and anti-human trafficking initiatives in their respective countries as well as identified the way forward for a coordinated response to trafficking in persons. A Plan of Action was decided at the end of the Conclave. The participants agreed that bilateral Standard Operating Procedures



Mr. Victor Bannerjee, eminent personality of the film industry, shared his views on human trafficking as a vicious cycle of immorality; a huge tragedy and an extremely shameful aspect being faced by mankind. He highlighted the importance of creating awareness about the right and wrong and the need of people helping each other to amend for all the anti-social issues. As he concluded, he offered his complete support to Impulse NGO Network in all its future ventures, in every way possible.



Mr. Krishnan Varma, Special Secretary (Retd.), Government of India, highlighted the need to ensure better connectivity within the North Eastern India and its neighbours, focusing on both Core Hard Connectivity, including travel and transport communication, railway networks and the like, as well as Soft Connectivity, which takes into account aspects related to border accessibility. He stressed also to take into consideration the need to safeguard the movement of people crossing the border and keep a close vigilance to avoid trafficking in between countries.



Ms. Cristina Albertin, Representative, UNODC Regional Office for South Asia, highlighted the importance of the international protocols to bring countries accountable to take action against human trafficking, providing also a comprehensive, international definition for this particular crime. Furthermore, she stressed the need of measures to protect the identity of the victims and measures to support physical and psychological recovery.

(SOP) on repatriation of cross-border trafficking victims between India and neighbouring countries must be introduced. Participants suggested that all the representatives coming from India's neighbouring countries start to collaborate with their respective governments and other key stakeholders to work towards strengthening the regional anti-human trafficking collaboration, especially with regards sharing information on human trafficking cases through law enforcement collaboration. To achieve the goal, Impulse Case Info Centre's Anti-Human Trafficking Software was welcomed to provide a neutral communication channel for flow of information among the countries.



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Impulse Case Info Centre (ICIC) established at the National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar, Yangon

With the support of Japan Social Development Fund and Global Development Network, the good practice of Impulse Case Info Centre was currently introduced in Myanmar. Impulse Case Info Centre, Myanmar, was established at the premises of the ICIC's Focal Country Partner, National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar in Yangon. The ICIC Case Manager in Myanmar, Ms. Su Myat Htet, works full-time contacting anti-human trafficking stakeholders across Myanmar, as well as international stakeholders managing human trafficking cases of citizens of Myanmar, assisting them in human trafficking case management as per the good practice model.

ICIC equips stakeholders on their specific mandates by providing capacity and skill development opportunities through networking and partnership events and meetings with other ICIC partner organizations, nationally and internationally. **Of special mention are:**



Su Myat Htet Case Manager ICIC Myanmar

August 28-29, 2014: The **CSO Networking Meeting** was organized by the IOM. There were 73 participants from different organizations. There were 39 NGOs, Social Welfare Department, Anti Human Trafficking Task Force, Four UN Agencies and the US Embassy who attended the program. 54 participants from NGOs, 12 from UN Agencies, 1 from Social Welfare, 3 from Anti Trafficking Task Force and 2 from US Embassy. ICIC Myanmar's case manager, Su Myat Htet, shared how the Impulse Model could be replicated to effectively respond to trafficking for the purposes of forced labor.

November 26, 2014: The **Myanmar Promotion of Safe Migration Workshop** had 33 participants who attended the workshops comprising of 9 NGOs, 2 UN Agencies, 9 Media house and 2 lawyers. Su Myat Htet did a presentation on land migration and the transit aspects of trafficking from Myanmar to North East India borders.

April 2, 2015: The **Facilitating for Friendly Child with Child Fund Myanmar Meeting** invited Su Myat Htet to explain how Child Fund Myanmar can incorporate the Impulse Model into their practice and encourage and facilitate their district partner organizations to do the same.

Participating in these consultation events and workshops, ICIC Myanmar has become a part of a network of organizations and institutions working on the issue of human trafficking; thus supporting the scaling in Myanmar, and gaining awareness on how other organization can also refer cases to ICIC Myanmar.

