

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

**BRIEF OUTLINE OF HI
METHODOLOGY IN LAOS,
CAMBODIA, THAILAND and
VIETNAM**

AIM OF THE INITIATIVE

To facilitate the development of **prioritized concrete Victim Assistance projects** in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam and strengthen the capacity of national actors to develop policy planning and effective implementation of projects.

What is a prioritized concrete victim assistance program and who determines?

Firstly the decision of what constitutes a priority in Victim Assistance project is up to the **national actors to determine** against what they determine as **locally applicable criteria.**

What is important is that there is **broad agreement or consensus from the range of actors** that what is being proposed is in fact a priority.

In **Cambodia** this mechanism already exists through the DAC structure.

In **Laos** there will be another workshop in the next month to brainstorm criteria for prioritization and to make recommendations on what areas are priorities for Lao PDR.

In **Vietnam** the process is currently underway through the Ministry of Health and various NGO and IO and another workshop similar to Laos will be taking place.

It is one matter to have priority areas defined for Victim assistance but another issue to actually determine specific projects within that area.

Strategic Principles

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- Participation and involvement of stakeholders that guarantee follow up and continuation.
- Participation of affected persons and groups
- Thematic issues be based on the inputs of the national actors and concerned groups (bottom up)
- Partnership approach: Countries - NGO's – Affected people – IO's
- Comprehensive integrated approach

PROCESSES TO DATE

National Workshops on Victim Assistance bringing together Government Ministries, Provincial actors, Ngo and IO representatives , Civil society organisations, PWD's from July to October 2001.

Regional Conference bringing together delegates selected from national workshops in each area of Victim Assistance held in November 2001.

Consultation phase with national actors in each country to develop processes for Prioritised Victim Assistance Projects from February to May 2002.

**Objectives of ongoing
Victim Assistance work in
SE Asia**

Assisting national actors

- to facilitate national actors to work in a collaborative manner to establish and implement national plans of action..
- to work with respective country focal points and others to assist in the development of prioritized portfolio of programs for each country.
- to facilitate the setting up and implementation of coherent and realistic national plans of action.
- to present results of this ongoing process to future intersessional meetings in Geneva in order to enlist further support for victim assistance in the region.

REGIONAL EXCHANGES AND NETWORKING

To establish a living regional network, highlighting « best practices »

To maintain contacts and collect information, produce and update directory of service providers from governments, NGO 's and IO 's

To facilitate exchange among actors at national and regional level

GENERAL ADVOCACY

To facilitate links with political or technical regional bodies

To facilitate for each national focal point the participation and reporting to the ISCE



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