



ALLIANCE ANTI TRAFIC



Annual Report 2023



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Definitions According To AAT's Terminology

BENEFICIARY

AAT's target group who benefits directly from our services.

PROTECTION

The action to save a victim from sexual violence until the victim is in a safe situation and will not be re-victimized

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

It includes sexual exploitation, trafficking for sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, rape, forced marriage, forced surrogacy and online agressions (such as sextorsion...)

TARGET GROUPS (OF AAT)

The girls and women who are considered at risk of becoming victims of sexual violence as well as the ones who are or who have already been the victims.

VICTIMS

Persons who face sexual violence.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer

A person who participates in AAT's activities either with a compensation or not. It also includes women and girls at risk of sexual violence or former victims who have been trained to participate in AAT's activities.

They can:

- act as an active watchdog to notify the cases who need assistance.
- raise the awareness of the population in their community to prevent others from becoming victims.
- identify and protect victims.
- facilitate AAT's rehabilitation activities.
- follow up beneficiaries and support them in their career alternatives.
- contribute to other social causes.
- Help AAT on communication, fundraising, editing and translations.

WATCHDOG

Volunteers, local people/CSOs/government agencies who were trained by AAT to identify our target groups and on case notifications. They are the active group that reports the cases.

About Alliance Anti Traffic (AAT)

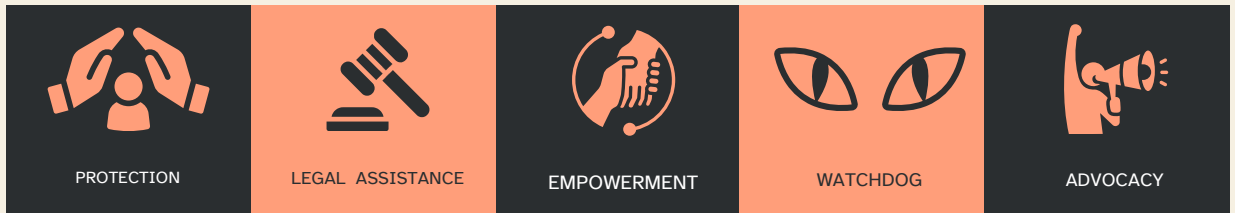
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Website: www.aatthai.org
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Alliance Anti-Traffic (AAT) brings over 20 years of expertise in protecting women and girls from sexual exploitation and violence, while empowering former victims to rebuild their lives and create a brighter future. We have already supported over 3,000 victims from Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam. Our primary focus is on women and girls at risk of sexual violence, and the ones who are or have already been victims of sexual violence. Thanks to our dedicated team of professional staff and passionate volunteers, the women and children we serve gain confidence and develop essential skills, enabling them to stand for themselves and support others in need.

This report presents the impacts of our missions in Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam in 2023.



Updated Logo!

This year, AAT rebranded and changed our visual identity. Our updated logo features a bird, representing freedom, which can also be interpreted as hands, representing collaboration.

This symbolizes how we foster freedom for our women and girls by joining hands with our networks and partners.



ALLIANCE ANTI TRAFIC

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Working Locations

AAT's main working areas

Thailand

Laos

Shan state, Myanmar

Vietnam



AAT primarily operates in Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

We assist and protect women and girls from sexual violence regardless of their nationality and legal status.



AAT also works with a network of organizations and volunteers to assist and protect Thai, Lao, and Burmese women and girls in other countries such as Bahrain, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, and across Europe.

Summary of AAT's results for 2023



Total women and girls protected

154 people

Total victims provided legal assistance

102 people

Total prosecuted offenders

77 people

Total provided rehabilitation and reintegration

235 people

Total impacted by capacity building and awareness-raising activities

5,657 people

Total medical outreach to women and girls in prostitution

1,986 people

PROTECTION

AAT protects women and girls from sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, online sexual violence, sexual trafficking, forced marriage, and forced surrogacy. We carry out our work through direct field actions and the support of our volunteers.

THAILAND

AAT protected 36 women and girls:

- AAT rescued 28 women and girls out of sex trafficking rings.
- AAT protected eight women and girls from sexual harassment.



AAT rescues six Thai minor girls from a resort in Phetchabun province located in Northeastern Thailand.



