

## HUMAN RIGHTS IN PRACTICE: A GUIDE TO ASSIST TRAFFICKED WOMEN AND CHILDREN

This manual is the result of a collaborative effort involving a number of activists from South East Asia. It is a useful and practical resource for human rights organisations that are already involved in assisting trafficked women and children or are planning to do so. It aims to strengthen the political and lobbying efforts of NGOs to influence national and international policies to promote human rights of trafficked persons and those vulnerable to trafficking. In order to ensure its accessibility among a wide group of community workers this manual has been translated into Bahasa Indonesian, Burmese, Chinese, Khmer, Lao, Thai and Vietnamese.

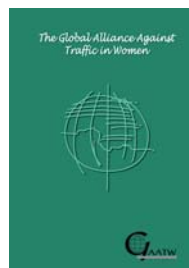


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1. Concept of trafficking
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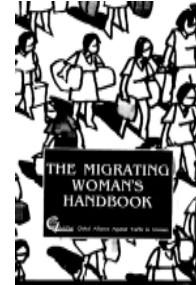
## Fact Sheets

GAATW has put together a set of fact sheets on trafficking, which provide basic information about trafficking and address common queries. These sheets cover topics such as: information about GAATW, What is Trafficking?, Protecting the Human Rights of Trafficked Persons, The UN Trafficking Protocol and its Limitations, Trafficking in the Global Context, and Useful Resources.



## THE MIGRATING WOMAN'S HANDBOOK

GAATW developed this manual to help people plan a safe journey and ensure that they will not face problems abroad. This manual is aimed at women who have decided to go abroad for jobs or to get married to foreign nationals. The manual provides information on practical tips about arranging your travel documents, immigration and visa requirements, residency and work permits, your rights and wages, as well as how to protect your rights. There are specific chapters for people wanting to work as factory workers, domestic workers, sex workers or people wanting to get married to a foreigner.



It also includes a list of organisations that provide assistance to migrants in various countries of the world. This manual will be available in Thai, in July 2002

### Contents:

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10. Are you going abroad to work as a domestic worker or housekeeper?
11. Are you going abroad to work in the entertainment industry?
12. Are you going abroad to work as a sex worker?
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## MOVING THE WHORE STIGMA

This book is an outcome of the Asia and Pacific Regional Consultation on Prostitution held in Thailand in 1997. The consultation organised by GAATW and the Foundation for Women was to discuss the debate



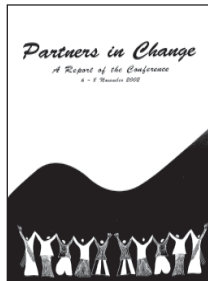
around the issue of prostitution and search for a common position on prostitution among women in Asia and the Pacific. This book includes the 'Statement on Prostitution', the presentation made at the consultation and articles by authors such as Jyoti Sanghera, Gail Pheterson, Masumi Yoneda, Marjan Wijers and Lin Lap Chew

Contents:

1. Statement on prostitution
2. The consultation
3. The forum
4. In the belly of the beast: sex trade, prostitution and globalization
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7. National laws on trafficking and their impact on women

## PARTNERS IN CHANGE - A REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE 6-8 NOVEMBER, 2002

A companion volume to 'Partners in Change - stories of women's collectives', this booklet covers the issues addressed at the Partners in Change conference held in Bangkok. The three-day event organized by GAATW brought together migrant women employed in the informal sector, women who have been trafficked, human rights activists, activists in rural communities, academics, policy-makers and many others in an attempt to reconceptualise and re-strategise some of the issues related to women's mobility. This report provides a summation of the panel presentations and the following discussions while trying to retain the voices of women as they narrate their experience of migration, trafficking and rebuilding their lives.



Contents:

Panel Discussions

- Migrant for Work - Risks and Rights
- Rebuilding Lives
- Knowing Our Power and Sharing Our Power
- Reclaiming Citizenship Rights - Uniting Against State

Oppression

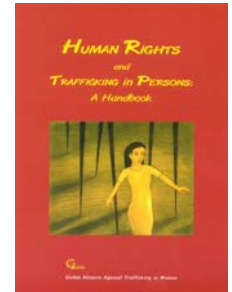
- Community Action for Security and Livelihood
- Movements for Social Justice and Gender Equality

Annexes

- Documenting out Lives
- Participating Organisations
- Statement from the Conference

## HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS: A HANDBOOK

This Handbook is for NGOs, activists and persons who come into contact with trafficked persons or who are interested in the issue of trafficking. It is a broad-based manual, containing general strategies that can be easily adapted to local contexts. It clarifies the concepts of human rights and trafficking in persons and provides concrete rights-based strategies that can be carried out at all levels, from local to international, in the context of trafficking. This Handbook was developed out of regional human rights trainings held for Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa and Latin America. It is also available in Spanish. For information regarding copies of the Spanish version of the Handbook, please contact Fanny Polania Molina at [fannypm@terra.com.co](mailto:fannypm@terra.com.co)



Contents:

1. Human rights principles, government obligations and trafficking in persons
2. Contributing factors, consequences and recommended government responses
3. Approaches and strategies: principles and guidelines
4. NGO strategies

### Publication Exchange Scheme

Would you like to exchange your newsletters with GAATW newsletters?

GAATW would like to thank many of the readers who continue to subscribe to our newsletters. It is our aim to disseminate and circulate the newsletters to as many audiences in the world as possible. We would like many people to know about GAATW activities, we are also eager to learn and find out about the work of other organisations.

If your organisation brings out regular publications such as newsletters or bulletins, we would love to receive them. As much as we would like to give out our newsletters at a minimum charge, high postage costs prohibits us from doing so. We have thus come up with the idea of publication exchange. We would like to exchange our newsletters with yours. If you are interested in taking part, please contact us at [bookorder@gaatw.org](mailto:bookorder@gaatw.org) for details.

We look forward to getting to know more groups and organisations!



Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women

## Basic Principles of GAATW

The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) is a network of non-governmental organisations from all regions of the world, who share a deep concern for the women, children and men whose human rights have been violated by the criminal practice of trafficking in persons. GAATW is committed to work for changes in the political, economic, social and legal systems and structures which contribute to the persistence of trafficking in persons and other human rights violations in the context of migratory movements for diverse purposes, including security of labour and livelihood.

**In particular,** GAATW addresses the diverse issues arising from the trafficking in persons as currently defined in the Palermo Protocol. Within this framework, it addresses the core aspects of trafficking in persons: forced labour and services in all sectors of the formal and informal economy as well as the public and private organisation of work. Furthermore, GAATW promotes and defends the rights and safety of all migrants and their families against the threats of an increasingly globalised and informalised labour market.

GAATW applies a Human Rights Based Approach to address trafficking issues, which means:

- Centring the human rights of trafficked persons and those in vulnerable situations, in all anti-trafficking activities
- Acknowledging the equality of all persons to exercise, defend and promote their inherent, universal and indivisible human rights
- Non-discrimination on any grounds, including ethnic descent, age, sexual orientation or preference, religion, gender, age, nationality and occupation (including work in the informal sectors such as domestic work, sex work, etc.)
- Primacy of the principles of accountability, participation and inclusivity/non-discrimination in working methodologies, and organisational structures and procedures. In this respect, self-representation and organisation of those directly affected by trafficking are strongly encouraged and supported.

GAATW supports sharing of knowledge, working experiences and working methodologies amongst its members, in order to enhance the effectivity of collective anti-trafficking activities.

GAATW welcomes cooperation with all organisations, agencies or persons who share its principles.

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GAATW is organisationally independent and will refrain from any party political, governmental, commercial or religious affiliations. However, members are autonomous and free to enter into affiliations of their choice, as long as these are not contradictory to GAATW's Basic Principles.

## Mission and Objectives

GAATW's mission is to ensure that the human rights of migrant women are respected and protected by authorities and agencies.

We advocate for the incorporation of human rights standards in all anti-trafficking initiatives, including in the implementation of the Trafficking Protocol, Supplementary to the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (2000). GAATW strives to promote and share good practices of anti-trafficking initiatives but also to critique and stop bad practices and harm caused by existing practices.

GAATW promotes women migrant workers' rights and believes that ensuring safe migration and protecting rights of migrant workers should be at the core of all anti-trafficking efforts. We advocate for living and working conditions that provide women with more alternatives in their countries of origin, and to develop and disseminate information to women about migration, working conditions and their rights.

We support the self-organisation of women migrant workers, ensuring their presence and self-representation in international fora. GAATW aims to build new alliances among various sectors of migrants.

