



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
Netherlands

**Enhancing protection of
children against sexual
exploitation in tourism in
Cambodia, Dominican
Republic, Gambia, Philippines
and Thailand.**



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Strengthen ECPAT partners, Local Code Representatives in Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, Gambia and Dominican Republic in their work with the tourism sector.

Targeting hotel managers, frontline personnel, incoming agents, tourism schools, tourism boards and tourists, communities in tourism areas, local governments, police, social workers and NGOs.

3,000 professionals trained

100,000 awareness raising materials distributed



Cambodia

Important government officials
Involvement of Code members





Dom Republic

Stakeholders as
ambassadors

Youth participation

Training of future
managers

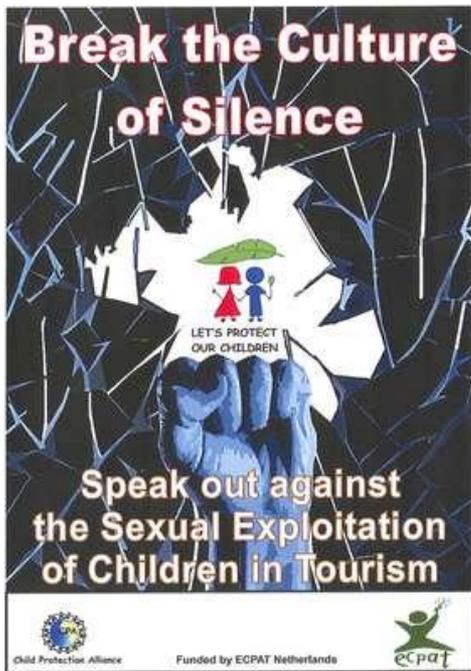




Gambia

Stakeholders outside
tourism

Community
involvement





Philippines

Local governments and community involvement

Youth participation

Awareness material





Best practise: Awareness materials

Materials of high quality, like standees for in hotel rooms and a video for a large commercial screen in Puerto Princesa

ECPAT Cambodia made tourism maps, which were very popular among the hotel customers.

Messages should call on reporting suspicions of child sex tourism and integrated in responsible travelling messages

Distribution plan needed on how the materials reach their target groups and how practical matters like storage, ordering, transportation and re-printing are organized.



Best practise: capacity building

Successful small scale in house trainings of frontline staff at the hotel premises, in a confident environment for effective discussion and practicing how to react in case of suspicion

Capacity building seminars best attended when short and effective to fit into the tight schedules of the tourism industry and its personnel, adapted to the seasonality of tourism.

For e-learning modules for the tourism industry, keep in mind that internet often lacks the capacity, speed and stability to do e-learning courses without problems.



Challenge: Stimulation through the supply chain

Tourism enterprises are insufficiently stimulated to sign the Code through the supply chain. Hardly any of the hotels in this project were asked by the tour operating companies they supply, to adhere to or sign The Code. Nor did the hotels ask their suppliers for child protection measures. This only seemed to be the case in the chain of ownership that ACCOR and KUONI represents.

Supply chains should be approached more broadly. Not only hotels and tour operators should be considered, but also other industries like transport, guides, and other suppliers who cooperate in different industry associations.



Challenge

Reporting, investigating and prosecuting

Reporting promoted in seminars, leaflets and brochures. Hotlines (from the local police, national police, the ministry of youth or health, et cetera) have language problems, lack of personnel and issues of guaranteeing anonymity.

People that report got frustrated since nothing was done with the report. Very few cases of child sex tourism are reported because of social tolerance, neglect, fear, and lack of faith in the punitive system. Even fewer cases investigated because of inadequate legislation or weak law enforcement.

Child support systems need to be improved to make sure minor victims of exploitation receive the proper care.



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