LAOS

AAT protected 23 women and girls:

- AAT coordinated for the protection of 23 women and girls who had been trafficked for sexual exploitation in hidden brothels within entertainment venues, ensuring their safe return to their homes.



AAT facilitates the safe return of women and girls in Laos.



PROTECTION

Other Countries

AAT protected 49 women and girls:

- AAT coordinated to rescue 22 Lao women and girls and two Shan women and their five children out of forced marriage in China and facilitated their return to their homeland.
- AAT protected and repatriated 14 Thai women from sexual exploitation in Dubai
- AAT also rescued and repatriated six Thai women victims of sex trafficking in Benin.



A Lao victim travels to the Lao Embassy in China for assistance.



A Burmese victim and her children travel to the China – Myanmar border to go back home.



AAT and Thai government officials receive Thai victims returning from Benin at Bangkok's airport.



AAT provides information on Thai legal procedures and introduces reintegration services to victims.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

With the help of our lawyers, we provide legal assistance to women and girls who were victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. AAT offers legal support for beneficiaries involved in our cases and assists with legal actions upon request from government or non-government agencies.

We fight for justice for our beneficiaries including holding offenders accountable and demanding monetary compensation for victims.

THAILAND

- AAT provided legal assistance to 64 victims.
- AAT supported the prosecution of 76 offenders.
- AAT helped 17 victims claim 824,339.87 THB (~22,900 USD).

This compensation comes from:

- ❑ Offender: 554,603.25 THB (~15,500 USD)
- ❑ Anti-Human Trafficking Fund from Thailand's Ministry of Social Development and Human Security: 38,288.62 THB (~1,070 USD)
- ❑ Thailand's Ministry of Justice: 231,448 THB (~6,500 USD)



AAT and relevant agencies discuss legal options for victims.



victims supported by AAT provide a statement to the court.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

LAOS

AAT provided legal assistance to 11 victims. We also collaborated with Law and Development Partnership Sole Co., Ltd (LDP) to support victims in Laos. Details are as follows:

- AAT and LDP provided legal assistance to nine victims and their families.
 - AAT provided direct legal services to two victims and their families.
 - AAT gave legal consultation to 27 families on forced marriage issues.
 - AAT and LDP helped 2 victims of forced marriage claim a total of 9,200,000 LAK (~397 USD).
- With the collaboration with LDP, one offender was prosecuted who had trafficked two Lao girls to Thailand. The Lao court sentenced her to 15 years in jail and ordered payment of
 - ❑ 100 million LAK (~4,275 USD) to the Lao government
 - ❑ 30 million LAK (~1,282 USD) to the victims



LDP meets with victims



LDP and victims at the courthouse.

EMPOWERMENT

In the empowerment program, we provide services such as education and career opportunities to women and girls at risk of sexual exploitation and sexual violence and to victims. Notably, our services cater to both target groups to provide a space for connection. These services help mitigate the risk of future violence and improve reintegration.

We regularly check in with participants to offer support and encouragement. This program also connects current and former beneficiaries who are now successful in their education and careers through consultations and field visits. We develop their leadership skills so they can join our network of volunteers and support others in similar situations.

AAT provides the following empowerment services:

Mental and physical rehabilitation.

Empowerment and life skills training for confidence and self-esteem.

Education and career orientation programs.

Scholarship, vocational training, internships, and career alternatives support.



EMPOWERMENT

THAILAND



AAT provided rehabilitation services to 132 Thai women and girls, 12 from Laos, four from Cambodia, and three from Myanmar.



AAT followed up to provide additional support to 43 Thai women and girls.



AAT provided educational support to 14 beneficiaries.



AAT provided career support to 22 beneficiaries.



AAT organizes a service in a government shelter.



AAT follows up with a program beneficiary to provide educational support.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

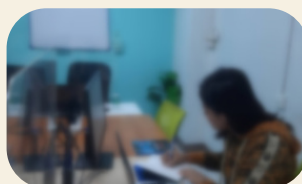
- Among our beneficiaries, 22 volunteered with AAT in 2023, regularly assisting with activities and reporting cases. Of these, 20 were new volunteers.



Our volunteers work as teacher assistants for small children and primary students.



