



Act Against Abuse Activities:

- Information on labour laws, rights and mechanisms are circulated among migrant support networks.
- Information is circulated among migrant support networks on government policies regarding education and birth registration for children.
- Para-legal aide is provided in cases of labour exploitation or violence against women.
- Legal assistance is facilitated where needed.
- Migrant and refugee women are supported in monthly Women Exchanges to develop life style strategies.
- Male and female workers are supported in monthly Labour exchanges to develop labour rights strategies.

Cross-Cutting Activities:

- Training and data collection on occupational health and safety
- Migrant-line: a telephone hotline provides information about registration policies or emotional counselling

ACHIEVEMENTS

Although the exploitation of migrants continues, it is no longer a secret and it is no longer an impossibility to address. Migrant workers now bring their cases to the Labour Protection offices on a regular basis. A few cases which cannot be settled at this level are taken to Labour Tribunal Court.

Cases where migrants contacted MAP

Between mid 2003- mid 2006 1,452 migrants workers were compensated in cases of exploitation to the total of **3,813,375** baht. through the Labour Protection Offices.

Between mid 2003- mid 2006 61 migrant workers were compensated 2,557,971 baht through the Labour Courts.

Migrant health care:

Migrant working communities have developed systems where there are community health volunteers appointed to up-date the communities on health issues and provide counseling or referrals as needed.

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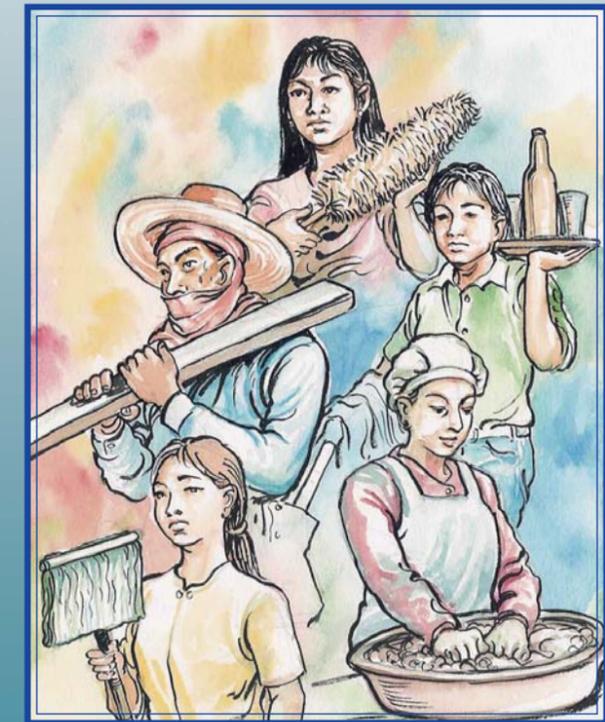
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MAP FOUNDATION

OUR NAME AND US

In 1996 a concerned group of locals and migrants started to provide interpretation services for migrant workers in hospitals and clinics, and to give primary health education at migrants work sites. When the National Broadcasting Station of Thailand offered us a few minutes on the radio each day to communicate with migrants on health issues, we called ourselves, MAP (Migrant Assistance Programme) and started daily broadcasts in two of the ethnic languages of Burma, Karen and Shan. We also set up an emergency house for migrants needing somewhere to stay before, during or after operations or in critical situations.

As our work expanded and developed, our activities became known as Migrant Action



Program, with migrant and refugee women developing programs to address violence, and migrant workers taking action against the exploitation and abuse they suffered at work.

In 2002, we registered as a Thai Foundation. In English, we continue to be known as MAP or MAP Foundation. In Thai, our name translates as Foundation for the Health and Knowledge of Ethnic Labour.

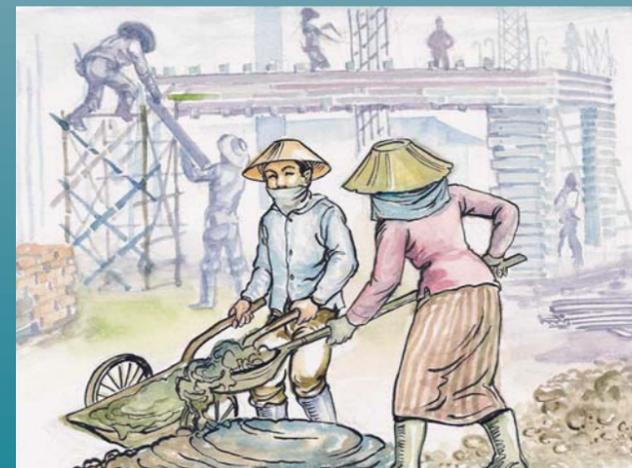
MIGRANTS AND THAILAND

The economy of Thailand has benefited from the labour of migrant workers for well over a decade. It is estimated that there are 2 million migrants from the neighbouring countries in Thailand. 90% are from Burma. Over the years, Thailand has implemented temporary worker programs, allowing migrants already in Thailand to register to work for a one year period. In 2004, 1.2 million migrants

registered for a one year residency and in 2006, 668,576 migrants registered for a temporary work-permit under this scheme.

Thailand has also developed agreements with Burma, Cambodia and Laos to regulate migration from these countries into Thailand. As of 2006, only Cambodia and Laos have made any progress in facilitating migrants to leave their countries legally and find work through a regulated process in Thailand.

Although all workers in Thailand, regardless of their immigration status, are protected by the National Labour Laws; it is particularly difficult for unregistered migrants to pursue a complaints case and exploitation of migrant workers is rife. Similarly migrants who register are covered by the National health service in Thailand, but others have to pay full costs and are often too afraid to present at state hospitals.



OUR WORK AND MIGRANTS

Today we run activities with migrants from Burma in Chiang Mai, Mae Sot and Phang Nga.

Community health and education activities:

- Teams of migrants provide primary health education, counseling and interpretation. Health education activities focus on reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases,
- Migrants in crisis can stay for short periods at emergency accommodation.
- Information is circulated among migrant support networks on government policies regarding health care
- Information on health and rights is provided through radio broadcasts and other forms of media, including interactive and audio magazines.
- A monthly exchange of HIV positive migrants. Here migrants share experiences and learn how to live more positively with HIV and to reduce discrimination and stigmatization in their communities.