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**Call for Interns**

Are you passionate about human trafficking, forced labour and migration issues? Interested in gaining work experience with the United Nations? Eager to live in Southeast Asia? If so, then apply for an internship with UN-ACT!

Eligible candidates are required to be university students currently enrolled in graduate programs, and able to spend between 4 and 6 months in Bangkok, Thailand. We look forward to hearing from you!

Further details regarding the internship can be found in the Terms of Reference. Applications should be sent to Mr. Wanpiya Techo: wanpiya.techo@undp.org
Trafficking Trends and Developments

CAMBODIA

- In July, the local NGO “ADHOC” held a press conference on victims of human trafficking whom they have jointly assisted during the first 6 months of 2014. They reported receiving complaints from 108 cases and 295 victims within this time period. A victim invited to provide a testimony during the press conference stated that some embassy officials in China hesitated to provide any assistance when they were approached for help, and even blamed the victims. The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) reacted to the report by stating that the ADHOC report was false and requested Chinese embassies in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam and Thailand to strengthen visa requirements for young Cambodian women wishing to travel to China. Furthermore, the RGC will now require single Cambodian women to deposit a sum of US$10,000 to ascertain an entry visa to China.

- Anti-human trafficking police arrested nine people at a military hospital in Phnom Penh for alleged organ trafficking. The arrests included the director and deputy director of the hospital. However, all of the suspects were subsequently released after the intervention of the Cambodian Minister of Defence. It was reported that the three Vietnamese patients voluntarily donated their kidneys, and the doctors were trained on how to perform the procedures.

CHINA

- UN-ACT, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and World Vision jointly supported a training workshop for Border Liaison Office (BLO) officers. The training was originally planned only for BLO officers but later expanded to benefit approximately 40 police officers from 13 provinces. A broad network was established among frontline law enforcement officers, international definitions and interview techniques were shared, and candid discussions were held on the identification of challenging and complex cases.

LAO PDR

- An event for International Youth Day organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and its partner organizations provided an opportunity for young people to learn about their rights and reproductive health. Various presentations on Youth and Development in Laos, Safe Migration, and Human Trafficking took place, with games, drama and dance shows performed by local youth.

- A workshop with the Thai Department of Special Investigation (DSI) and Lao police took place to discuss future cooperation on prosecution and victim support between the two countries. Agreements were concluded to establish intelligence sharing focal points, hold further meetings twice a year, and that the Australia-Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons (AAPTIP) and other development partners would provide technical support to the Lao government in this regard.
MYANMAR

- On 20 August, the Anti-trafficking in Persons Division (ATIPD), the Department of Social Welfare, along with the Myanmar and Indonesia branches of IOM facilitated the repatriation of 14 Myanmar male trafficking victims from Indonesia. The victims were originally from Rakhine state and were sold into forced labour on Thai fishing boats.

- IOM conducted a workshop on “the Role of Civil Society in the Provision of Reintegration Services for Victims of Human Trafficking” in Dagon Township on 28/29 August. The workshop aimed to bring together members of Myanmar’s Human Trafficking Working Group with a range of civil society organisations to collectively discuss opportunities for NGOs to provide reintegration support to trafficking victims.

THAILAND

- A new National Legislative Assembly and the National Reform Council have been established in Thailand which will seek to revise legislation to address the overlapping of political and administrative laws and ensure relevance to recent developments. Among the laws that will require amendments are those concerning corruption, human rights and human trafficking which have been high on the agenda of the new administration.

- A process to manage labour migrants in Thailand has so far officially registered 800,000 migrant workers from Cambodia, Myanmar and Lao PDR. In addition, relevant government officials have been tasked by the NCPO to coordinate with the three neighbouring countries in the nationality verification process, which is set to commence on 31 October and expected to be completed by 31 March 2015.

- In August, several cases of trafficking for sexual exploitation were uncovered and there have been debates about whether there are linkages between surrogacy and human trafficking. The controversy has arisen in the wake of several high profile cases regarding practices linked to the use of surrogate mothers in Thailand.