## Structure of the Alliance

GAATW has a simple structure. Member organisations, individuals who work on trafficking and other related issues within a human rights framework and have been associated with GAATW and like-minded networks and organisations, provide input to the strategic agenda of the Alliance. They meet every three years to review and analyze their work, and decide on priorities for the next three years.

The Member Organisations (MO) are groups who fulfil membership conditions and adhere to the Basic Principles of GAATW; they co-implement the projects formulated under the Strategic Plan with support from the Working Groups and the International Secretariat (IS). The membership strategy is under review. There are currently 77 Member Organisations from all regions of the world, and the number is growing.

GAATW also works in partnership with several other networks and organisations.

The Working Groups (WG) are temporary units comprising individuals who support the IS, and by extension, the membership,

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in operationalising the thematic priorities of the Strategic Plan. The WG members are nominated by the International Board or the International Secretariat or any Member Organisation of the Alliance. WG members are nominated and invited on the basis of their expertise in that specific field and their commitment to participate in the project/activity. There are two Working Groups currently, the Research Working Group and the South Asia Regional Working Group.

The Research Working Group has the following members:

- Mr Mike Dottridge (Independent Consultant on Human Rights issues, former Director, Anti-Slavery International, UK)
- Dr Ratna Kapur (Director, Centre for Feminist Legal Research, New Delhi)
- Mr William Gois (Regional Director, Migrant Forum Asia)
- Dr Renu Rajabhandari (Director, Women's Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC), Nepal)
- Ms Nicola Bullard (Deputy Director, Focus on the Global South, Bangkok)
- Ms Siriporn Skrobaneck (President, Foundation for Women, Bangkok, founding member and former International Coordinator of GAATW)
- Ms Barbara Limanowska (Consultant, UNOHCHR)
- Dr Jyoti Sanghera (as representative of the GAATW International Board)
- Ms Bandana Pattanaik (as representative of the GAATW International Secretariat)

The South Asia Regional Working Group is comprised of:

- Natasha Ahmad (Bangladesh)
- Bishakha Bhanja (India)
- Sandhya Shrestha (Nepal)
- Sabala (India)

In addition to the two Working Groups, the GAATW IS also receives substantive support from a number of individual experts who have been part of the alliance for several years. We maintain a resource persons database to involve individual experts on relevant projects and work that we undertake.

Regional Chapters (RC) can be formed by member organisations in a particular region who wish to coordinate their own regional activities. Member organisations from Latin America and the Caribbean recently formed a Regional Chapter.

The International Board (IB) meets once a year. It monitors the implementation of the strategic plan, and the functioning of the International Secretariat in this regard. It nominates new IB members; nominates an Executive Committee (Ex-Co) which directly oversees the daily running of the International Secretariat with regard to financial, personnel and legal matters. The Ex-Co meets at least twice a year and more if necessary.

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The GAATW International Board has 10 members with representation from every region of the world. Our current Board members are:

- Khun Thongbai Thongpao (Ex-Senator, Human Rights lawyer, Thailand)
- Dr Jyoti Sanghera (Adviser on Trafficking, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)
- Ms Rangsim Limpisawas (UNHCR, Thailand)
- Ms Stana Buchowska (National Coordinator, La Strada, Poland)
- Ms Sereyphal Kien (Executive Director, Cambodia Women's Development Agency)
- Ms Fanny Polania Molina (IOM, Colombia)
- Ms Usa Lerdsrisantad (Coordinator, Foundation for Women, Thailand)
- Ms Uthaiwan Jamsutee (Human Rights Lawyer, Thailand)
- Ms Nelia Sancho (Asian Women's Human Rights Council, Philippines)
- Ms Fahima Hashim (Salmaah Women's Resource Centre, Sudan)

## The International Secretariat

GAATW's International Secretariat is based in Bangkok, Thailand. Its core functions are to service and support the members of the Alliance by:

- Making local issues internationally visible, and supporting members in their advocacy efforts;
- Helping to apply international policies and standards locally;
- Facilitating local, regional and international representation of members at relevant fora;
- Building, facilitating and maintaining mutual exchanges, communications and learning with and between Alliance members;
- Collecting, processing, disseminating and making easily accessible to members, essential documents on trafficking, as well as generally relevant information, in support of their activities;
- Developing and making available training modules on trafficking, gender, globalisation and informal economies, rights-based advocacy, as well as on relevant research methodologies to address these issues;
- Facilitating training in capacity building and organising conceptual clarity sessions for Alliance members as well as non-members upon request.



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