
Advocacy toolkit case studies

RAISING AWARENESS OF CHILD TRAFFICKING IN CAMBODIA

THEME:

Trafficking

ADVOCACY APPROACHES:

Building relationships
Educating community members
Government officials: educating

Trafficking children between Cambodia and Thailand is big business, even though there are laws in place to protect them. One Tearfund partner, determined to see the laws enforced, took some Cambodian government officials across the border into Thailand to witness the conditions in which trafficked children were living. They worked with communities and churches to raise awareness of the laws against trafficking. They also encouraged the government officials, the border authorities and others to fulfil their responsibilities for upholding the law. Now, when children are at risk of being trafficked, many people know how to enforce the laws. Children themselves know how to get help. Trust has been built between the various officials who are meant to uphold the law. Breaches of the law are occurring less and less frequently.