

Referral system for victims of trafficking: New guidelines for victim identification by multi-disciplinary teams



Guidelines to Enhance Efficiency of Human Trafficking Victim Identification

Guideline for MDTs to conduct interviews during the Victim Identification Process

1.1 Preparation before going on the field

 1.1.1 Inform relevant agencies in advance / report to superior for preparation

 1.1.2 Arrange a joint preliminary meeting / all agencies aware of responsibilities

1. Crime Scene photographer team	2. Evidence gathering and investigation team
3. Arrest Unit	4. Relevant legal team
5. Screening team and language coordinator	6. Assistance team
7. Accommodation / basic needs	8. Vehicle / transportation

1.2 Initial Screening

 1. Crime report team arrange debrief meeting

 3. Appropriate location with sufficient space must be provided (in case where there are 10 victims or more)

 2. MDTs conduct interviews to gather information

 4. One MDT / up to 3 victims

 5. If many interviewees, MDTs must start with interviewee who is a target /at – risk group first. If the interviewee is identified as a victim, MDTs must collectively conclude that the interviewee is a victim before interviewing the next person

In case of dissenting opinions, MDTs must record individual opinion > Head of inquiry officials make final decision > Report to the Sub-Committee Chair

1.3 Actions to be taken after the interview

Protection and Assistance centers (Anti-Human Trafficking in Persons Act (B.E. 2551))

<p>1 Trafficked Victims</p>  Under Section 33 MSDHS 8 Shelters 	<p>2 Person with a reasonable ground to be a trafficking victim</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 15 years of age • Shelter for Children and families 	 Under section 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 years and above • Welfare Protection Center • 24-hour temporary protection • Not exceeding 7 days 
<p>3 Still under to identify as a victim</p>  Under section 54 of Immigration Act, B.E. 2522 <p>Accommodation provided by RTP</p> 	<p>4 Migrants who are witnesses but not victims</p>  Under section 54 of Immigration Act, B.E. 2522  Witness Protection Program  Accommodation provided by RTP  Jobs provided by MOL	<p>5 Workers under the protection of labor laws</p>  Child under 15 years of age Shelter for children and families  Thai workers aged 18 years and above MOL provides jobs  Migrant workers aged 18 and above Migrant workers service center

2 Guideline to improve efficiency of interviews during Victim Identification Process

-  **Appoint / assign focal point (Agency level and Provincial level)**
-  **Prepare interpreters**
-  **Improve training courses**

Notes: MSDHS: Ministry of Social Development and Human Security); RTP: Royal Thai Police; MOL: Ministry of Labour