

# THAILAND

## End Trafficking in Persons

Millions of children around the world are involved in the worst forms of child labour, are trafficked as sex workers, are forced to be soldiers, are married too young, are subjected to female genital mutilation, are beaten and abandoned.

World Vision addresses child protection by working to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against children – including abuse, neglect, and sexual exploitation. As an organization, we work to address the root causes of poverty and injustice in an integrated, holistic way.

Human trafficking remains a major issue in Thailand. Nearly 1 million Thai children have no birth registration documents, over 610,000 people live with HIV/AIDS, and almost 10% of the population is living below the poverty line.

End Trafficking in Persons (ETIP), an advocacy based program in relation to improving policies around Human Trafficking has been implemented to dismantle the web of networks operating in Thailand among other Asian countries.

This approach has been proven effective in helping a great number of at risk youth and adults as victims across international borders.

ETIP is a holistic approach designed with 3 pillars to support both victims and help at risk individuals from getting caught in the trafficking net:

- **Policy:** Advocate with governments in order to raise the profile of human trafficking.
- **Prevention:** Initiate and support children's clubs where they are informed of the risks and how to avoid the dangers of trafficking. Develop reporting systems and safe locations for individuals in danger.
- **Protection:** Help local police forces to investigate trafficking situations and identify victims. Help governments to quickly and safely return survivors to their own countries. Assist trafficking survivors so they are able to fully recover from their experience and live healthy and productive lives.

