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1. OVERVIEW

2010 marked the end of GAATW's 2008-2010 activity cycle. During this year, we completed many of the priorities we outlined at the end of 2007.

Reassessing the anti-trafficking terrain and strengthening the Alliance

During the first part of this activity cycle, there was an effort to reassess the anti-trafficking terrain and our role within the anti-trafficking arena. Over the past 3 years, there was a concerted effort to strengthen the Alliance, and the links between regional priorities and the work of the International Secretariat. In 2008-2009, GAATW held four regional consultations. In 2009-2010, GAATW organised a feminist participatory action research initiative with 12 Member Organisations and allies.

Our Alliance strengthening work also involved direct engagement with self-organised groups. GAATW has always highlighted the pivotal role of women directly affected by trafficking and/or anti-trafficking measures (such as trafficking survivors, migrant women, sex workers, rural women, women workers, and returnee migrants). Over the past few years, this has involved organising capacity-building activities, producing advocacy products, facilitating organising efforts, and providing material and educational support.

Changing the anti-trafficking terrain

Based on the knowledge gained from the Alliance strengthening and research activities above, we sought to shape the anti-trafficking arena, and to some extent the civil society's discourse around trafficking, migration, labour and gender, in a more inclusive direction. In the 'Linkages' programme, we tried to counter the growing trend to deal related phenomena in 'silos'. For example trafficking is often seen as an isolated criminal phenomena rather than an issue embedded within broader social and political contexts. In our 2008-10 Roundtable Series and 2010 Working Papers Series, we argued that a much more grounded perspective would emerge if all of us understand the links between trafficking and gender, migration, labour, globalisation and global security. Specific interventions may be needed for specific issues but an understanding of the interconnected nature of the issues is crucial.

In 2009-2010, we also focused on creating a new space or mechanism through which civil society could hold governments accountable on their anti-trafficking measures and policies. And more importantly, a space where those directly affected by trafficking and/or anti-trafficking measures (e.g. trafficking survivors) could influence anti-trafficking policy. After two years of extensive advocacy efforts, we are pleased that the 5th Conference of Parties to UNTOC in October 2010 resulted in the creation of a Working Group to develop a terms of reference for a review mechanism to UNTOC and its protocols, including the Human Trafficking Protocol.

Looking ahead

2011-2013 plans will focus on creating and increasing spaces for civil society to influence global anti-trafficking efforts. This includes: (1) calling for accountability in anti-trafficking through the creation of an inclusive and transparent review mechanism to UNTOC, researching monitoring and evaluation methods in anti-trafficking; (2) strengthening women's power in migration and labour processes through our work on labour exploitation, smuggling, and the impact of demand discourses on sex workers; (3) engaging with UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies as a strategy for Members to access justice (e.g. capacity-building, compiling cases); and (4) ongoing communications work to produce and disseminate information within the Alliance and the broader anti-trafficking sector.

2. PROMOTING A HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRED APPROACH

a. Advocating for human rights centred policy change and discourse

GOAL: To ensure that the protection of human rights will be central to the formulation of anti-trafficking and migration policies, and that they are designed and implemented with the full involvement of affected groups

International Advocacy Campaign for a Review Mechanism to UNTOC

Activities

- Advocacy at the 12th International Crime Congress
- Advocacy at the XIV and XV Human Rights Council sessions
- Development of campaign information materials
- Led a collaborative programme of activities at the 5th Conference of Parties to UNTOC, to advocate for a victim centred review mechanism
- Co-organised consultation with the Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons
- Research into human rights based approach to trafficking in the UAE
- Advocacy at the XIII Human Rights Council session
- Advocacy consultation and training sessions at GAATW's International Members Congress and Conference

LOOKING AHEAD

GAATW has learnt a great deal in the past 3 years about how to incorporate our advocacy for accountability in anti-trafficking initiatives into international policy discourse. We will continue to develop this programme, by developing our own awareness of the most appropriate means of ensuring migrant women's views and lived realities are incorporated into anti-trafficking policy and practice. As a priority we will sharpen our ability to document migrant women's evaluations of anti-trafficking frameworks as well as policies and practices designed to protect their rights. We will also work jointly with migrant women to analyse the gaps in policy and consequent potential for exploitation. We will continue to work with Members to enhance national advocacy for accountability of anti-trafficking stakeholders, including strengthening our own accountability. Furthermore we will join efforts with regional anti-trafficking frameworks to reflect the views and interests of migrant women.

At the international level GAATW will work to influence the terms of reference for a review mechanism continuing our efforts for a mechanism that is collaborative, impartial, inclusive, fair and transparent. In 2011-12, we aim to closely follow and engage in discussions at the international level both of the Working Group on a Terms of Reference for a Review Mechanism to UNTOC and the Working Group on Trafficking. We will continue our work with the Special Rapporteurs on trafficking in persons, and contemporary forms of slavery, as well as seek to influence the agenda of the new Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants.

