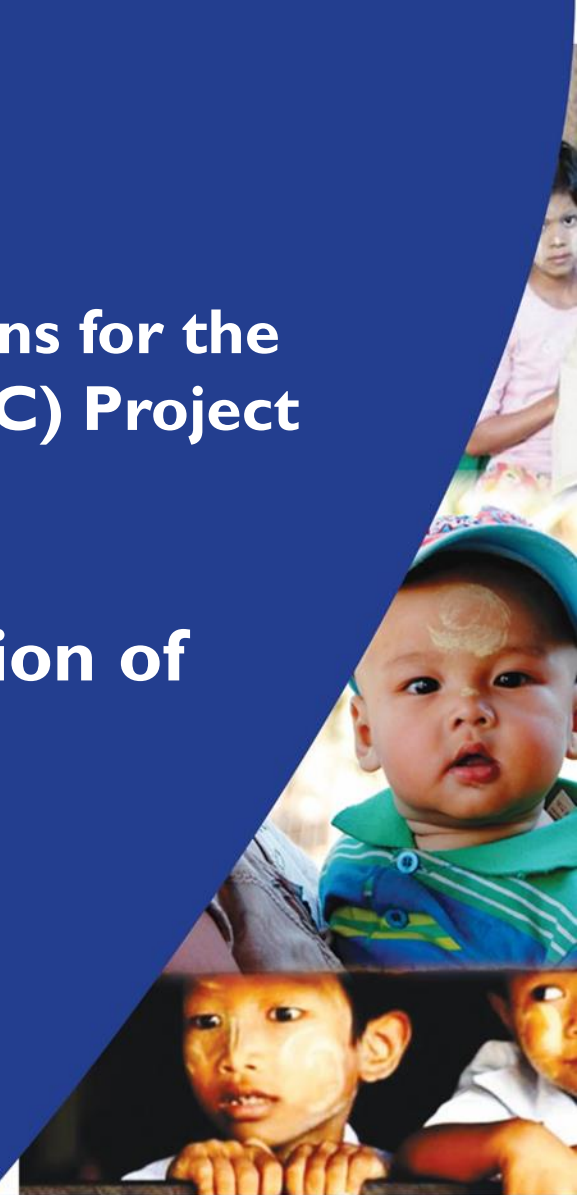




Empowering Civil Society Organizations for the Protection of Migrant Children (ECPMC) Project

An Initiative Supporting Registration of Migrant Children in Thailand

25 March 2019



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Enabling Laws and Support to CRVS Regional Action Framework

- Thailand is a state party to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC)

“...every child shall be registered immediately after birth and have the right...to acquire a nationality”

- Amendment No. 2, B.E. 2551 (Civil Registration Act of 2008)
“Every child born in Thailand must be registered at birth and get birth certificate”

- Directly Supports the CRVS Regional Action Framework

Goal 1: Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;

Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of Births...to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights;



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ECPMC Overall Objective

Thai CSOs ensure that migrant children's rights to legal identity, and access to equitable development are realised.