Volunteers assist Baan Issara ("Freedom Home") in implementing training regarding online sexual exploitation on October 21, 2023.



Volunteers train on subjects such as life skills, basic laws, computer skills, and art teaching methods for small children.

EMPOWERMENT

LAOS



AAT provided psychological therapy to 16 beneficiaries.



AAT followed up to provide additional support to 60 Lao women and girls.



AAT organized focus group/group activities to 22 beneficiaries.



AAT provided educational support to eight beneficiaries.



AAT provided career support to 14 beneficiaries.



AAT's beneficiaries and volunteers in therapy session.



AAT's volunteers attend a learning session with Thai NGOs.



AAT's beneficiaries and volunteers attend a training organized by AAT and Lao Federation of Trade Union.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- There were 20 volunteers in 2023 assisting with activities and cases. Of these, seven were new volunteers.
- The volunteers also conducted their own activities, such as awareness-raising (e.g., around human trafficking, forced marriage, safe migration, protection strategies), case reporting, supported translation and communication with ethnic groups, and provided basic consultations. 119 women and girls benefited from the activities of volunteers.
- Two of our volunteers did an internship in Thailand to learn about AAT's work and connect with similar Thai organizations such as the Labor Protection Network Foundation, Thai Volunteer Foundation, Matches Group, Night Light Foundation, and Mirror Foundation. Interns learned about human rights, life coaching social work, play-based activities, fundraising, online marketing, and other relevant activities.
- Another volunteer learned about the legal assistance practices of AAT's legal team in Thailand. She then applied this knowledge to support lawyers in Laos assisting two victims with their legal processes.
- Another volunteer traveled to the Philippines with AAT staff to join an event organized by GAATW on "Rights and Reintegration of Returnee Migrant Women in Southeast Asia."

EMPOWERMENT

SHAN STATE, MYANMAR



AAT facilitated psychological therapy for eight beneficiaries.



AAT followed up to provide additional support to 24 women and girls.



AAT provided educational support to two beneficiaries.



AAT provided career support to 11 beneficiaries.



AAT staff and volunteers visit beneficiaries in their communities.



Beneficiaries join a therapy session organized by AAT.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- There were 5 volunteers in 2023 assisting with activities and reporting cases. Of these, two were new volunteers.

VIETNAM



AAT supported 46 girls through the education program "Where Dreams Bloom."



AAT staff attend the graduation ceremony of the girls who joined the program.



Parents join AAT's Career Guidance Consulting Activity.

WATCHDOG & OUTREACH

AAT collaborates with our volunteers and our network to disseminate essential information and provide support within target communities. We establish and train community watchdogs in high-risk areas, who help detect and notify AAT of potential cases. Watchdogs also train at risk people in local communities to mitigate exposure to sexual exploitation. In Vietnam, our “Health Insurance Support Program” provides in-community health support to women and girls in prostitution.

THAILAND

In Thailand, 892 people from at risk communities were trained in harm prevention and protection strategies.

- AAT educated 687 students in schools across Northeastern Thailand (Nakhon Ratchasima, Buriram, and Udon Thani provinces). This included training and information sharing regarding online risks, human trafficking, protection strategies, and case notification.
- AAT organized a meeting with 60 people in Pibunmanglahan district, Ubon Ratchathani province, where participants exchanged their concerns for children and youth in their villages. The top concerns were online risks, drugs, and sexual behavior.
- AAT provided training to 121 people in Ubon Ratchathani and Buriram provinces regarding online risks, sexual exploitation, and unsafe migration. The training also covered information on how to work abroad legally and safely, report a case, and protect themselves. A following session discussed dangers specific to marriages between Thai women and European men.
- AAT organized a meeting with 24 community leaders and members from five railroad communities in Nakhon Ratchasima province. The meeting, supported by the Municipal Office and local civil society organizations, introduced AAT and its training programs focused on online risks, human trafficking, online sexual exploitation, and protection strategies tailored for the community, including children and teenagers.



AAT provides training to students and teachers in Northeastern Thailand, where many children are at risk of online sexual violence.



AAT gives a training to communities in Northeastern Thailand.

WATCHDOG & OUTREACH

LAOS

In Laos, 1,283 people from at risk communities were trained in harm prevention and protection strategies.