VIET NAM

- The fifth ASEAN Maritime Forum took place in Da Nang with discussions surrounding enhanced maritime partnerships, scientific research, protection of marine ecosystems, as well as non-traditional security threats such as international crime, piracy and human trafficking. During the forum, the ten ASEAN member countries reviewed maritime cooperation and the implementation of previously developed initiatives, and devised strategies for boosting the regional coordination of humanitarian aid and disaster responses.

- In collaboration with UN-ACT, IOM and World Vision, the Ministry of Public Security conducted two training workshops on inter-agency instruction of procedures, processes and collaboration on victim identification, as well as receipt and repatriation of trafficked persons. Roughly 120 participants from 54 provinces participated in the workshop, including various representatives from relevant departments.
**ANTI-TRAFFICKING PARTNERS**

In line with the ILO's "Migration Works" campaign to promote a more positive image of migrant workers, a Public Service Announcement (PSA) has been produced in collaboration with MTV EXIT. The PSA profiles a domestic worker, a security guard, and a waiter, and challenges the audience to think beyond the job titles of migrant workers, and to recognize the significant contributions they make to Malaysia's economy and society. By focusing on what migrants and Malaysians have in common, rather than their differences, the PSA fosters greater understanding and appreciation of this contribution.

To watch the PSA and learn more about the campaign, please visit [www.migrationworks.org](http://www.migrationworks.org) and [www.facebook.com/migrationworks](http://www.facebook.com/migrationworks)

To watch the PSA on youtube: [Migration Works PSA](http://www.migrationworks.org)
ILO blog on the PSA: [ILO Blog](http://www.migrationworks.org)

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Chab Dai is conducting a collaborative research study on the Impact and Perceptions of Short-Term Volunteers in the Human Rights Sector in Cambodia. For the purposes of this study, Chab Dai is recruiting short-term volunteers who fit the following criteria, to fill out an Entry and Exit survey:

- Volunteering in Cambodia from 1-6 months
- Volunteering in the human rights sector
- Arriving in Cambodia in May, June or July 2014

Chab Dai is also recruiting NGO leaders/staff who manage/host short-term volunteers, as well as Cambodian staff who interact and work with short-term volunteers, for interviews on perceptions of volunteer impact and information on volunteer program structures.

To complete the survey, please follow this link: [Volunteer Survey](http://www.migrationworks.org)

For further information, please contact Julia Smith-Brake at [julia.smithbrake@chabdai.org](mailto:julia.smithbrake@chabdai.org)

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The *Anti-Trafficking Review* is an open access, academic publication with a readership in 78 countries, published by the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW). The *Anti-Trafficking Review* calls for papers for a Special Issue entitled 'Forced Labour and Human Trafficking.'

For more detailed information, please click here: [Call for Papers](http://www.migrationworks.org)

**Deadline for submission: 30 November 2014**

**Word count for Full Article submissions:** 4,000 - 6,000 words, including footnotes, author bio and abstract

Special Issue to be published in 2015

We advise those interested in submitting to follow the *Review's* style guide and submission procedures, available at [www.antitraffickingreview.org](http://www.antitraffickingreview.org). Please email the editorial team at [atr@gaatw.org](mailto:atr@gaatw.org) with any queries.
### NEWS UPDATES

**After abuses in China, rights groups call for labour treaty**

“The plight of dozens of Myanmar workers freed from “atrocious” conditions in garment factories in Fujian Province has cast a fresh spotlight on migration to China...” *(Myanmar Times)*

**Woman Charged With Trafficking Bride to China**

“A 52-year-old woman was charged with human trafficking by the Kompeng Cham Provincial Court on Tuesday for allegedly convincing another woman to marry a Chinese man who then abused her, police said.” *(Cambodia Daily)*

**Japanese Man Suspected of Trafficking Babies**

“A Japanese national has brought at least three infants into Cambodia from Thailand this year as part of a suspected baby trafficking operation using surrogate mothers, according to international media reports.” *(Cambodia Daily)*