Specific Objectives

Thai CSOs equipped as effective advocates

Objective 1

CBOs capacity strengthened through CSOs

Objective 2

CBOs become the voice of the community for migrants rights

Objective 3



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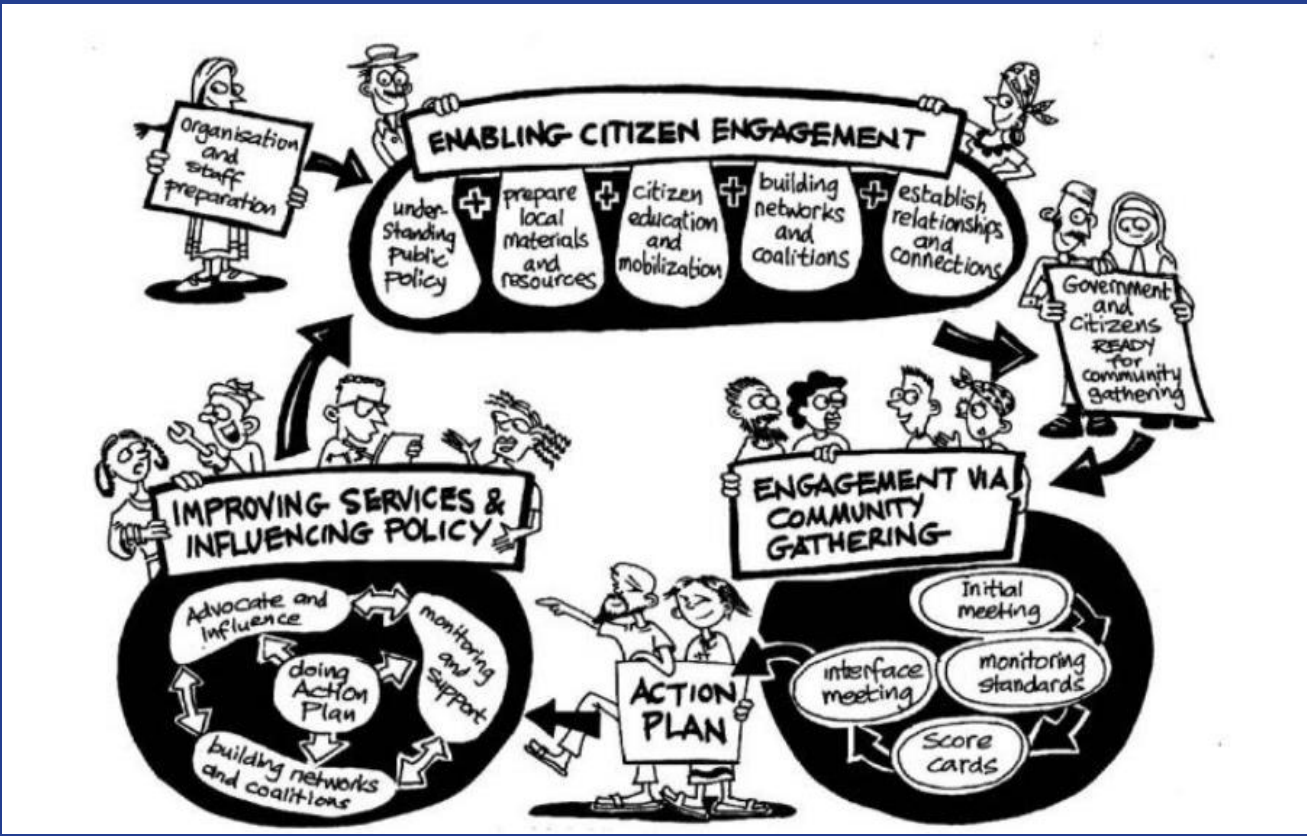
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CITIZEN'S VOICE IN ACTION

AIM: Increase dialogue between ordinary citizens and organisations that provide services to the public.



