



## Liên Minh Phòng Chống Buôn Bán Người

**Help us meet the challenge of providing harm reduction activities, preventing the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission and finding alternative income solutions for women and underage-girls who are involved in prostitution.**

*Outreach Activities by Peer Educators to help women and underage-girls involved in prostitution!*



Picture: Nicolas Lainez

*“Simple and achievable measures are available to improve the daily lives of women involved in prostitution and to act against the risk of their young daughters or sisters being enrolled”*

**Implementing country:** VIETNAM

**Name of Applicant:** Alliance Anti Traffic Vietnam (AATVN)

**Project title:** “Outreach and health support for women”

**Beneficiaries:** women and underage girls involved in prostitution.

**Cost of the project/package:** \$40.000

**Cost by visit of beneficiaries / time:** \$14,3 (2800 women visited / year)

**Duration:** 12 months

# From Exploitation to Industry



## Risks, and Consequences of Domestic Sexual Exploitation and Sex Work Among Women and Girls:

*Sexual exploitation broadly refers to “any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, or trust for sexual purposes, including but not limited to profiting monetarily, socially, or politically from sexual exploitation.”*

**Kofi Annan, 2003**

**Background:** Sexual exploitation and abuse, human trafficking are problems in evidence in the Vietnamese society which increase every year. Cultural myths and lack of preventive education put minors, especially girls in danger while children are continuously approached for sex purposes, in the street or on social networks.

**Which is confirmed internationally:** Most that being involved in prostitution have typically had a rough childhood and a **majority** of them have been **sexually abused** during their **childhood**. These individuals are at **high risk** to be **trafficked**.

**AAT** has developed its program to prevent self-protection against the risks of human trafficking, sexual abuse, reproductive health and other social harms, to provide education for children against the risk of sexual abuse.

Moreover, persons involved in prostitution are at risk to get HIV and be able to transmit it to others including their children during pregnancy or ignorant of the ways in which HIV spreads.

### **Being involved in prostitution is an extremely dangerous way to make incomes!**

Women are exposed to serious harms: drug use, disease, violence, discrimination, debt, criminalization and exploitation (child prostitution, trafficking for sex slavery, and exploitation of migrants).

**The Outreach Program: Simple and achievable measures are available to improve the daily lives of women involved in prostitution and to reduce the risk of their daughters or sisters being involved.**

AAT provide successful and promising harm-reduction strategies as such as education, empowerment, prevention, care, occupational health and safety, decriminalization of women involved in prostitution, human-rights-based approaches and re-conversion opportunities to leave prostitution for an alternative source of income.

Successful interventions include peer education, training in safe sex practices, con-

doms, health and safety guidelines regarding prostitution activity, self-help organizations (The **Sun Flower** Group, supported by AAT), and community-based child protection program (The **Where Dreams Bloom** program by AAT).

The use of **harm-reduction principles** can help to safeguard women involved in prostitution lives in the same way that drug users have benefited from drug-use harm reduction.



Through the program, women and minor girls involved in prostitution in Ho Chi Minh City develop abilities for their self-protection and awareness, thanks to access to information about safe sex practices, sex related risks, exploitation and human trafficking issues and have unique access to services and follow up provided by AAT outreach working group of peer educators and AAT coordinators.

The action concerns outreach in different areas of Ho Chi Minh City where prostitution occurs. The AAT outreach project exists since 2002. It allows AAT to maintain a network and privileged contact with women involved in prostitution, in identifying minors at risk among them and to collect information on their situation in order to update the AAT database about prostitution in Ho Chi Minh City every year since 2002.

From 2002 to 2017, 68.000 visited women were supported by the AAT program and almost 400.000 condoms were distributed.

### **Activities & Measurable Targets:**

**Activity 1:** *Continue the 24/7 Hotline service, operated by the outreach team to refer help and services to women in need.*

- **Target 1:** One hotline 24/7 is available.

**Activity 2:** *The group of peer educators "Hoa Mat Troi" regularly visit women throughout the year*

- **Target 2:** 2800 visits of women/year providing education & counselling services.
- **Target 3:** 40.000 condoms distributed.
- **Target 4:** 3000 information leaflets distributed.

**Activity 3:** *Help cases in need to meet appropriate local services: hospital, clinic, police, lawyer, training centers, state or NGOs services, etc. and support costs.*

- **Target 5:** 200 persons requesting help by local services, mostly for health care.
- **Target 6:** 25 children or sisters of women are identified to enter in the Where Dreams Bloom program to protect them from risk of being involved in prostitution.



*Through the AAT's program, women and minor girls involved in prostitution in Ho Chi Minh City raise their abilities of self-protection and awareness. They have unique access to services and follow up provided by AAT outreach working group of peer educators and AAT coordinators.*



**Full detailed project available on demand.**

**CONTACT:**

**Georges Blanchard** (French, English or Vietnamese).

International Director.

Alliance Anti Traffic

322/39 Nguyen Dinh Chieu, P4, district 3, Ho Chi Minh City.

**Mobile:** +84 91 837 25 10

**Email:** vnaction@allianceantitrafic.org

**For more information about us:**

[www.allianceantitrafic.org/aatvietnam/](http://www.allianceantitrafic.org/aatvietnam/)

[www.facebook.com/aatvietnam/](https://www.facebook.com/aatvietnam/)