**Human trafficking suspected in Thai nine-baby discovery**

“Police said Thailand has no particular law against surrogacy. But the Medical Council of Thailand prohibits commercial surrogacy or the use of surrogate mothers unrelated to the genetic parents, and any doctors found breaching its regulations could have their medical license revoked.” *(Japan Times)*

**Four work permit centres face closure**

“Only three one-stop service centres will issue temporary work permits for foreign workers in Bangkok from Monday, the Employment Department chief says...four one-stop service centres issuing temporary work permits for migrants will be shut down tomorrow.” *(Bangkok Post)*

**Vietnam women arrested as child-trafficking allegations hit philanthropic pagoda**

“Police in Hanoi on Sunday arrested a worker at a pagoda known for homing orphans and abandoned children to investigate child trafficking allegations.” *(Thanh Nien News)*

**Taipei, Belize sign accord to fight human trafficking**

“Taiwan signed an agreement Friday with its Central American ally Belize on cross-border cooperation to combat human trafficking. The agreement is the ninth of its kind that Taiwan has inked with a foreign country.” *(China Post)*

**Vietnam’s skewed gender imbalance hits all-time high**

“The prevalence of male births grew in the first half of this year, despite myriad efforts to reverse the trend...In 2012, population experts warned that more than 4.3 million Vietnamese men would be unable to find a wife by 2050.” *(Thanh Nien News)*

**Anti-trafficking training**

“Amid growing concerns over the trafficking of Cambodian women to China, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) yesterday announced plans to train Chinese immigration officials in better identifying victims.” *(Phnom Penh Post)*

**Australian migrants trapped in ‘slave-like’ marriages**

“One woman told of how her husband would lock her out of the house...others told of sexual violence and coerced pregnancies, according to the report. The women said their passports were taken and they were blocked from using telephones or having access to money.” *(The Guardian)*
Vietnam sentences 4 traffickers of women to China
“A court in southern Vietnam on Wednesday handed down sentences of up to seven years in prison to four people for trafficking women to China.” (Thanh Nien News)

‘Kidney ring’ generals back on job at hospital
“The two top officials in what was first reported as a kidney-trafficking ring based out of a military hospital, then later dismissed as a “training program”, have returned to work, a doctor employed there said.” (Phnom Penh Post)

CNRP to probe organ claims
“The opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party plans to launch an investigation into organ trafficking in Cambodia following the mysterious case of an alleged kidney ring operating out of a military hospital in Phnom Penh.” (Phnom Penh Post)

Five Who Sent Brides to China Jailed for Trafficking
“Five co-conspirators who sent at least a dozen Cambodian women to marry men in China were sentenced Thursday by the Phnom Penh Municipal Court to jail terms under human trafficking laws, the latest in an increasing trend of similar cases.” (Cambodia Daily)

Suspect ‘framed’ by police
“A former businessman has accused police and prosecutors of framing him in a 2008 human trafficking case. Worapoj Pittayathanakul filed a complaint with the Crime Suppression Division yesterday, claiming officers had intentionally switched the name of the real suspect in the case with his own.” (Bangkok Post)

A forced bride: “We survive for each day”
“According to the Kachin Women's Association of Thailand (KWAT), the vast majority of trafficking cases on the Myanmar-China border involve migrant workers who cross illegally into China due to extreme poverty or displacement from conflict.” (Al Jazeera)

Anti-trafficking law to be amended
“Myanmar plans to amend its anti-human trafficking law or enact a new one to meet international standards, in light of a growing number of cases involving foreign traffickers and local officials.” (The Nation)

Fugitive Hong Kong-based human trafficking suspect invested in child-monitoring app
“A Hong Kong-based Japanese man wanted by Thai police for alleged human trafficking invested in an application for mobile devices designed to monitor the movement of children and their family members.” (South China Morning Post)

Thai Police target source of human trafficking from Myanmar, but exclude Rohingya
“The Royal Thai Police have asked their Myanmar counterparts to launch a public-awareness campaign to make Myanmar nationals aware of the dangers of slavery by accepting to work illegally in Thailand.” (Phuket Gazette)
Illegal adoption is a form of trafficking