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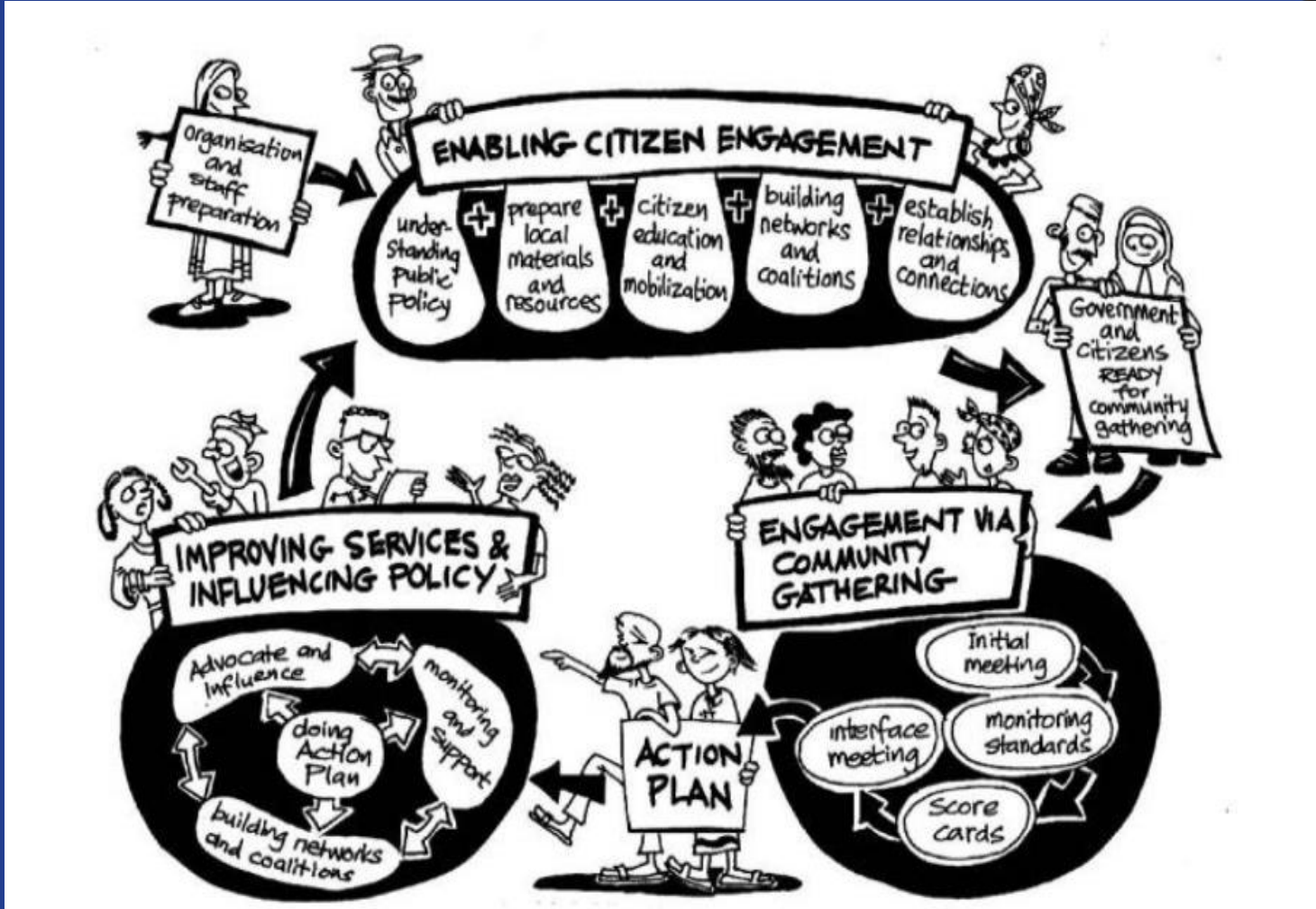


