

**SUB-REGIONAL ACTION PLAN:
AREAS FOR COOPERATION AND ACTIVITIES**

**AS AGREED AT SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING II
YANGON, 28 OCTOBER 2004**

1. Policy and Cooperation

Area 1: Development of mechanisms to improve regional cooperation including bilateral agreements and systems for information exchange

Activities

1. Seminar/workshop on mechanisms and systems for exchange of information and data collection
2. Seminar/workshop to share experiences on establishment and implementation of bilateral/multilateral agreements on combating trafficking

Area 2: Development of a regional training programme on trafficking for anti-trafficking personnel

Activities

3. Undertake an assessment on training needs at the regional level
4. Training on formulation and implementation of national plans of action
5. Development of a regional training mechanism to improve the capacity of anti-trafficking personnel, including curriculum, instruction and manuals, in critical areas as agreed by countries based on the findings of the training needs assessment

2. Legal Frameworks, Law Enforcement and Justice

Area 3: Cooperation on investigation and prosecution of traffickers, including joint training and cross-border networking

Activities

6. Training for law enforcers, including investigation, prosecution processes and knowledge on relevant laws in the respective countries

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7. Sharing information and intelligence on trafficking cases and traffickers
8. Seminar to share experiences in strengthening legal frameworks, including legal procedures to provide better protection of victims and more effective prosecution of traffickers
9. Regional seminar to explore procedural agreements on extradition and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters
10. Seminar to share knowledge, experiences and skills on multi-sectoral cooperation between the criminal justice sector and other Government Departments and NGOs supporting victims of trafficking

3. Protection, Recovery & Reintegration

Area 4: Development of effective systems for victim identification, including tracing of victims

Activities

11. Workshop on criteria and processes for identification of victims
12. Regional seminar to develop possible mechanisms for tracing of victims

Area 5: Enhance and strengthen repatriation and reintegration programmes:

- 5.1 Improve repatriation systems***
- 5.2 Facilitate reintegration of victims and prevent their re-trafficking***
- 5.3 Improve post-harm support and services for victims***

Activities

13. Regional workshop on procedures for repatriation of victims, including development of common guidelines
14. Regional seminar on improving post-harm support and services, taking into account the views of those who are trafficked, to facilitate successful reintegration of victims and prevent their re-trafficking
15. Seminar with international organisations and donors to explore ways of providing resources for better economic support for victims of trafficking, as appropriate to each country's situation

4. Preventive Measures

Area 6: Strengthening regional cooperation to prevent and suppress illegal and/or exploitative brokering practices that lead to trafficking

Activities

16. Collection and sharing of information on job, marriage and adoption brokers and agencies that the governments reasonably believe are involved in trafficking in persons

Area 7: Strengthen regional cooperation with the tourism sector to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, especially children and women

Activities

17. Regional seminar with the tourism sector to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, especially children and women

5. Mechanisms for Monitoring and Evaluation Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding

Activities

18. Maintain existing COMMIT Task Forces in each country and work with UNIAP to develop the following for finalisation at SOM 3:
 - Terms of reference for Senior Officials Meetings
 - Schedule for implementation of the Plan of Action
 - Activities for monitoring and evaluating implementation of this Plan of Action, including UNIAP's reporting role