“Thailand has been shaken recently by several high-profile cases that have propelled surrogacy to the fore of the national psyche.” (Bangkok Post)

Abuse of migrants rife: report

“From forced marriage in China to daily 20-hour shifts on fishing boats, most Cambodian workers face some kind of abuse when they leave the country to escape “desolate” work opportunities and low wages, a report from the Community Legal Education Center says.” (Phnom Penh Post)

Trafficking victims return from Thailand

“Eighteen Myanmar victims of a human-trafficking group, including four children, have returned home, after being rescued by Thai authorities.” (The Nation)

Thailand Order Goes Out to ‘Suppress Human Trafficking’ Urgently

“The Ministry of the Interior has ordered every province to suppress human trafficking as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the policy of the National Council for Peace and Order.” (Phuketwan)

Scorn heaped on plan to bar “China brides”

“The government’s request for China to no longer grant visas to single Cambodian women was lambasted by rights groups yesterday as discriminatory and misguided.” (Phnom Penh Post)

Sino-Burmese Border Sees Majority of Human Trafficking Rescues

“Burma’s anti-human trafficking police made most of their rescues along the Sino-Burmese border in the first seven months of the year, helping 42 Burmese women there to escape forced marriages, labor exploitation and other human rights abuses.” (Irrawaddy)

Traffickers’ jail time grows

“Two Taiwanese nationals and members of a notoriously abusive recruitment agency were convicted yesterday for a second time of human trafficking.” (Phnom Penh Post)

Myanmar, UNODC sign ‘landmark’ collaboration agreement

“The Myanmar Government and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime have signed a "landmark" agreement to collaborate on strengthening the rule of law and addressing significant drug and crime issues, the UN agency announced on August 18.” (Burma News International)

UN Reports Increase in Boat People Fleeing Myanmar, Bangladesh

“A new U.N. report points to a sharp increase in numbers of boat people mostly from Myanmar, also known as Burma, and Bangladesh. Activists fear a further surge of refugee boat people, especially ethnic Rohingya fleeing squalid refugee camps and persecution in Myanmar.” (Voice of America)
Foreign Ministry, NCPO to set up commission to explain human trafficking issue

“The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) have jointly discussed setting up a working commission to clarify issues surrounding human trafficking.” (Pattaya Mail)

Yunlin charges 95 people over human trafficking

“Authorities in Yunlin County yesterday charged 95 Taiwanese and Chinese, led by a former village warden, after completing a four-month investigation into an alleged human-trafficking ring.” (Taipei Times)

New Rules to Help Burmese Migrants Apply for Passports

“The Burmese Embassy in Thailand is revising procedures for Burmese migrants to receive regular passports, the Burmese government says.” (Irrawaddy)

Organ Trafficking: China Sentences 15 To Jail For Black Market Kidney Operation

“A court in China sentenced 15 people to prison for running a kidney trafficking operation in which donors were often paid less than $4,000 for their spare organ, according to Chinese news.” (Medical Daily)

Geopolitics of Sino-Vietnamese Mail-order Brides - Analysis

“Vietnam’s mail-order bride business is booming, fuelled by surging demand from Chinese unmarried men. Though international marriage agencies are officially illegal, loopholes in China have allowed the “industry” to flourish.” (Eurasia Review)

Unemployment the main cause of human trafficking, say police

“Unemployment is the main cause of human trafficking in Myanmar, with the 60 cases reported so far this year involving 134 victims, a senior police officer told Mizzima on August 13.” (Mizzima)

250 Thais deceived into overseas work

“The Director General of the Department of Employment has revealed that more than 250 workers were induced to work overseas in July, as a result of false promises.” (Pattaya Mail)

Shan family fights to free girl trafficked to China

“People smuggling is endemic on Burma’s porous northern border with China. In northern centres such as Lashio, Shan State, girls as young as 14 are being stolen from their families and trafficked over the Chinese border, where they are sold into slavery or forced into marriage.” (Democratic Voice of Burma)

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Each issue relates to an emerging or overlooked theme in the field of human trafficking. Each issue features a Debate Section in which two or more sides of a contentious issue are presented and pieces are primarily written by practitioners. The Review presents rigorously considered, peer reviewed material in clear English and currently publishes one issue annually. Publication will increase to two issues a year in 2015.

