

FY2009 Women Leader Empowerment Seminar in
Asia Pacific Region

Country Report

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Country Overview

- The Government of Thailand has made best effort to deal with the issue of eradicate violence against women and children as well as human trafficking through various measures.
- Thailand has abided by crucial international agreements on violence against women and children : DeVAW, CEDAW, CRC

Situation of VAW (statistics & salient features)

Violence Against Women and Children and Domestic Violence in 2005 - 2008

	Physical Abused	Raped	Sexual Harassment	Abandoned /Imprisoned /Detained	Child Abduction	Attempted Murder	Murdered	Others (no specify)	Total
Husband	1,425	14	2	9	0	4	6	5	1,465
Father	43	54	15	5	1	0	1	7	126
Stepfather	19	96	46	0	0	1	2	3	167
Mother	15	0	1	4	0	1	0	4	25
Stepmother	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Relative	243	180	107	3	5	2	4	7	551
Friend / Intimate	1,355	2,947	1,309	77	528	13	14	150	6,393
Stranger	608	370	263	9	28	11	6	32	1,327
Employer	7	11	9	0	0	0	0	5	32
Others	198	119	65	8	25	9	2	24	450
No Specify	125	69	38	3	9	2	2	23	271
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Legal Framework

- Constitution of Thailand B.E. 2550
- The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act B.E. 2551
- Measures in Prevention and Suppression of Trafficking in Women and Children Act B.E. 2540
- Prostitution Prevention and Suppression Act B.E. 2539

Legal Framework (con.)

- The Penal Code Amendment Act (No. 14) B.E. 2542
- The Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Act (No. 20) B.E. 2542
- Money Laundering Control Act B.E. 2542
- Labor Protection Act B.E. 2541
- Witness Protection Act B.E. 2546

etc.

Government Policy on VAW

- Capacity building
- Intelligence exchange among network
- Improvement and amendment
- Campaign to increase public awareness
- Remedy and rehabilitation
- Change of discriminatory attitudes

Civil Society Intervention

- Work in the front line with women survivors of violence
- Shelters women suffering from domestic violence and sexual violence
- Provides training for village women leaders, community leaders and school children
- Support exchange program in which women share their experiences

Overseas Development Aid

- JICA-BATWC five years project on “Strengthening of MDT for Protection of Trafficked Persons in Thailand” sign for cooperation among countries on March 17, 2009
- UNIFEM : Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women

Overseas Development Aid (con.)

- The United States supports the development of rule of law :
 - funding a grant
 - sponsors workshops
 - seminars with Thai and U.S. officials and judicial experts

Best Practices to Eradicate VAW

- Say NO to Violence Against Women campaign by UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha
- *Youth Say NO to Violence Against Women* program
- Designate the 25th of November as End Violence Against Women Day in order to raise public awareness of VAW

Major Obstacles to Eradicate VAW

- Cultural Construction
- Gender perspective
- Lack of adequate laws protecting women's basic human rights
- School curricula have not completely eliminated gender stereotypes
- Sex education is not integrated

Conclusion/Policy Recommendations

- Strengthening women understanding / attitude on Human Rights
- Awareness raising overall communities
- Public Relation and Fund Raising
- Create new campaign
- Collaborate with trust and Faith