Impulse Case Info Centre collaborates with public and private sector stakeholders to manage human trafficking, ensuring that all the human trafficking cases are managed appropriately, following the procedure of 6 R's – Reporting, Rescue, Rehabilitation, Repatriation, Re-Integration and Re-Compensation. Using standard case reporting formats, ICIC records, compiles and keeps track of all case information on reported human trafficking cases.

Moreover, ICIC focuses on the needs of human trafficking survivors, including legal support network, services such as a victim-protection, post-rescue livelihood/vocational training, counselling and medical care. For successful management of each of these steps, assistant and support of different stakeholders are required. Therefore, ICIC uses also all the 6 P's of the Impulse Model – Partnership, Prevention, Protection, Policing, Press and Prosecution, to be in the position to manage the human trafficking cases effectively, providing a holistic anti-human trafficking approach.

February 24, 2015: The **GMS TRIANGLE-Joint Consultation on Myanmar Migration Strategies Workshop** gave ICIC the opportunity to share and review the achievements and challenges of labor migration management and to explore priorities for labor migration management and develop coordination systems for the next financial year. Ms. Su Myat Htet highlighted the Impulse Model Replication as a means to develop migration strategies for India's North-East borders with Myanmar.

March 25, 2015: The **Consultation on the Gender Dimensions of Migration** organized by UN Women in Myanmar. The Consultation aimed at generating a dialogue on the gender dimensions of migration from a CEDAW perspective and at consulting women migrant workers on the current Myanmar Law on Overseas Employment 1999 and on their recommendation for amendments in line with the government's efforts at review.

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Myanmar Media – Phase 1 Capacity Building Workshop for Sensitive Reporting: Applying the Impulse Model National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar, Yangon, 22nd and 23rd of March 2014



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Preventing human trafficking through mass media awareness raising activities is one of the most cost-effective methods to counter human trafficking. Media can reach thousands of people with one article – and when they are aware of the crime of human trafficking, they can protect themselves and their families from it. Yet, it is very crucial that when media writes articles on human trafficking, they must provide correct information on the crime as well as follow the high ethical standards regarding privacy of the human trafficking victims.

In the Capacity Building Training for Media Houses and Journalists, the participants were trained on the crime of human trafficking, the national and international legal framework on anti-human trafficking, the process of Impulse Case Info Centre (ICIC) and how to raise mass awareness on the problem of human trafficking. They were provided with practical information on how to write articles on human trafficking – what to write and what not to write – as well as how to take an action if they find out that somebody has become a victim of human trafficking.

Some of the participants had already come across to human trafficking, providing information on their experiences and inputs. Therefore, ICIC managed to map

further information human trafficking scenario in Myanmar.

The journalists that participated in the capacity building workshop expressed their strong will to join the anti-human trafficking movement, joining hands with Impulse Case Info Centre, to ensure that articles on human trafficking will be written regularly in their media houses to prevent human trafficking in Myanmar.

The resource persons of the training included experts from the field of media, government and legal framework. U Myint Kyaw, Member of Myanmar Press Council, highlighted the role and situation of the media in Myanmar. Police Colonel (Retd.) Rallyan Mone, Founder of HOPE Foundation, focused on the initiatives of the Myanmar Government to combat human trafficking. Aung Thane, Leader of the Lawyers' Network, gave an overview of the laws related to human trafficking in Myanmar.

Human Trafficking in Myanmar

Myanmar is a source and transit country for human trafficking but is not a major destination for victims of trafficking. Burmese victims are mostly taken to Thailand, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, the USA, Bangladesh, India, South Korea and Qatar for exploitation. Internal trafficking is also a problem in Myanmar but according to the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons only account for 16% of the cases of trafficking. Internal trafficking mostly occurs in rural and border areas.

According to the 2012 Annual Progress Report of the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons (CB-TIP), 85% of the victims of trafficking are young women. Young women are mainly vulnerable for sex trafficking and are mostly trafficked into forced prostitution and forced marriages to Chinese men for the majority. Women are also trafficked into domestic servitude as housemaids. Men only represent 15% of the trafficking victims and are mainly vulnerable to labour trafficking and are mostly victims of forced labour either inside the country or abroad, mostly in the fishing and construction industries.