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UN CRC

CRA 2008

CRVS
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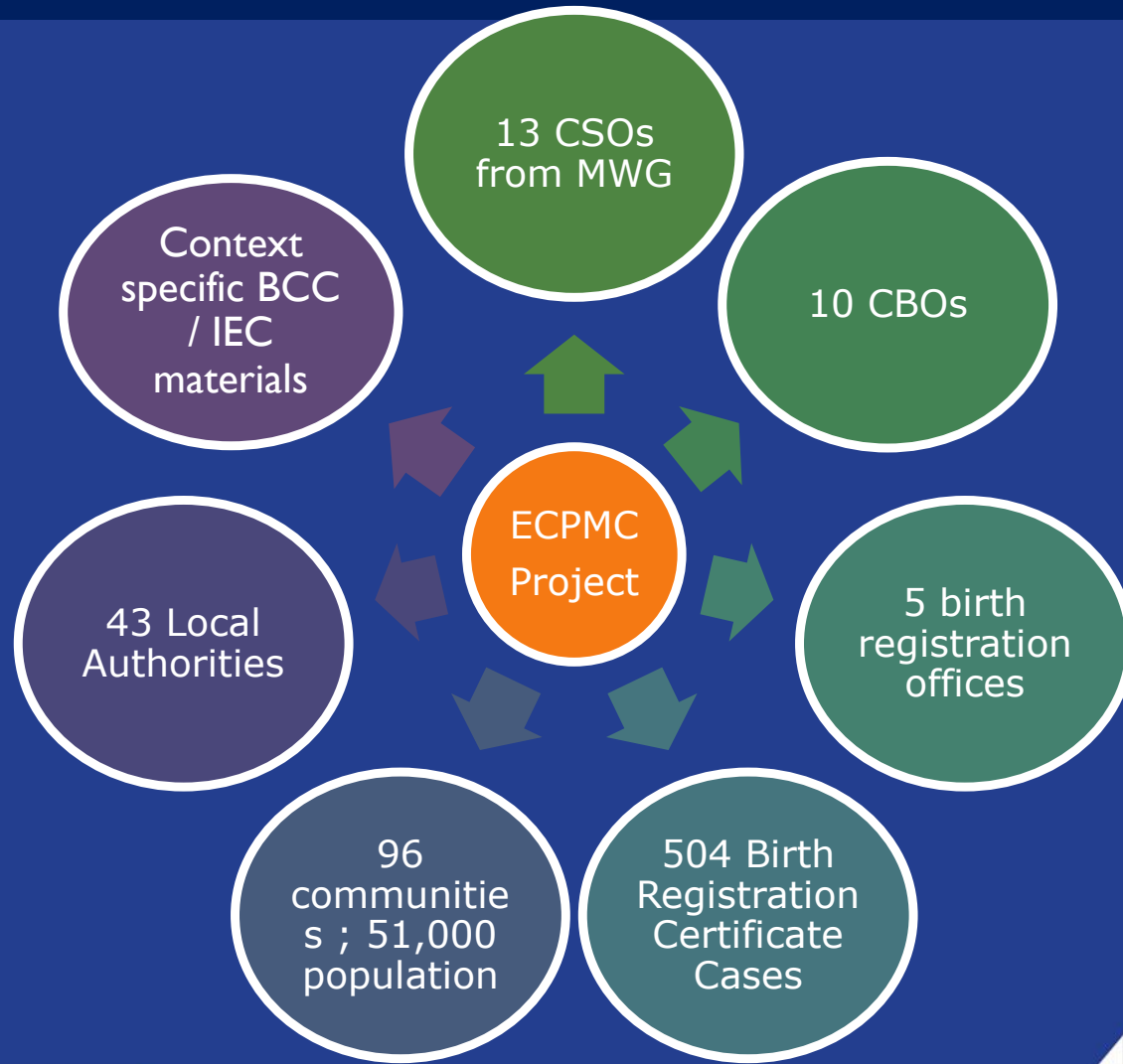
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Achievement



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Key Activities



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International May 15-17, 2017



Trainers from WVUK teach participants the different steps and phases of the CVE Methodology. In attendance are representatives from IOM, Suwanimit, ADRA, CPPCR, Mae Tao Clinic, MAP, FED, and DISAC-SCF.



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International Migrants Day Celebration in Tak Province, Maesot District



Intensified community awareness raising on BR and other migrant rights during the International Migrants Day last December 17, 2018. The activity was attended by representatives of the Tak Immigration Office, partner CSOs (FED, IOM , Mae Tao Clinic, Light Of Generation, and Suwanimit Foundation), and CBOs.



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30 June 2017

Urgent Statement

Government urged to review root causes of the management of migrant workers to restore confidence in the management of migrant workers and sustainable economic development

The cabinet has endorsed the Royal Decree on the Management of Migrant Employment as proposed by the Ministry of Labour. It is aimed to serve the MoL's goals, in particular to stem the violations of basic labour rights or the act of human trafficking against migrants. The law shall come into force on 23 June 2017.

After it has been effective, Migrant Working Group (MWG) has been informed of issues by both employees and employers regarding the enforcement of the law. The Royal Decree has led to additional measures on top of the previous laws including the Foreign Workers Act BE 2551 (2008) and the Royal Decree on the Placement of Foreign Workers with Employers in Thailand BE 2559 (2016). The new law imposes hefty penalties on both the employers and the employees who are found to have employed migrant workers and violated the law. It has brought about massive confusion among employees, employers and local officials involved with the employment.

MWG has found some employers have started to lay off their existing migrant employees, an... and deportations of a large number of



Position Paper from MWG. The documents urges the review of the implementation of the Foreign Worker Management Royal Decree B.E. 2560 (2017) which has allegedly affected the status of thousands of migrant workers in Thailand.



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Mr Surapong Kongchantuk, Director, Thai PBS Policy on the Promotion of Democracy and Local Community Development , conducts birth registration seminar-orientation to 20 CSO-members of the MWG. It is one among many planned initiatives by the group to strengthen private-public partnership in advocating BR.



