

Information Session

Rights of Migrants in Action Project



Bangkok, Thailand

15 October 2015

Introduction and Background

On 15 October 2015 IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation (SEARD) organized an Information Session on the Rights of Migrants in Action project.

The meeting agenda and background documents relating to the Call for Proposals were distributed to the confirmed participants prior to the meeting on Monday 12 October 2015. In addition, all materials were made available at the [Online Library](#) of IFRC SEARD.

The objective of the meeting was two-fold, to brief attendees about the Rights of Migrants in Action project and provide technical assistance to civil society organizations prior to the launch of the Call for Proposals.

As such, the morning session was focused on briefing participants on the objectives of the Rights of Migrants in Action project whereas in the afternoon participants were invited to attend the capacity building session on Project Planning Process and Proposal Writing. For Meeting Agenda please refer to Annex 1.

The one-day meeting was organized in the Column Hotel, Bangkok. A total of 22 participants attended the meeting and had an opportunity to learn about the project and ask questions relating to the Call for Proposals. In terms of gender breakdown, the meeting was attended by 14 females and 8 males. Organizations present included IFRC, Thai Red Cross Society, Civil Society Organizations, research experts, regional networks and UN agencies. Detailed list of participants is presented in Annex 2.

All meeting documents, including the DEVCO promotional video and presentations can be accessed at the [Online Library](#) of IFRC SEARD. Shortly after the meeting, the notification of the launch for the Call for Proposals has been posted at the online library. In addition, to ensure the wide spread of the information, all participants and those who were invited¹ but did not attend received an additional communication asking for support in disseminating the notification within their networks.

Proceedings

To set the scene and formally open the meeting, a video featuring the Rights of Migrants in Action project was presented to the participants.

This followed by the welcoming remarks delivered by Jenni Lundmark, Attaché (Cooperation), Delegation of the European Union to Thailand. Ms Lundmark welcomed the participants and underscored the value of the project for the region. She also highlighted the importance of working with CSOs, amongst other agencies, when addressing the challenges posed by migration given their community presence and knowledge of the local context.

¹ About 50 recipients in total.

Anne E. Leclerc, Head of IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation had also delivered her statement and provided an update on the key developments in the IFRC migration file. In her welcoming remarks, Ms Leclerc underscored the importance of joining efforts with local actors, including civil society organizations, when addressing multi-faceted challenges surrounding migration. A special focus was placed on the convening role of National Societies of Red Cross Red Crescent particularly with regard to promoting collaboration amongst local actors to ensure greater complementarity of efforts.

Further Ms. Leclerc explained the added value of the cluster approach that has been selected for Thailand and explained its modus operandi. Namely, Thailand, given its role as a regional hub and a major migrant receiving country in the region, is identified as a central country of the cluster with Cambodia, Lao and Viet Nam as invited countries.

In terms of operating structure, only CSOs which are registered in Thailand and working in the areas of migration and human trafficking will be eligible for funds under Component 2 of Rights of Migrants in Action. However the reach of Thailand-registered CSOs will span across Cambodia, Viet Nam and Lao PDR through development of joint activities, i.e cross border cooperation.

After the opening remarks delivered by EU and IFRC SEARD representatives, Zlatko Kovac, Programme Management Coordinator Rights of Migrants in Action, Programme Services division, IFRC proceeded with general introduction of the project, detailed overview of the application process for small scale grants, eligibility and evaluation criteria as well as grant agreement obligations, financial procedures and reporting.



Understanding the logframe and hierarchy of objective by building a bridge

The morning session was concluded with the interactive session that provided an opportunity for participants to clarify questions relating to the call for proposals. Most of the questions addressed related to the practical steps in the application process and included the following:

1. What is the duration of the project and whether the project can be extended.
2. Where all the templates can be found.
3. If there are any specific requirements for CSOs applying as a group.
4. What do “social services to migrants” entail.
5. What are the communication channels for clarifying inquiries and questions.

The afternoon was opened by the Project Planning (PPP) Session facilitated by Richard Cewers, PMER Advisor, Swedish Red Cross. The session combined both practical exercises and theory and was well received by the participants who in their majority were not familiar with IFRC planning process.

The day concluded with the proposal writing session that walked participants through the key elements of the application and outlined key requirements for the concept note and the detailed proposal along with the annexes to support the application.

Follow up Action

On the day following the meeting, a notification of the launch of the Call for Proposals was sent to all participants and those who were invited but did not attend. To ensure widest dissemination possible, all recipients were asked to share the Call within their respective networks.

IFRC SEARD will continue dialogue with the research experts from Mahidol University, Thailand leading educational establishment, to ascertain their interest to join the independent evaluation committee (IEC) and engage in the research study.

On a same note the Thai Red Cross Society will be invited to join the IEC as an observer with a view to facilitate the effectiveness and transparency of the assessment process and to take into account the knowledge of local humanitarian space and operational environment.