Countering Human Trafficking in Myanmar

As early as 1997, a National Plan of Action was adopted to combat human trafficking with special attention to Prevention, Prosecution, Protection and Rehabilitation. But real efforts to tackle the issue started with the implementation of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law (2005) which aims at preventing and suppressing the trafficking in persons as a national duty.

The Central Body for the Suppression of Trafficking in Persons (CB-TIP) was created in 2006 under the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law to prevent and combat human trafficking. In 2012 the CB-TIP has uncovered 120 cases involving a total of 258 victims. Regarding prosecution of the traffickers, it is important to note that out of 924 cases uncovered since 2006 by the CB-TIP, 2489 traffickers were prosecuted. Under the Central Body there are currently 26 Anti-Trafficking Task Forces (ATTF). Border Liaison Offices (BLO) have also been established in selected hot-spots along the Myanmar-China and Myanmar-Thailand borders to counter the smuggling of migrants and to identify vulnerable migrants who are likely to be trafficked abroad.

Plan of action was also discussed in the end of the workshop. The main issues of the Plan of Action were that the materials used in the workshop should be translated into Burmese, so that the participants can also hand those over to their colleagues. Furthermore, The Media Houses who participates in the workshop will raise awareness on the human trafficking, by applying sensitive reporting standards, raising awareness on human trafficking among masses. The ICIC Myanmar's Case Manager will further interact and visit the Media Partners to assist them in conducting the mandate as best possible. Moreover, a proper link with the Media and Anti-trafficking Task Forces must be established.

Myanmar Media – Phase 2 Capacity Building Workshop for Sensitive Reporting: Applying the Impulse Model National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar in Yangon: June 24th – 25th, 2015

In phase 2 of the training, there were 29 participants, 22 from the media and 7 from YMCA Myanmar who attended the workshop. 16 were from different media houses, 11 from print (9 from daily newspaper, 2 from weekly journals) and 1 from radio and 1 from television and 3 are freelancers. After the Phase II training, 15 news articles on issues relating to human trafficking were published and 7 were aired by electronic media and 1 documentary was made. The numbers of beneficiaries or readers who were made aware about the issue were 150,000 as each print media reported to have an average of 10,000 newspapers distributed.

The Phase 2 Capacity Building Training Workshop for Media Houses and Journalists was organized to fulfill part of the ICIC Myanmar project objectives to strengthen effective national and regional response and cooperation against human trafficking, and to create a collaborative network of media stakeholders in Myanmar. This workshop was a continuation of the training already organized in March 2014, strengthening the process of reaching the specific objectives of:

- To build partnerships with Media houses and professionals in Myanmar.
- To develop a data bank of contacts with media professionals.
- To train the media participants on the crime of human trafficking, the national and international legal framework of anti-human trafficking, the process of Impulse Case Info Centre (ICIC), and how to raise mass awareness on the problem of human trafficking, following their specific mandate under the Impulse Model.
- To create a platform for sharing experiences on human trafficking, as some media participants might have already heard of human trafficking cases, reported on this issue, or have some knowledge about human trafficking in Myanmar.
- To gather information from the participants, regarding whether they had already come across cases of human trafficking, and if they had reported these cases in their respective media (newspapers, TV, documentary, etc).
- To map media houses represented during the workshop: date of establishment, whether they have daily/weekly/monthly newspapers, in which language they publish/broadcast their information and what their coverage is (how many copies sold in case of print media, how many people visit their website in case of online media.)

During this capacity building workshop for media participants, Impulse NGO Network aimed to achieve the following direct and long-term results:



U Zayar Hlaing Editor, Myanmar Chronicle



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Hasina Kharbhih Chair of Board INGO
being interviewed by Media Channel



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Direct Achievements expected from the workshop:

- Attendance both journalists who had participated in the first training along with new trainees to strengthen the network of partnership.
- Formation of a strong data bank of media contacts in Myanmar for ICIC.
- Shared information by the media participants on the human trafficking scenario in Myanmar, on anti-human trafficking efforts in the country and on cases that they might have reported or heard of.

