Human Trafficking in Vietnam

Our work is in two specific areas: the trafficking of children into Vietnam and China and assisted an estimated 1,111 women and girls in 2019.

In the last few years we have been increasingly rescuing women and girls from exploitation in the sex industry. Typically, women and girls would be trafficked across the border of Vietnam and China and then sold into brothels where they would be confined, drugged, and forced to "serve" many men daily.

In 2019, Blue Dragon recovered 15,100 children who had been trafficked by criminal organizations to work in the informal textile and garment industries still exploit children, including illegal mining, agriculture, and domestic slavery, and face physical and sexual abuse.

Most of these children were not selling flowers, but rather exploited on the streets of Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC).

Blue Dragon's anti-trafficking work started as a result of a chance encounter with a young girl selling flowers on the streets of HCMC. She was trafficked by a Chinese man as a "wife". Most women will not know where they are and will be confined to the house, forced into marriage, and then sold to a Chinese man as a "wife". Most women will not know where they are and will be confined to the house, forced into marriage, and then sold to a Chinese man as a "wife".

Once a victim has crossed the border to China (generally through unofficial crossings) they are often sold to a Chinese man as a "wife". Most women will not know where they are and will be confined to the house, forced into marriage, and then sold to a Chinese man as a "wife".

To address these issues Blue Dragon has a team of lawyers, psychologists and social workers who work closely with law enforcement agencies, schools, government services, and communities. Together, we identify the willingness and capacity to stop trafficking, and we are committed to end the harmful trade of humans. Long term, we believe the country has the willingness and capacity to stop trafficking, and we are committed to end the harmful trade of humans.

**Vietnam's Virtuous Cycle of Trafficking Prevention**

**How Bad is the Problem?**

In Vietnam, traffickers tend to target the poorest and most vulnerable young people, particularly women and girls from ethnic minority communities who may not have many opportunities in their home communities, but are driven to cities by poverty and economic desperation.

In many cases, young people have gone to a neighbouring province in search of work, or through the lesser-known routes to the north of Vietnam, where they are often sold to a Chinese man as a "wife". For those who have not crossed the border, children are often seduced through social networks and online approaches from traffickers. Nielsen* estimates that 84% of the Vietnamese population had a smartphone as at 2017, even at least 60% of young people use social media, at least 60% of Vietnamese children are on Facebook as of 2017.

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Blue Dragon is ready to respond to and support the police in the identification of trafficked people and to assist with the investigation of cases. We develop police skills and approaches to identify and investigate cases of trafficking.

Prevention

We work with communities, schools and local authorities to educate children, young people and adults about risks and how to combat exploitation. Blue Dragon collaborates with the child's family and helps reunite them with their families.

**The Statistics of the Problem**

BLUE DRAGON'S IMPACT

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To date, Blue Dragon has recovered 306,850 victims of human trafficking, a majority of them exploited in both marriages and brothels in China, and assisted an estimated 1,111 women and girls in 2019.

**Notes:***


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