

Regional Cross-Border Cooperation Project (Thailand-Cambodia-Lao PDR) on improving access to ARV among migrants living in Thailand

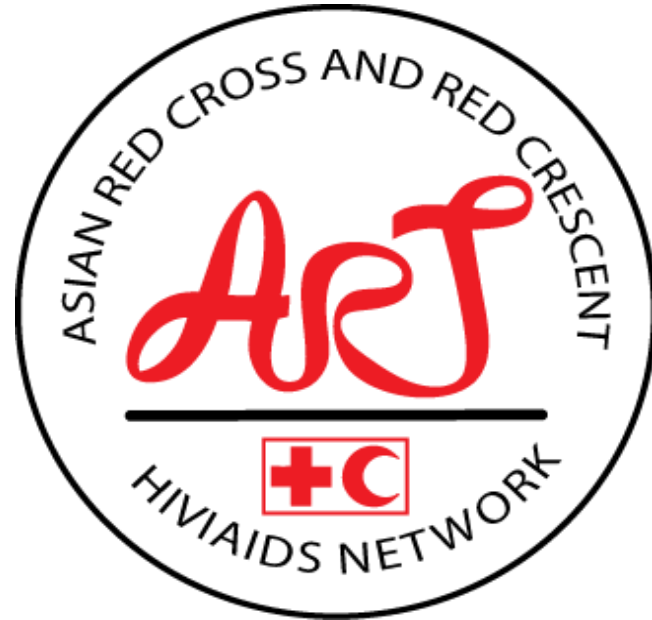
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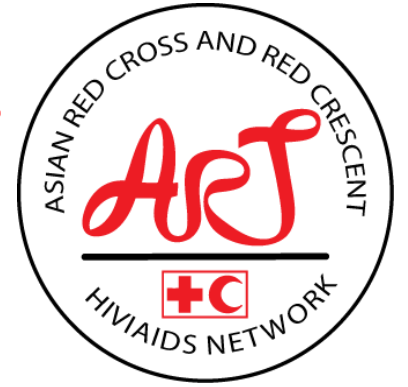
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What is ART?



**Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent
HIV/AIDS Network (ART)**

When and Why ART has Existed?



ART was established in 1994 to response to the rapid increasing of the HIV epidemic in the region:

- Prevention of further HIV infections
- Expanding HIV care, treatment, and support
- Reducing HIV stigma and discrimination



ART

A POOL of HIV expertise from 14 NS—technical assistance, sharing information and advocacy


(Together we can!)

ART was very famous on HIV Peer Education and Life Skill Development Programs among young people and uniformed personnel during the 1990's and early 2000's.

(Greatly contributed to the HIV epidemic reduction in the region!)

BUT.

What is a new
emerging **CONCERN**
now?



This is the era of **globalization**... people are on the move!
There is an untouched challenge... **undocumented migrants**, in particular those who are **living with HIV**



This is a calling for the ART Network to **intervene!**

And **yes we can!**



Thailand:

- Ubolrajchathani
- NongKai
- Trad

Lao PDR:

- Vientiene
- Champasak
- Bokeo

Cambodia:

- Udor Meanchey
- Koh Kong
- Banteay Meanchey

What is the current migration situation?*

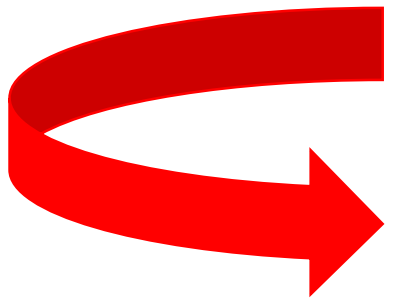
* Data are lacking – undocumented migrants are difficult to quantify!

There are approximately 5 million migrants in Thailand, mainly originating from:

- **Myanmar:** approximately 3.2 million people
- **Cambodia:** approximately 1.2 million people
- **Lao PDR:** approximately 900,000 people

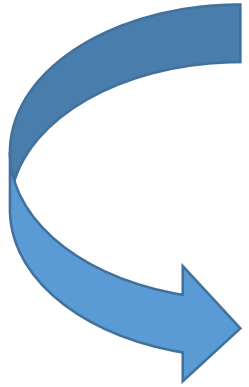
Migrants are Vulnerable!