Long-Term Achievements Expected:

- Long-term partnerships between media participants of the workshop and ICIC.
- Good knowledge and understanding by the media participants about the crime of human trafficking, the national and international legal framework on anti-human trafficking, the process of ICIC, and how to raise mass awareness on the problem of human trafficking, following their specific mandate under the Impulse Model.
- Future reportage of human trafficking cases by the media participants to ICIC Myanmar.
- Sensitive and ethical writing by media participants on future human trafficking stories.

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Myanmar Civil Society Organizations – Phase 1

Capacity Building Training for “NGO Partnership to Adopt Impulse Model in Addressing Human Trafficking”

National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar (Yangon): 24 and 25 of March 2014



Participant Media Training Phase-I 2014 Yangon Myanmar



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Civil Society Organizations are instrumental in preventing and managing human trafficking cases in their respective geographical areas. Civil society Organizations work among the communities, having the understanding on the ground realities. Therefore, it is crucial that all the civil society organizations are aware of the human trafficking, even if it would not be their main focus of action, so that they can guide the families of the human trafficking victims to take an action.

In the Capacity Building Training for NGOs, the participants were trained on the crime of human trafficking, the national and international legal framework on anti-human trafficking, how to manage human trafficking cases in collaboration with Impulse Case Info Centre (ICIC) and how to raise awareness on the problem of human trafficking, following their specific mandate under the Impulse Model.

Some of the participants had already come across to human trafficking, providing information on their experiences and inputs. Therefore, ICIC managed to map further information human trafficking scenario in Myanmar

The resource persons of the training included experts from the field of civil society organizations, government and legal framework. Police Colonel (Retd.) Rallyan Mone, Founder of HOPE Foundation, focused on the initiatives of the Myanmar Government to combat human trafficking. He focused on the demand, vulnerability for unsafe migration and poverty, financial resources for victim protection. Aung Thane, Leader of the Lawyers' Network, gave an overview of the laws related to human trafficking in Myanmar

The participants in the capacity building workshop expressed their strong will to join the anti-human trafficking movement, joining hands with Impulse Case Info Centre. Plan of Action was also discussed in the end of the workshop. The main issues of the Plan of Action were that the materials used in the workshop should be translated into Burmese, so that the participants can also hand those over to their colleagues. Furthermore, The Civil Society Organizations pledged to raise awareness on the human trafficking in their respective communities. It was decided that if the Civil Society Organizations come across to potential human trafficking cases, they refer the information to ICIC for further follow up instructions. The ICIC Myanmar's Case Manager will further interact and visit the Civil Society Organization Partners to assist them in conducting the mandate as best possible. Moreover, a proper link with the Civil Society Organizations and Anti-trafficking Task Forces must be established.

**Myanmar Civil Society Organizations – Phase 2 Capacity Building Training
for Creating a Nationwide Network of Stakeholders in Myanmar
Joining In International Collaboration to Address Cross-Border Human Trafficking
National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar (Yangon) 22nd- 23rd June 2015**

The objective of this workshop was a continuation of Phase 1 to call upon different NGOs to partner with Impulse NGO Network through Impulse Case Info Centre for addressing the issue of cross border trafficking of women and children between North East region of India and Myanmar. This workshop also helped familiarize the participants about the Impulse Case Info Centre software created to collaborate between different stakeholders in helping victims of human trafficking.

Outcome of the Myanmar NGO Capacity Building Workshop of Phases II are:

- The total numbers of NGOs/personnel who attended the Phase-I of the Myanmar NGO Capacity Building Workshop, 2014 were 39 and 53 respectively.
- The total numbers of NGOs/personnel who attended Phase-II of the Myanmar NGO Capacity Building Workshop, 2015 were 88.
- The total number of NGOs and CSOs inclusive of Phase-I and of Phase-II are 72 and 108 respectively, out of which 20 organizations and 14 individual personnel attended both Phase-I and Phase-II of the Workshop.
- The numbers of fresh organizations and personnel who participated in the Phase-II of the Myanmar NGO Capacity Building Workshop, 2015 are 13 and 41, respectively.