3. PROMOTING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

GOAL: *To promote better access to justice for trafficked women and migrant workers regardless of the work site they are in, and their legal status.*

Activities

- Continuing to raise access to justice as a key human rights issue for trafficked persons in international fora and events

LOOKING AHEAD

We will be re-energizing our work on access to justice in 2011-2013, based on conversations we had with Alliance Members in 2010, and drawing from research undertaken by GAATW over the previous two cycles¹ which highlights discrimination as both a cause of trafficking and a barrier to trafficked persons and migrant workers enjoyment of human rights. In collaboration with Members and allies, this will include: Increasing the knowledge of key human rights stakeholders on discriminatory practices which violate migrants' rights; developing and sharing strategies for addressing discriminatory practices and improving the realisation of migrant rights; increasing the capacity of Member and allies to seek justice for trafficked persons and affected migrant workers and develop case law by raising cases through individual complaints mechanisms and inquiry procedures provided by regional and international human rights treaty bodies.

4. REALISING RIGHTS

GOAL: *To have strong self-organised members² that are: able to work for social change and the empowerment of affected groups; able to contribute to the Alliance's (IS and member organisations) understanding of trafficking, sex worker, migrant worker, domestic worker and women's rights issues; and able to contribute to civil society discourses on women's rights and empowerment.*

Activities

- Organisational support for Sanayar Thi Pan Women's Centre (Thailand)
- Support for education and internship programme by Shakti Samuha, a trafficking survivors organisation (Nepal)
- Facilitation, technical, financial and moral support to Manjuati, a rural women's group (Orissa, India)
- Research training and/or organisational development support to SEPOM (Thailand), Wedoro (Indonesia), ATKI (Indonesia), Manjuati (India) and MODEMU (Dominican Republic)
- Facilitating self-organised members' participation in GAATW and regional events

LOOKING AHEAD

Participants at GAATW's 2010 International Members Congress and Conference affirmed the importance of supporting self-organising efforts through various strategies, including analysing the roles and representation of self-organised groups in various fora, ensuring that GAATW's research and advocacy efforts tangibly benefit self-organised groups, ensuring that the knowledge and experiences of self-organised groups strengthen GAATW's work, and ensuring that GAATW's anti-trafficking efforts reflect the realities and concerns of those most directly affected by trafficking and/or anti-trafficking measures.

¹ See for example: GAATW (2005) *Making do: Providing social assistance to trafficked persons*, GAATW; GAATW (2006) *A Global Consultation on Access to Justice*, GAATW; GAATW (2007) *A Consultation on Access to Justice in Nepal*, GAATW; GAATW (2007) *A Consultation on Access to Justice in Nigeria*, GAATW; GAATW (2007) *Collateral Damage*, GAATW; GAATW (2011) *A Woman's Life is Richer than her Trafficking Experience Feminist Participatory Action Research*, GAATW.

² i.e. groups comprising women with direct experience of the issue they are working on such as organisations run by trafficking survivors, domestic workers, sex workers and migrant workers

5. RESEARCH

GOAL: *To produce evidence and knowledge relevant to the membership in its pursuit to promote human rights within anti-trafficking work and to produce knowledge as an evidence base for GAATW advocacy.*

As reflected in GAATW's principles, our 2010 research activities were oriented towards action and grounded in the lived realities of women in very diverse contexts. One research project included Feminist Participatory Action Research (FPAR), which involved the production of evidence to strengthen our international advocacy messages

Activities

- Supporting GAATW Members' research
- Organising Roundtable 3, *Bringing Together 'Linkages' Topics: FPAR and GAATW Working Papers*
- Editing and producing FPAR Series CD, *A Woman's Life is Richer Than Her Trafficking Experience*
- Publishing *Stories of Trafficked and Returnee Migrant Women: A Photo Essay*
- Organising FPAR sessions at GAATW's International Members Congress and Conference
- Developing and producing *Feeling Good about Feeling Bad: A Global Review of Evaluation in Anti-Trafficking Initiatives*
- Presenting 2 papers at: *Forcing Issues: Rethinking and Rescaling Human Trafficking in the Asia-Pacific Region*, by the National University of Singapore
- Producing *Alliance News* issue on FPAR theme, *Principle and Practice: GAATW-IS Reflections on Feminist Participatory Action Research*

LOOKING AHEAD

In the upcoming cycle of 2011-2013, GAATW will continue to use research to sharpen our analysis and develop action plans around three under-defined or contested issues identified in the work done over 2008-2010. We will sharpen our analysis and understanding on the various concepts and definitions around *labour exploitation*, in collaboration with European member organisations in 2011. Other research will investigate the political distinctions between trafficking and *smuggling* and how this measures against the lived realities of migrants. We have noted that some governments are keen to construct a sharp division between smuggled persons and trafficked persons. Yet this contrasts with migrants' stories that suggest that exploitation against women when trafficked, smuggled or other assigned categories of migration are not so dissimilar or isolated. And we will explore how discourses around '*demand*' impact on sex workers' rights, specifically within anti-trafficking discourses that emerge around large sporting events. We will also continue to use research as a tool to ground our international advocacy work, including gathering cases for our *Access to Justice* programme and exploring participatory monitoring and evaluation methodologies with affected groups.

