

2010-2013 fact finding Alliance Anti Traffic in Vietnam. External project evaluation by Phil Marshall.

Of course the evaluation underlines both the strong and weak points of the project, but nothing negatively impacts the quality and the efficiency.

Thus, AAT is very proud of the success achieved on expectations thought unbelievable to meet or to prove. AAT could not resist highlighting them and is very happy to share them with everyone that supported and cooperated with us to make this possible. AAT is a group before to be an entity.

Moreover, AAT received 4 honorific medals from Vietnamese Government.

Selection of main real extracts of “positive facts” from the evaluation report:

“AAT is recognised as a pioneer in specifically addressing trafficking issues long before the Government began formally acknowledging the phenomenon”

“AAT’s response to emerging issues and elements of its programme can be seen as pioneering.”

“AAT’s relationship-building with local and regional actors is one of its strengths. In the experience of the evaluators, few if any other international NGOs are able match its work in such a sensitive area.”

“AAT has abundant knowledge on the factors that render women vulnerable to exploitation, the modus operandi of their exploiters, the behaviours of the consumers, the political issues influencing policies and actions and the general mentality of the Vietnamese population towards these issues and its impact on women’s rehabilitation needs. Few organisations can match this length or breadth of experience.”

“**Stakeholders** highlighted AAT’s contribution in a number of areas, some of which predate the current programme. Particular emphasis was placed on the contribution that AAT had made to the new Law on Prevention, Suppression against Human Trafficking.”

“**Vietnam Women Union** further highlighted that they saw the HCMC centre as a national model, and had based Peace House, the government shelter in Hanoi, on this model.”

“**Officials** also highlighted the feedback from staff in provincial areas during capacity building workshops as helping to guide policy development”

“AAT’s work is regularly recognised in the international arena by both the Vietnamese government and multilateral agencies.”

“AAT seeks to promote sustainability through working through government counterparts.”

“AAT activities address areas of clear and pressing need.”

“**Staff** explained that their coordination of repatriation involved fewer delays than formal procedures via IOM. This was confirmed at the final workshop, participants describing AAT’s work as “very fast.””

“AAT’s work involves promoting systematic change to policies and practices”

“AAT routinely undertakes follow-up monitoring with those it assists, up to a period of two years. This is, commendably, considerably longer than most victim support programmes and recognises that reintegration is a long-term process”

“**Government** stakeholders consider that AAT plays an important role in the repatriation of Vietnamese victims of trafficking not assisted by other organisations.”

“**The Women’s Union** highlighted that AAT can deal directly with police in both the sending and receiving countries and recommended that it continue to work in this area”

“AAT is also able to facilitate repatriation for cases where victims have not been formally identified as such by State authorities”

“AAT’s involvement in the provision of sex education in schools serves to lay the foundations for greater awareness in a country where deeply engrained taboos result in widespread misinformation regarding sex. This is an important prerequisite for discussions around sexual exploitation, including trafficking”

“**Respondents** also compared this programme favourably with other initiatives”

“**In** one school, the deputy headmaster attributed the total absence of school pregnancy cases during the two years of the programme to the sex education classes”

“AAT is explicit in its desire to be a “development agency”

“AAT’s work is highly valued by all of the counterparts interviewed”

“**Counterparts** praised AAT’s work in capacity building”

“AAT makes strong attempts to minimise costs of activities.”

“**One** of AAT’s strengths lies precisely in the fact that it is a small, grassroots organisation and able to operate with a certain level of autonomy”.

“**Its** flexible, responsive nature, allows AAT to facilitate the repatriation of those who are not adequately served by State procedures, while at the same time advocating for an improvement to such procedures.”