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**Indo-Myanmar Regional Consultation on Trafficking in Persons – Scaling of Impulse Case Info Centre
June 2, 2014: 9am - 5pm in Yangon, Myanmar**

The main objectives of the Regional Consultation were to bring key stakeholders from Myanmar and India together to discuss methods to strengthen regional collaboration to address internal and cross-border human trafficking. Especially, the collaboration in terms of introducing a Standard Operating Procedure for repatriation of cross-border human-trafficking victims with special reference to North Eastern states that border with Myanmar, was found critical. With the same line, it was seen necessary that the existing support services and re-integration possibilities for human trafficking victims in Myanmar must be enhanced through an inter-institutional approaches and mobilizing Civil Society Organizations and Media Houses to undertake systematic anti-human trafficking activities in collaboration with other stakeholders.



Mr. Sailas Thangal, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, highlighted the deep rooted and multi-relational cultural similarities and historic spiritual linkages between India and Myanmar – therefore, there is already a strong base for collaboration. He viewed that Myanmar is currently in a transitional phase, both politically and economically, and is heading towards complete democracy, giving even more fruitful platform for strengthening the relations between India and Myanmar.



Chief Guest, Pol. Brig. Gen. Khin Maung Si (Retd.) highlighted his He has extensive experience of addressing human trafficking and transnational border crime in Myanmar. He stressed the need of capacity building in the country for especially law enforcement officials, as well as accesses to the latest technology to be in the position to counter human trafficking in the country.



Dr. A. M. Nair, IPS, Former Director General NDRF (India), expert on anti-human trafficking issues from the perspective of law enforcement, set up a context for human trafficking situation in the region, as well as identified the methods and possibilities to strengthen collaboration between India and Myanmar.



Ms Sandra Bloemenkham, Manager Global Partnerships and Trust Fund Operations, said anti-trafficking activities are very important for the World Bank, encouraging an collaboration between different stakeholders including Government officials, media, NGOs and law enforcement agencies.



Mr Bijo Francis, Executive Director, Asian Human Rights Commission, Hong Kong, explained that human trafficking is a transnational issue and the crucial element to counter the crime is international cooperation for common policies and procedures. He also stressed the rights of the victims of human trafficking, and the crucial psycho-social services that they require.



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Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Trans-Border Human Trafficking in the Indo- Myanmar region came out of the discussions among the stakeholders. Impulse NGO Network and National Council of YMCAs of Myanmar will work together with Home Ministries of India and Myanmar to implement the Action Plan. Some of the key issues of the action plan are listed below.

1. The dialogue between India and Myanmar to address human trafficking will be initiated through respective Embassies to reach a Government to Government –bilateral agreement to address cross-border human trafficking between India and Myanmar.
2. To work with the concerned officials and agencies of Myanmar to facilitate setting up of Border Liaison Offices in the hotspots of human trafficking along the Indo-Myanmar border, and to facilitate their coordination with the Anti-Human Trafficking Units on the Indian side, by working with the concerned officials and agencies of India.
3. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) need to be developed between India and Myanmar on preventing and combating trans-border human trafficking with special attention to the NE region of India. The process of designing the SOP is initiated by reviewing the existing case studies of cross-border human trafficking and as per the base on the Status Report prepared by Impulse NGO Network. Stakeholders from all the relevant fields will be engaged through consultation to design, review and finalize the SOP.
4. Need based capacity buildings will be arranged for law enforcement, government departments, and stakeholders providing psychological support and judiciary, focusing on practical skill building on victim friendly procedures.
5. Need based international capacity buildings will be organized to stakeholders from the field of border force management, civil society organizations and service providers along with media in India and Myanmar in the border areas, for enhanced capacity for collaboration in providing adequate protection for cross-border human trafficking victims.
6. Data management system, Impulse Case Info Centre Anti-Human Trafficking Software, adapted to country contexts and taking into account existing systems, will be introduced to Anti-Human Trafficking Units in India and Anti-Trafficking Task Forces in Myanmar, with capacity buildings on the usage of the software, free-of-cost, to strengthen national and cross-border law enforcement collaboration on systematically documenting and sharing information on human trafficking cases.



