

Rights of Migrants in Action

National Round Table for Implementing Partners

**Bangkok, Thailand
12 July 2016**

Concept Note

Background

Rights of Migrants in Action is a 45-months project co-funded by the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Development and Cooperation (DG DEVCO) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), with the objective to promote and protect the human rights of migrants in targeted countries, migration corridors and regions through a globally coordinated civil society action, with a specific focus on migrant domestic workers and victims of human trafficking. The project is managed by the IFRC in cooperation with National Red Cross Red Crescent Societies from 15 countries across five regions¹, and is implemented in partnership with 43 civil society organizations (CSOs).

In Thailand the project is implemented in cooperation with four civil society organisations (CSO) that were selected for funding through the call for proposals launched in late 2015. These include Chiang Mai based MAP Foundation and Life Skills Development Foundation; Foundation for Labour and Employment Promotion from Bangkok; and Foundation for Education and Development from Phang Nga, Phuket.

In March 2016, following finalisation of contractual agreements, face-to-face meetings with implementing partners were organised in order to undertake the assessment of their organisational capacity, design annual work plans and kick-off implementation of the projects.

Objective of the National Roundtable

The overall objective of the inaugural national roundtable is to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and building stronger cooperation amongst partner implementing civil society organisations in Thailand with a view to ensure cross-fertilization of project's results across the country and their longer-term sustainability. The event will also allow for exploring opportunities for greater engagement among the Red Cross, regional migration networks and the State.

The national roundtable is seen as part of the preparatory process for the regional Rights of Migrants in Action conference that will be held for implementing partners from Indonesia, Nepal and Thailand in the autumn of 2016. To that end, it is expected that the national roundtable will harness the collective experiences and lessons learned of Thai-based CSOs for consolidation in a set of joint recommendations to feed into substantive preparations to the regional meeting.

The specific objectives of the national roundtable include the following :

¹ *Africa*: Benin, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe; *Americas*: Ecuador, Guatemala and Honduras; *Asia*: Indonesia, Nepal and Thailand – cluster approach; *Europe and Central Asia*: Kazakhtan, Russia and Tajikistan and *MENA*: Jordan, Lebanon and Morocco.

1. To share progress, experiences, lessons learned, and challenges encountered during the project implementation in 2016.
2. To explore synergies and identify actions for peer-to-peer support and greater collaboration between the implementing CSOs, the Red Cross and other stakeholders.
3. To contribute to the civil society consultations in the preparations for the Global Forum on Migration and Development to be held in Bangladesh in December 2016.
4. To review the findings of the capacity assessment exercise and to agree on a training work plan.

Target Audience

Maximum 25 persons drawn from partner civil society organisations (maximum four persons from each partner CSO), regional migration network (Migrant Forum Asia TBC), Red Cross, IFRC and the European Union delegation to Thailand.

Format and Methodology

The meeting will open with introductory remarks from the representatives of the EU delegation to Thailand and IFRC. The latter will set the scene for the roundtable, present its objectives and walk participants through the agenda items.

The first half of day one will be focused on presentations from partner-implementing CSOs followed by Q&A. All CSOs in attendance will be expected to prepare a presentation up to 30 minutes long. The presentation should include an overview of the project, key progress made, challenges and plans for next six months².

The keynote presentation from the representative of a regional migration network will open the afternoon session to launch discussions around building synergies between the projects of four implementing partners and exploring avenues for their engagement with larger networks and global processes.

This will be followed by an afternoon breakout session to discuss findings of the capacity assessment exercise and to jointly develop a capacity building plan for partner CSOs.

Each session will be chaired by a CSO representative who will kick off and facilitate interventions, pose questions and provide a summary of the session.

The day will close with conclusions and remarks from the organisers.

Meeting duration and language

The roundtable is a one day event.

The working language of the roundtable will be English; translation from/to Thai language will be arranged by the organisers.

Suggested place and time of the meeting

The meeting will take place in Column Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand on Tuesday 12 July 2016.

Preliminary Programme

DAY 1 – ACCELERATING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS IN ACTION AND MAXIMIZING ITS IMPACT

² Presentations should be prepared in English language.

Welcome remarks and introductions

Session 1: Background and premise of the national round table

Session 2: Working effectively together: implementation updates by partner CSOs, identifying synergies and opportunities for greater cooperation

Session 3: From local to national, regional and global: looking ahead to the regional meeting and supporting global processes

Session 4: Building stronger civil society: agreeing on key capacity building needs and a training plan

Conclusions and closing remarks

*** Roundtable documents will be regularly uploaded at <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/migration> ***