6. BUILDING AND EXPLORING LINKAGES BETWEEN TRAFFICKING AND MIGRATION, GENDER, AND LABOUR RIGHTS

GOAL: *To ensure that prevention of trafficking, protection for trafficked women and migration policies are complementary and that restrictive and repressive migration policies that facilitate the serious exploitation of migrant workers are abolished.*

Activities

- Producing GAATW Working Paper Series, *Beyond Borders: Exploring Trafficking's Links to Gender, Migration, Labour, Globalisation and Security*
- Producing *Alliance News* issue on 'linkage' theme: *Beyond Anti-Trafficking Frameworks - Linkages between trafficking, migration, gender, labour and globalisation*
- Organising 'Linkage'-themed sessions at GAATW's International Members Congress and Conference
- Organising workshops and dialogues based on themes in Linkages Working Paper series
- Presenting at *The US & Gender, National Security, and Counter-Terrorism Asia Workshop*, organised by New York University's Center for Human Rights and Global Justice
- Contributed to the International Council on Human Rights Policy (ICHRP) report, *Irregular Migration, Migrant Smuggling and Human Rights: Towards Coherence*
- Assisting State representatives integrate 'linkage' themes in their work
- Participated in United for Foreign Domestic Workers Rights (UFDWR)
- Advocating for domestic workers rights at the XV Human Rights Council session
- Disseminating information on domestic workers' issues
- Meeting of European organisations on domestic workers and diplomatic immunity

LOOKING AHEAD

GAATW's 2010 Working Paper series sets out analysis recommendations that have informed our plans for 2011-2013. During 2011-2013, we will have a programme stream called *Power in Migration & Work*. GAATW's work sees anti-trafficking very much correlated to how much power people have in their migration and work. Yet one of the main findings of the Working Papers was that anti-trafficking efforts still rely on ideas of women's and migrants' vulnerabilities. By emphasising power in migration and work in the 2011-2013 activity cycle, we are shifting the conversation or discourses away from a vulnerability-based analysis to a power-based analysis. This re-framing allows us to focus on the control that people have or do not have over how, when and why they move, work and seek assistance. Specifically, we will be examining dimensions of people's vulnerability and power as it relates to smuggling, 'demand', and labour exploitation.

7. ALLIANCE STRENGTHENING

GOAL: *To create a strong, diverse and politically engaged alliance of individuals and organisations that undertake effective human rights based work to protect the rights of trafficked persons, sex workers, migrants and others in vulnerable situations.*

CROSS-REGIONAL WORK

Activities

- Organising GAATW International Members Congress and Conference, *Beyond Borders: Trafficking in the Context of Migrant, Labour and Women's Rights*
- Working Group on Membership
- Working Group on Decision-Making Processes

AFRICA

Activities

- Presentation at workshop to launch the African Union Commission Campaign Against Trafficking in Persons (AU.COMMIT) with West African States
- Visit to Girls Power Initiative (GPI), a Member Organisation
- Article Safe Migration for Kenyan Athletes and Other Migrants
- Visits to Egyptian human rights organisations
- Facilitating communication between Africa-based MOs, IS, and Alliance

THE AMERICAS

Activities

- Assisting LAC-based MOs engage in advocacy activities during the 12th International Crime Congress
- Presentation in plenary *New Forms of Slavery, Servitude and Human Exploitation at World Social Forum on Migration*
- Translating GAATW publications into Spanish

ASIA

Activities

- Presentation at *Decent Wage, Decent Work: Working Ourselves Out of Poverty* conference organised by the Committee for Asian Women (CAW)
- Organising learning exchange, *Building Cross-Border Alliances with Labour Trade Unions to Counter Trafficking*³, between Australia's Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) and labour rights organisations in Bangkok

EUROPE

Activities

³ Sponsored by the Australia-Thailand Institute of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- Dissemination of *Female Temporary Circular Migration and Rights' Protection in the Strawberry Sector in Huelva, Spain*
- Presented at *III Jornada d'acció contra la trata*, forum organised by Genera
- Facilitating communication between Europe-based MOs, IS, and Alliance
- Contributing to members' region-specific research
- Participation at key anti-trafficking events in the region

LOOKING AHEAD

2010 also marked a transition in our Alliance Strengthening strategy, to having programme staff incorporate regional connections more readily in plans for 2011-2013. We will continue to strive for regional representation in our activities.

