

CREST: CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY IN ELIMINATING SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING

The Corporate Responsibility in Eliminating Slavery and Trafficking (CREST) framework is designed to help companies in local contexts to reduce risks of human rights abuses such as Modern Slavery, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking within their company operations and supply chains through the adoption of ethical recruitment and fair supply chain practices.

The project aims to bolster the demand-side of ethical recruitment and decent work of migrant workers primarily focusing on the situation in various Asian destination countries. In cooperation with identified project partners, the project will provide technical assistance to selected MNEs to enhance labour supply chain transparency, to build capacity and to develop policies and processes that ensure duly protection of migrant workers and other vulnerable groups.

The project will then shift towards collaboration with public and private partners at the regional level and identified countries of origin of migrant workers in Asia. In partnership with committed companies and other stakeholders, the project will help build supportive policy environments to the growing demand for ethical recruitment and the eradication of modern slavery in global supply chains. It is expected that this will provide pathways for suitable private recruitment agencies to the International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS) certification mechanism, and thus support the sustainability of ethical business models for international labor recruitment.

Duration: October, 2017 – October 2022

Donor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

Partners: Regional public and private actors, such as ASEAN or SAARC; Private Sector Partners including Multinational Companies, Recruitment Agencies; Workers Unions and Migrants Associations; community associations; Regional Business Mechanisms, such as Leadership Group for Responsible Recruitment; Civil Society Organizations and Business Advisory and Auditing Companies such as Verite, Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB); UN Partners, such as ILO, UN-ACT, UN-WOMEN

Government Partners: Ministry of Labor and Employment, other line Ministries

Location: IOM Vietnam in collaboration with IOM Bangladesh, IOM Hong Kong SAR, IOM Malaysia and IOM Thailand

Beneficiaries: Women and men migrant workers; Employers; Labor Recruiters; Multinational Enterprises; Civil Society Organizations

Objective: To enable private sector and regional actors to increasingly protect the human and labour rights of women and men migrant workers in Asia, in key industries and supply chains.

Outcome 1 - Employers and multinational companies and related recruitment agencies apply ethical recruitment and decent work standards within their supply chains in Asia.

Outcome 2 - Regional consultative processes, regional economic communities and regional networks in South and South East Asia incorporate ethical recruitment principles and decent work for migrants.

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