

Consultation on human trafficking



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Prominent layers, human [rights](#) activities goverment officials of [India](#) and [Myanmar](#) rubbed shoulders recently at [Myanmar](#) where they fine tuned a slew of measures to firmly [deal](#) with human trafficcking. The culsultation was held to establish a standard operating procedure (sop) on providing, assistance & protection to [victims](#) of trafficking in human beings at Naypyi Taw on June 16-18 and Yangon, [Myanmar](#) on June 18-20.

The Indo-[Myanmar Consultation](#) on developing Standard Operating Procedure to address Cross Border Human [Trafficking](#) was participated by Law Enforcement Agencies of the two countries to view and resolve the challenges of assisting human [trafficking](#) survivors and those who fall prey to it and highlighting the process of Repatriation to be efficiently managed collaboratively between [India](#) and [Myanmar](#) through an agreed Standard Operating Procedures drafted for this [Consultation](#) which will be forwarded to the Ministries of [India](#) and [Myanmar](#).

During the [Consultation](#), representatives of the Anti [Trafficking](#) in Person Division of the Government of [Myanmar](#) and representatives from Law Enforcement Agencies, Lawyers and Civil Society Organisations of [North East India](#) came to a consensus in realizing the following agenda:

1. The need of bilateral cooperation between [India](#) and [Myanmar](#) is a priority because of the bordering location that is being used by traffickers [as](#) an easy gateway [over](#) the years. Using [Impulse](#) Case Info Centre Software will thrive combating human trafficking.

2. The SOP between [India](#) and [Myanmar](#) will help grow deeper relationships and an opportunity to solve the problem of human trafficking, which has been least documented through the Indo-[Myanmar](#) border.

3. The MoU Agreement signed between [India](#) and [Myanmar](#) in May 2014 is a way forward to tackle the problem of human trafficking bringing two countries to work closely through collaborative Research and [Survey](#) of these issues.

4. Establishing Border Liaison Officers between [India](#) and [Myanmar](#) to regulate timely sharing information for Protection, Prevention, Rehabilitation and Repatriation in cross border trafficking becomes an important part of this effort.

5. The [Impulse](#) Case Info Centre Software funded through Global [Development](#) Network under Japanese [Social Development](#) Fund will strengthen the support of [India](#) that they have been providing to [Myanmar](#) through IT Solutions.

6. There has been considerable degree of movement in the Indo-[Myanmar](#) border and the Free Movement Regime Policy can be exploited by traffickers; therefore perpetual dialogues between the two countries to create a mechanism in assisting smooth functioning of the Free Movement Regime is a need of the hour to prevent cross border human trafficking and maintain peace at the borders.

7. To functionalise the SOP on the ground it is a requisite to create infrastructures such [as state](#) run shelter homes in the border to assist human trafficking survivors and enable efficient Repatriation of such cases.

8. Role and Creation of Paralegal Volunteers at borders to provide legal assistance and support to human trafficking survivors.

The officials have finished the rounds of meeting in [Bangkok](#), Thailand. [Impulse NGO](#) Network is grateful to his funders and to both governments for their cooperation in planning and participating in this cross-border project. It is particularly thankful to the Global [Development](#) Network (GDN) for the support. Global [Development](#) Network (GDN) is a public International Organization that builds research capacity in [development](#) globally.

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