

A PREVENTIVE AND SUPPRESSIVE MODEL ON FORCED PROSTITUTION IN THAILAND AND LAO PEOPLE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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ABSTRACT

This research was conducted with the mixed methodology, qualitative and quantitative studies with the aims to learn polices and collaboration between Thailand and Lao People Democratic Republic in preventive and suppressive forced prostitution as well as explore the nature of problems and obstacles in proceeding with such operation and seek the model of preventive and suppressive measures. Data were collected with the constructed questionnaires for quantitative study on 219 police officers under the Prevention and Suppression Human Trafficking Bureau. As for qualitative study, the in depth questionnaires were used to collect data from 20 experts in handling Prevention and Suppression Human Trafficking, specifically for Thailand and Lao People Democratic Republic.

The study findings reveal that presently Thailand has set up the policies and planned collaboration with Lao People Democratic Republic against human trafficking in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding. Even though the operation that focused on women and children trafficking had been actively done to arrest the offenders, including offer assistance and remedy to the victims, problems and obstacles occurred while both countries jointly conducting the operation to prevent and suppress forced prostitution, mainly from managing personnel, administrative works, and handling data system. As a result none of the offenders were apprehended, only made the contact with the agencies involved to extradite the culprits in which the impacts landed heavily on the case prosecution according to the justice system.

Therefore, the preventive and suppressive model on forced prostitution in Thailand and Lao People Democratic Republic was set up in 2 parts, a first model for establishing agencies and polices and a second model for the officers to follow during the operation .

This research recommends collaboration between Thailand and Lao People Democratic Republic to adapt both models for practicing in all dimensions, not only with individual, agencies or organizations involved, technology, but also on laws and regulations related to the preventive and suppressive model on forced prostitution.

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