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On Birth Registration Network in Maesot. WVFT-ECPMC Project, Legal Clinic of IOM, ADRA, Mae Tao Clinic, and other member CSOs, meet monthly to identify birth registration-related issues affecting migrant children and discuss this with local authorities for possible solutions.



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Ranong Provincial Order
No.1517/2559 (2016)

Subject: Appointment of Coordination Committee for
"Empowering Civil Society Organizations for the Protection of Migrant Children Project"
In Ranong Province

With regards to WFT's implementation that has proceeded on empowering civil society organizations for the protection of migrant children in the operation area of 3 provinces, namely, Tak, Chumphon, and Ranong, with the main objective to raise awareness and facilitate the access to legal rights (Birth Registration) for the target groups benefiting from the Project implementation i.e. migrant population who migrated into the Country for economic opportunity, including their families especially the children (Myanmar, Laos, Cambodian nationalities) born in Thailand, as well as people in general in the Project area, for the operation period of 3 years.

In order for the work implementation to be carried out to achieve the goal efficiently, and brings about overall benefits to Ranong Province, a Coordination Committee has hereby been appointed to collaborate for implementation of "Empowering Civil Society Organizations for the Protection of Migrant Children Project" in Ranong Province, comprising as follows:

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| 1. Ranong Governor | Chairperson |
| 2. Ranong Deputy Governor | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Deputy Director of Ranong Provincial Internal Security Operations Command | Committee member |
| 4. Commander of Ranong Provincial Police | Committee member |
| 5. Provincial Chief Medical Officer | Committee member |
| 6. Provincial Education Officer | Committee member |
| 7. Ranong Hospital Director | Committee member |
| 8. Ranong Provincial Social Development and Human Security Official | Committee member |
| 9. Director of Ranong Provincial Office for Local Administration | Committee member |
| 10. Director of Ranong Provincial Office of Labour | Committee member |
| 11. Muang, Ranong District Chief Officer | Committee member |
| 12. Commander of Task Force Unit of 25 th Infantry Regiment | Committee member |
| 13. Commander of 2 nd Infantry Battalion of 25 th Infantry Regiment | Committee member |
| 14. Superintendent of Ranong Provincial Immigration | Committee member |
| 15. Director of Thai - Myanmar Border Fishery Coordination Center | Committee member |
| 16. Commander of Border Patrol Police Company 415 | Committee member |
| 17. Mayor of Muang, Ranong Municipality | Committee member |
| 18. Mayor of Muang, Bang Bin Municipality | Committee member |
| 19. Mayor of Pak Nam The Bua Sub-district Municipality | Committee member |
| 20. Mayor of Pak Nam Sub-district Municipality | Committee member |



Issuance of Memorandum by the Provincial Governors of Ranong and Chumphon for the creation of BR Committees of each province.



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Monthly Migrant Rights Promotion Working Group Meeting in Maesot provides a platform for discussion of critical issues affecting migrant communities and planning venue for participation in key national level advocacy events such as the Migrant Worker's Day



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Development of Various BR-related IEC Materials. These are advocacy materials developed in collaboration with MWVG-member CSOs. This includes 29,500 pcs. BR Guide booklet / brochure, 200 pcs. BR Process billboard-size vinyl, and 1,000 pcs. BR Guide posters. Major project activities are captured in press releases distributed to different media outlets (print, broadcast, and social media). **An audio-visual production (AVP) is also developed to showcase promising gains of the project and advocate for stronger support from national level stakeholders.**



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Local CSOs through the support of WVFT and FRY, initiated 8 meetings with local authorities and project partners to discuss and implement 18 collaborative actions drawn to address issues affecting migrant children and the migrant population across project sites.