Participants Indo-Myanmar Regional Consultation on Trafficking in Persons, 2nd June, 2014 Yangon Myanmar

State Consultation on Partnership to Adopt Impulse Model in Addressing Human Trafficking for Stakeholders at Myitkyina, Kachin State to Provide Effective Anti-Human Trafficking Responses

August 10th-11th 2015 in Myitkyina, Kachin (Myanmar)

This consultation event drew 50 participants from the Ministry of Social Affairs, Asian Human Rights Commission, Myanmar Journalist Institute, Departments of Public Health and Labor, the Police Force, YWCA, YMCA, local media personnel and local NGOs. The Indian Embassy in Yangon helped facilitate, on behalf of Indian Government, discussions on the implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for development.

Three agendas of the Action Plan proposed last year were reiterated:

- The first was the action plan should represent the needs and priorities of the people of Myanmar.
- The second was the dialogue between India and Myanmar to address human trafficking can be initiated through their respective embassies to reach a bilateral agreement to address cross border human trafficking between them.



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- The third agenda of the action plan stated the need to work with border officials and agencies in Myanmar to facilitate in setting up border license officers in the hotspots of human trafficking routes along the Indo-Myanmar border and to facilitate the coordination with the Anti-Human Trafficking units in India and Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force in Myanmar by working with concerned officials and agencies of both the countries.

Through the conference, participants identified and emphasized the need for SOPs to combat cross-border human trafficking. It was recommended that embassies of both countries should take the initiative to reach a bilateral agreement that will help facilitate AHTUs of India and ATTF Myanmar to coordinate and collaborate with one another to enforce the law and in the process prevent and appropriately address this organized crime and reduce further re-victimization. The application of various international protocols and the implementation of the ICIC software, relevant to the cause, were explained and linked to the state's responsibility to respond effectively.

From the 15th – 21st June 2016, we will be having another **SOPs Round Table Consultation** and presentation on drafting the SOP and a training workshop on the ICIC software in Myanmar. This will also include

a consultation- with the Anti Trafficking Taskforce of Myanmar along with Senior Rank Officers of North East India, National/International Organizations, and newly elected Government representatives- to develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in addressing cross-border human trafficking. This SOP is also intended to create a friendly relationship between India and Myanmar where they collaborate together to fight human trafficking after India and Myanmar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Border Cooperation on May, 8 2014.



Mr Devadas Nair Second Secretary Embassy of India Myanmar



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The prominent invitees to the consultation will include; **Mr. KrishanVarma**- Special Secretary (Retd) for the Government of India Advisor SOP India and Myanmar; **Mr. Mukesh Sahay**- Director General of Police for the Government of Assam; **Ms. Indrani Baruah**- Superintendent of Police (CID) for the Government of Assam; **Mr. Sonam Tenzing Bhutia IPS**- SSP/CB-CID and **Ms Sonam Yankeela Bhutia-PI** Anti-Human Trafficking Unit Department of Police for the Government of Sikkim; **Mr Thi-anghlima Pachuau IPS**- Director General of Police Department of Police for the Government of Mizoram, **Mr Pu Lallianmawia MPS SP CID(Crime)** **Mr Elangbam Priyokumar Singh SP CID (Security)** Manipur ,**Mr Shouka Kakheto** Additional Deputy Commission and **Mr Igwangheing Hemang SP** of Nagaland Police among others; along with the Police Chief **U Maung Maung Sde** of the Task Force for Myanmar, Senior Officials of the Yangon Region Task Force, DASSK, delegates from the Indian Embassy in Yangon and other stakeholders who are directly involved in the drafting of the SOP. Impulse NGO Network India State Partners representation are Advocate **Mr Tashi Raptan Barfunngpa** Chief Functionary Hope Sikkim, **Advocate Mr Sunil Mow** Chairman Athupopo Social Foundation Arunachal Pradesh , **Mr Chenithung Humtsoe** Executive Director Bethesda Youth Welfare Nagaland, L. Mr Pishak Singh Secretary Sustainable Development Centre Manipur, **Mr Miguel Queah** Founder Chairperson UTAH Assam. Myanmar YMCA Team **U Tha Sein** President, **U Maung Maung Win** General Secretary YMCA, **Su Myat Htet** Case Manager Impulse Case Info Centre

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