With regards to lessons learned, during the PPP session it became apparent that some participants struggle to understand all the technicalities and terminology due to the language barrier. As such, during the project implementation and especially capacity building sessions for CSOs due consideration will be given to the language skills of the participants.

How we work

Strategy 2020 voices the collective determination of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to move forward in tackling the major challenges that confront humanity in the next decade. Informed by the needs and vulnerabilities of the diverse communities with whom we work, as well as the basic rights and freedoms to which all are entitled, this strategy seeks to benefit all who look to Red Cross Red Crescent to help to build a more humane, dignified, and peaceful world.

Over the next ten years, the collective focus of the IFRC will be on achieving the following strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disasters and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

Annex 1 CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION FOR PROMOTING RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS**Agenda****Information Session**

Time	Agenda	Speaker
08:30-09:00 Registration of Participants		
09:00-09:20	Welcome Remarks	Ms. Jenni Lundmark, Attaché (Cooperation), Delegation of the European Union to Thailand Ms. Anne E. Leclerc, Head, IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation
09:20 -09:40	Setting the scene and update from SEA	Ms. Anne E. Leclerc, Head, IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation
09:40-10:10	General Introduction of the Project	Mr. Zlatko Kovac, Programme Management Coordinator Rights of Migrants in Action Programme Services division, IFRC
10:10-10:45	Application process for small scale grants	Mr. Zlatko Kovac, Programme Management Coordinator, Rights of Migrants in Action Programme Services division, IFRC
10:45-11:00 Coffee break		
11:00-11:30	Eligibility Criteria (Who can apply?) Eligibility of actions	Mr. Zlatko Kovac, Programme Management Coordinator, Rights of Migrants in Action Programme Services division, IFRC
11:30-12:00	Evaluation procedure and criteria of small scale project applications	Mr. Zlatko Kovac, Programme Management Coordinator, Rights of Migrants in Action Programme Services division, IFRC
12:00-12:30	Grant Agreement Obligations, Financial Procedures and Reporting	Mr. Zlatko Kovac, Programme Management Coordinator, Rights of Migrants in Action Programme Services division, IFRC
12:30-13:00	Questions and Answers	
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch		
14:00-15:45	Introduction to Project Cycle Management Concept	Mr. Richard Cewers, Swedish Red Cross
15:45 - 16:00 Coffee break		
16:00 - 16:45	Proposal Writing	Ms. Elena Nyanenkova, Senior Migration Officer, IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation
16:45 - 17:00	Closing Remarks	Ms. Anne E. Leclerc, Head, IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation

Annex 2**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS****Rights of Migrants in Action: Information Session****15 October 2015****Column Hotel Bangkok**

	Name	Organisation
IFRC and National Societies		
1.	Anne E. Leclerc	Head, IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation
2.	Zlatko Kovac	Programme Management Coordinator Rights of Migrants in Action Programme Services Division, IFRC
3.	Elena Nyanenkova	Senior Migration Officer, IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation
4.	Richard Cewers	PMER Delegate, Swedish Red Cross
5.	Sawanit Kongsiri	Thai Red Cross Society, Assistant Secretary General for External Relations
6.	Wassika Phueaksomon	Thai Red Cross Society, Director of International Relations Department
European Union Delegation to Thailand		
7.	Jenni Lundmark,	Delegation of the European Union to Thailand, Attaché (Cooperation)
8.	Arunsiri Phothong	Delegation of the European Union to Thailand, Programme Officer, Operations Section
Regional Networks		
9.	Helen Brunt	Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network, Programme Officer
10.	Ticha Nopratkhet	Migrant Working Group representative/ World Vision Foundation of Thailand (WVFT), Advocacy Coordinator
CSOs/NGOs/INGOs		
11.	Jantana Euskermanee	Human Rights Development Foundation (HRDF), Assistant to Secretary General
12.	Panee Tchwakulpanich	HomeNet, Representative
13.	Edward Haworth	Gift of Happiness Foundation, Founder
14.	John Murray	Caritas Thailand, National Team Coordinator
15.	Nick Jones	Jesuit Refugee Service, Regional Advocacy & Communications Officer
Research Experts		
16.	Dr. Chalernpol Chamchan	PhD, Assistant Professor, Migration Research Centre, Mahidol University
17.	Manasigan Kanchanaluitra	Institute of population and Social Research, Mahidol University
18.	Daniel Lindgren	Rapid Asia, Founder
19.	Tarinee Suravoranon	Rapid Asia, Senior Project Executive
UN Agencies		
20.	Anna Olsen	ILO, Programme Specialist
21.	Yuko Hamada	IOM, Regional Technical Specialist for Labour Migration
22.	Nissara Spence	IOM, Intern