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ECPMC Project : Key Activities



โครงการเสริมสร้างความรู้ความเข้าใจเกี่ยวกับโครงการป้องกันโรคติดต่อ (ECPMC)

แนวทางการจดทะเบียนการเกิดสำหรับเด็กข้ามชาติ

กรณียุติ เด็กที่ตกทอดกันหรือเด็กที่ไม่ปรากฏภูมิลำเนา

ขั้นตอนการแจ้งเกิด

- 1) ผู้ปกครองหรือ แพทย์ สาธารณสุข แจ้งข้อมูล
- 2) แจ้ง แพทย์สาธารณสุข สาธารณสุข แจ้งข้อมูล
- 3) กรณีผู้ปกครอง แจ้งข้อมูล แพทย์สาธารณสุข แจ้งข้อมูล

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- 1) แจ้งข้อมูล แพทย์ สาธารณสุข แจ้งข้อมูล
- 2) แจ้ง แพทย์ สาธารณสุข แจ้งข้อมูล
- 3) กรณีผู้ปกครอง แจ้งข้อมูล แพทย์สาธารณสุข แจ้งข้อมูล

Supported local authorities in expanding their reach to migrant population through the development of context-specific behavioral change communication (BCC) materials / IEC materials and use of tri-media e.g. radio broadcast to reach migrants in remote areas (School-on-the-Air Session).



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ECPMC Project : **Key Activities**



Intensified community awareness raising by CBOs in communities as part of the CVE Approach resulted to migrant parents registering children at the District Birth Registration Offices across project sites.



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CBOs raise awareness in migrant communities about BR and legal identity rights in relation to social services such as health and education. In Ranong, CBOs distribute BR posters and streamer-type BR Guideline vinyl to educational institutions and communities . BR posters and brochures both in Thai and Myanmar versions have been distributed to community members in Chumphon and Maesot (Tak Province).



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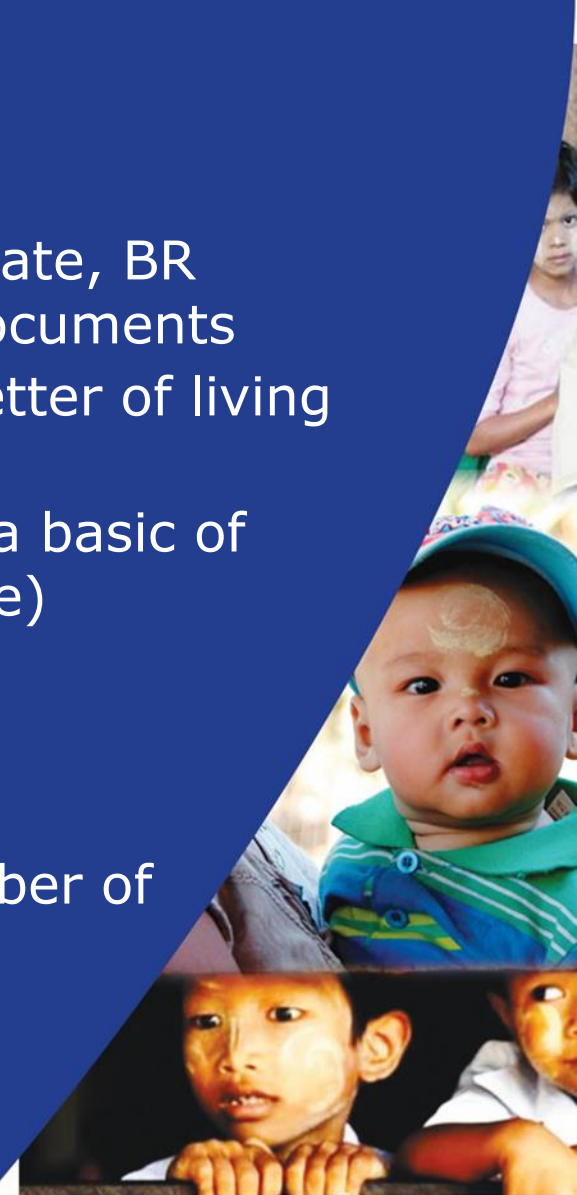
Challenges

Migrant Family are not aware of:

- Children's Legal Documents, Delivery Certificate, BR Certificate, ANC Book of Record and others documents
- Children's Education able to increase their better of living in future
- Thailand's law that every child need to have a basic of education (Gov't provided 12-15 Years for free)
- Basic Rights beyond BR

Local Authorities:

- Some BR Registrar requires significant number of supporting documents
- Negative perception about Migrant Workers



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Challenges

Others

- Volunteers are unpaid and the project needs to wait for their free time
- Language Barriers – on the BR Certificate
- Irregular Migrant are still hesitant to contact LAs



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“Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness;
our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.”

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