- Large populations of undocumented migrants from Cambodia and Laos live & work in Thailand
- They do not have/have limited access health care services, especially psycho-social support (PSS) & anti-retroviral (ARV) therapy



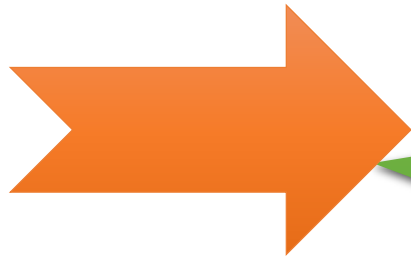
**Migrants are therefore vulnerable
in need of support and services**

ART Network can do this; because ART has:



- Good Network;
- Successful Experiences;
- RCRC NS's back bone Structure Regional wide;
- Strong supporting NS's Leadership;

**BUT WE DO
NEED**



**OUR
FINANCIAL
PARTNER!**



ART proposes

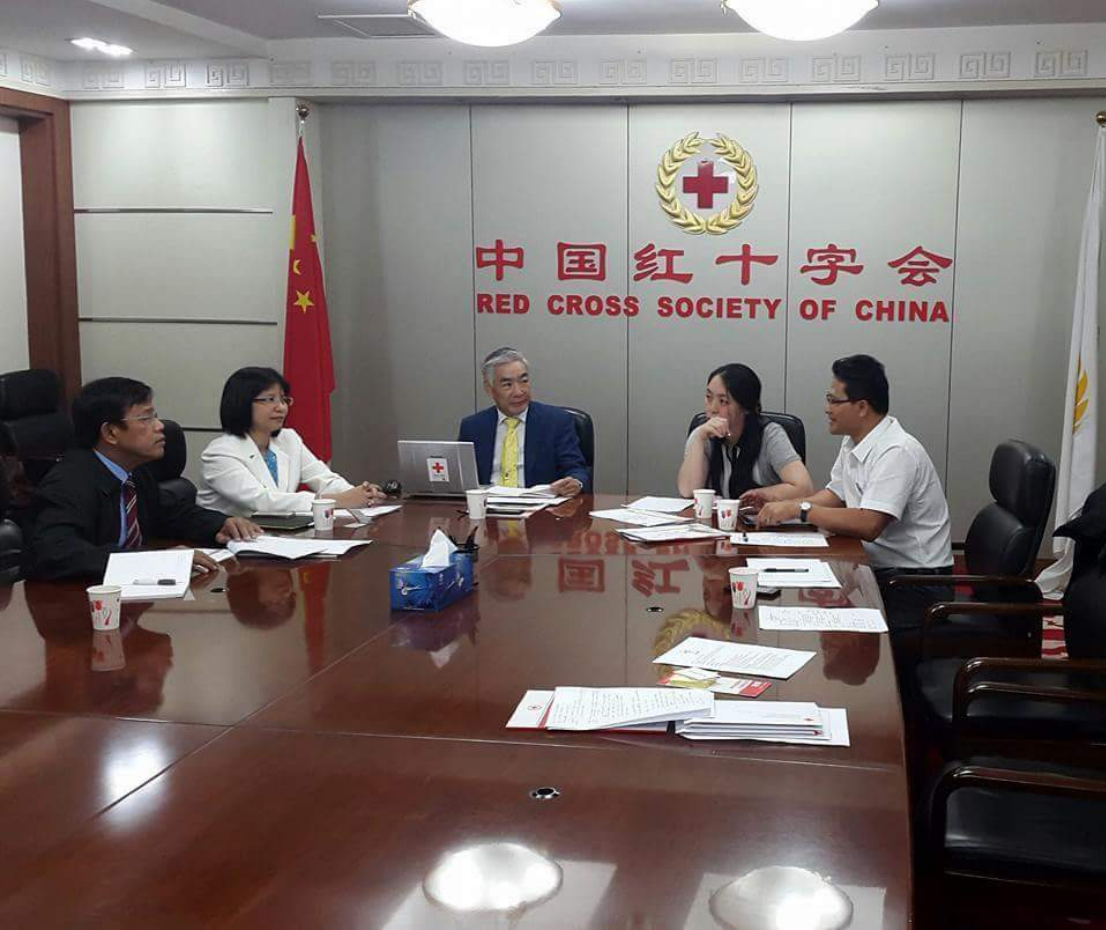
a Regional Cross Border Cooperation Project (Thailand-Cambodia-Lao PDR) on improving access to ARV among migrants living in Thailand to:

1. To provide pre-departure education to all migrants about HIV/STI, human rights, legal documentation and contact persons.
2. To produce leaflets on HIV and contact persons in host and origin country in 4 languages (Cambodian, Lao, Thai and English).
3. To ensure the consistency of ARV treatment for PLHIV migrants through referral system, follow up and patient tracking.
4. To increase the collaborations with all key partners including UN agency, INGOs, Local NGOs and government to support ARV among migrants.

















Thank you for kind attention!