'a journal that is seeking to move things forward through new ideas and a genuine commitment to dialogue’ - Anne T. Gallagher, Independent scholar and legal advisor

'The Anti-Trafficking Review is clear about the current issues, the complications of the subject and contemporary global dialogues--it is leading versus following and recording. That is a REAL strength of your journal.’ - Cathy Zimmerman, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

'The Review is a platform for academics and practitioners, providing a space in which practitioners have the chance to influence the academic thinking around trafficking and vice versa.’ - Nicola Piper, University of Sydney
THE CURRENT ISSUE: Following the Money: Spending on anti-trafficking

Guest edited by Mike Dottridge, Independent human rights consultant

Published September 2014

The papers in this issue of the Anti-Trafficking Review analyse trends in donor policies, funding patterns of large donors, scarcity of funding for the re/integration of individuals who have been trafficked, whether funding patterns match what governments say they are committed to doing, patterns of over-funded coordination and prevention work and under-funded victim services, the difficulties that grassroots groups have in accessing funding, practical impacts of donor policies on NGO work, among other themes. The debate articles weigh in on best practice and ideas for innovative, effective and accountable funding. Authors include donors, practitioners and academics.

PAST AND FORTHCOMING SPECIAL ISSUES

The Anti-Trafficking Review aims not only to publish good research, but also to have a hand in shaping wider agendas in anti-trafficking conversations. We therefore publish special issue topics related to overlooked or under-researched areas in the anti-trafficking field. The inaugural issue in 2012 was guest edited by Anne Gallagher on the theme Accountability. The 2013 issue was guest edited by Sverre Molland (the Australian National University) on the theme Human Rights at the Border. Forthcoming issues are as follows:

- April 2015: 15 Years of UN Trafficking Protocol, Guest edited by Jacqueline Bhabha, Harvard Law School
- September 2015: Forced and Exploited Labour, Guest edited by Marie Segrave, Monash University, and Nicola Piper, University of Sydney

BRIDGING ACADEMIC AND PRACTITIONER WORLDS

Anti-trafficking is neither an academic or practitioner-only field. The Anti-Trafficking Review is the first journal dedicated to trafficking research and is publishing material from both academics and practitioners in grassroots as well as international and government organisations. The Debate Section in particular has interested practitioners, even more so in our forthcoming issues in which ‘debate’ pieces will be short 1000-word op-ed style articles.

Thus far each issue has been ‘launched’ at practitioner events. Authors and editorial board members speak plainly about the research in each issue. In 2014, the Following the Money issue will be launched at GAATW’s 20th Anniversary Conference, where 6 authors are due to speak not only on their articles, but also adding to a broader 3-day conversation about advocacy and the future of funding in anti-trafficking. In 2015, the 15 Years of the Trafficking Protocol issue will be launched at the International Crime Congress in Qatar, in a joint event organised with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.
FEATURED PUBLICATION

World of Work: Migrant workers are not a commodity

ILO Magazine: Special 2014 Issue

International Labour Organization (2014)

“This year's Special 2014 issue of the World of Work magazine reflects the themes of the ILO’s International Labour Conference (ILC). Recent tragedies involving migrant workers made ILO Director-General Guy Ryder choose migration as a subject for his Conference report. World of Work discusses what concrete measures could close the serious gaps in global migration governance. A World of Work team travelled to Albania to look at how that country is tackling the issue. More features look at the other issues discussed at the ILC: Building a future with decent work after a major disaster, strengthening the fight against forced labour, promoting employment strategies that work, moving workers from the informal to the formal economy and ending child labour through the ILO’s Red Card Campaign. Last but not least, you will find the latest ILO publications in this magazine. The pressing issues discussed by our world parliament of labour in June highlight the ILO’s role in setting the global world of work agenda and finding possible solutions to the social and economic problems we face today.”

Hans von Rohland
Editor, World of Work magazine

A full copy of the publication can be found online at:

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