8. CONSOLIDATING THE CAPACITY GROWTH OF THE SECRETARIAT

a. Communications

GOAL: *To facilitate exchange of information through the use of various communication tools and to carry forward the voices and knowledge of Members, partners and affected groups at the local, regional and international level.*

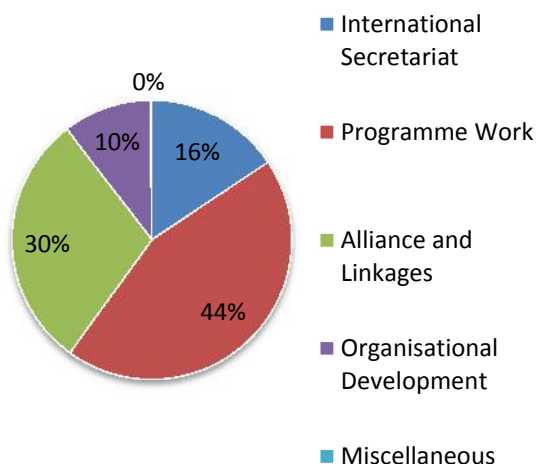
Activities

- Coordinating arts-based contest and exhibit, e.g. promoting contest, processing submissions, judging, creating exhibit
- Producing annual calendar
- Producing and disseminating monthly electronic newsletters
- Producing the *Alliance News* (biannual magazine), i.e. editing, layout, design
- Produced publications, i.e. layout and design
- Producing information resources for Members
- Designing and maintaining website
- Creating GAATW Secretariat account and GAATW group account on Facebook
- Event management and planning
- Responding to online requests/inquiries for information, e.g. internships, donations, research, vacancies, etc.
- Photo documentation

LOOKING AHEAD

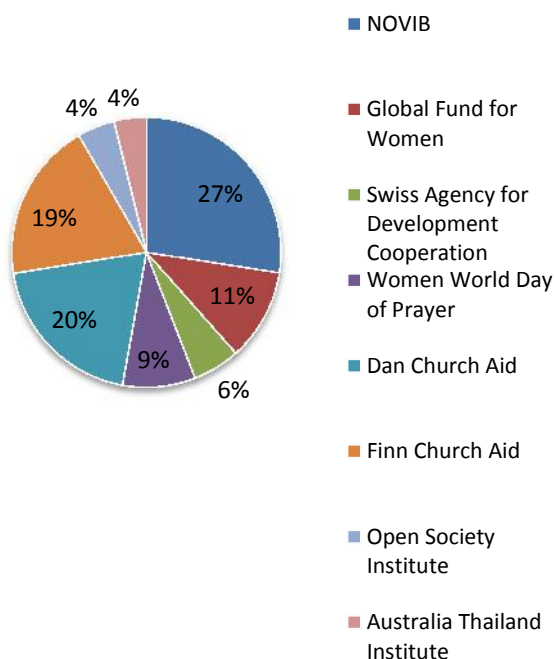
2011-2013 will see a more integrated communications element in research and advocacy activities. For example, there will be a larger effort to integrate or supplement research reports with more accessible formats, such as multi-media products and video documentation. We will also continue to explore strategies to strengthen ongoing dialogue and communication between the IS, Members, and allies (e.g. social media).

2010 Expenditures (in Thai Baht)



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International Secretariat	3,256,439.77
Programme Work	
1. Promoting a Human Rights Centered Approach to Trafficking Work	3,897,352.09
2. Promoting Access to Justice	208,423.32
3. Realising Rights (supporting the work of self-organised groups in the Alliance)	1,975,722.08
4. Research	3,171,896.81
Alliances and Linkages	
5. Building and Exploring Linkages with Migration, Gender, and Labour Movements	3,353,736.43
6. Alliance Strengthening	2,829,508.25
Organisational Developments	
7. Consolidating the capacity for growth of the Secretariat	2,130,794.76
Miscellaneous	42,913.35
Total	20,866,786.86

2010 Income (in Thai Baht)



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NOVIB	8,422,725.84
Global Fund for Women	1,368,301.07
Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation	614,484.68
Women's World Day of Prayer	2,241,694.34
Dan Church Aid	2,125,876.88
Finn Church Aid	2,076,250.00
Open Society Institute	745,903.69
Australia Thailand Institute	421,558.96
ICCO	4,017,034.67
Registration Fund	200,000.00
Pension Fund	534,000.00
GAATW Equity	2,888,300.04
Donation for Service and Product	16,350.00
Donation for Publication	8,748.93
Donation for Membership	143,623.09
Local Contribution	500.00
Interest income	26,905.41
Pension fund – deposit to GAATW account	226,000.00
Tax deducted at source	- 2,383.86
Total	26,075,873.74

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