Country Profile Thailand





Thailand is a regional hub of Asia and a popular tourist destination. This makes way for large in-migration specifically involving children. As a result, children are vulnerable to trafficking, other forms of sexual exploitation and forced labour. Children living on the street are also exposed to substance abuse which often forces them into sex work. Online grooming by foreign tourists is another major child protection concern. Approximately 400,000 children aged 12-17 are affected by online sexual exploitation per year in Thailand.¹

Stakeholder Reach 2024

CHILDREN 771

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES 121

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

82

PRIVATE SECTOR STAFF

Our Projects

Step Up the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation of Children (SUFASEC)

Project locations: Bangkok, Rayong, Chon Buri, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Bueng Kan, Nong Bua Lamphu, Khon Kaen, UdonThani, Phuket, Songkhla, Mae Hong Son

As part of the Down to Zero Alliance, the project supports children in Thailand vulnerable to and affected by sexual exploitation (online and offline) through reporting and referral services in collaboration with civil society, government, and law enforcement. At The Hub, a day care shelter, children receive education, counselling, and life skills training. Youth are empowered to raise awareness and advocate for systemic change to strengthen child protection.

We build capacities of youth advocates to raise awareness of online safety and advocate with authorities to prioritise effective action against online child sexual exploitation in Thailand.







At The Hub, I am excited to meet friends. I also attend the learning centre once a week.

Lupeng*

A 15-year-old boy with a hearing impairment, once out of school and vulnerable to exploitation on the streets of Bangkok, is now safe at The Hub, a child protection centre in the city. With support from our project, he has gained access to a nurturing environment that enables his learning and development, reducing his risk of exploitation.

*name changed to protect identity

Key Figures 2024



Children vulnerable to exploitation gain life skills training

Children out of school are re-enrolled into the

education

system

Initiatives
taken by
children
& youth to defy
harmful norms
contributing
to sexual
exploitation

Succesful
case referrals
enabling
empowerment
of child
survivors of
sexual
exploitation

Duty bearers trained on laws and regulations against sexual exploitation of children Advocacy efforts toward legal reform in Thailand to address online child sexual exploitation taken forward to the house of representatives.



Through improved multistakeholder coordination, the average processing time per case of sexual exploitation against children has significantly reduced.



More than 70% of participants of our training for civil society organisations reported to be more confident in dealing with cases against online child sexual exploitation.



Successful development of a draft on guidelines for digital platform regulation and the penal code on online child sexual exploitation.



Implementing Partners

Childline Thailand Foundation
Thai Hotline Foundation

Funding partners

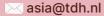
Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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About Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a global child rights organisation that works in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. We prevent and stop child exploitation, and empower children to make their voices count. We catalyse systemic change with the support of grassroots-level implementing partners. We ensure that children are at the centre of our initiatives.



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