- AAT trained 30 government officials in Vientiane Capital, Vientiane, and Xayaburi provinces to disseminate knowledge to citizens.
- Following this training, 1,253 people from local communities in Vientiane Capital, Vientiane, and Xayaburi provinces participated in training by the Lao Federation of Trade Union (LFTU) regarding risks of human trafficking, forced marriage, case notification, and protection strategies.



SHAN STATE, MYANMAR

In Shan State, 675 people from at risk communities were trained in harm prevention and protection strategies.

- AAT developed the capacity of 26 local people to implement activities in Shan State. AAT provided them with training on human trafficking, forced marriage, safe migration, and protection strategies.
- Of these, 14 volunteers self-organized and conducted their activities reaching 649 people in Kengtung, Mongyawng, Hsipaw, and Lashio townships.



AAT volunteers train students and community members.



WATCHDOG & OUTREACH

VIETNAM



AAT provides health insurance cards.

In Vietnam, AAT conducted outreach programs targeting young women in prostitution to support alternative employment and provide crucial health services. AAT reached 2,807 young women and provided health insurance support and sexual health services to 2,479 of them.

- AAT reached 2,807 women in prostitution
- AAT provided health insurance cards to six women.
- AAT provided medical check-ups for 487 women and girls.
- AAT provided condoms to 1,986 women and girls.

OTHER COUNTRIES

- In China: Lao and Shan women in stable relationships with Chinese men continue to report cases to AAT and introduce AAT to women and girls seeking help. Victims and volunteers also play a crucial role in case notification and providing basic support.
- In UAE: AAT visited the UAE to meet and discuss with active networks supporting victims, namely Thai communities, the Thai Embassy, and the Thai Consulate towards potential collaborations.
- In Europe: AAT organized online exchanges with our network in Europe to provide regular updates on the situation. AAT also invited Ban Ying, one of the oldest women's projects in Berlin working to combat human trafficking, to present information on safe migration and life in Europe to women in Buriram province, Thailand.

PLAIDOYER

AAT engages in advocacy to promote policy changes that protect women and girls from sexual violence. AAT also works to raise public awareness about sexual violence and exploitation against women and girls, encouraging action to create a safer world for them.

Below are featured examples of AAT's advocacy in Thailand in 2023

On 2 March, AAT helped organize the event "Voices of Women," which catered to political parties.



On 2 June, AAT participated in the launch of Thailand's National Anti-Human Trafficking Day, organized by the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. This event aimed to raise public awareness about human trafficking and protection strategies.



AAT implemented a pilot project aimed at improving living conditions and developing a more positive environment in Thai government shelters where female victims of human trafficking are often received. AAT studied and evaluated the approach and presented findings to 31 people from the Thai government and private sector on 30 June. The approach was deemed successful and proposed to be extended to more government shelters.

ADVOCACY

Below are featured examples of AAT's advocacy in Thailand in 2023



On 12 July, AAT joined a meeting on protection strategies against scamming organized by General Attorney Bureau and International Justice Mission.



On 12 August, Ms. Chaleerat Saengsuwan, AAT's Program Coordinator, gave an interview to Workpoint Today on "Detained – Forced to pay debt: human trafficking for sex workers of Thai women in Europe."



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On 15 August, Ms. Chaleerat Saengsuwan joined the live stream session of Sathanee Prachachon (People Station) of Thai PBS, and gave an interview on “Cut the circle of child prostitution – from provider to trafficker”



AAT staff and volunteers joined the “Walk for Freedom” campaign of A21 in Thailand to raise public awareness about human trafficking on 7 October.



On 29 November, AAT co-organized a conference titled “Stop violence, The World will be a Beautiful Place” to raise awareness of violence against women in honor of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

AAT also conducted advocacy activities in Laos

AAT co-created a training curriculum for Lao lawyers with SR Law, a Thai law firm with extensive experience trying human trafficking cases, and LDP. The objective of this training is to build the capacity for Lao lawyers to handle and assist women and children in sexual violence and sexual exploitation cases and will be implemented in 2024.

AAT and Matches Group trained government officials in Vientiane Capital, Vientiane, and Xayaburi provinces on human trafficking, forced marriage, case notification, leadership, and strategies for creating an effective media and awareness-raising campaign.



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