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WORKING FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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■ UNDP

With support from United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP) and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, several provincial associations of Muslim women with an umbrella Association of Muslim Women in 14 provinces are formed and officially registered. The umbrella association serves as strategic supporter and provides guidance for Muslim women groups while provincial associations provide space and support activities at the local level such as starting up their own community welfare and running learning activities for local women. Two associations in Songkla and Yala provinces (conflict-afflicted areas) are particularly strong with institutionalized networks and are equipped with knowledge in managing their growing membership. With support from UNDP, the two associations were put forward as showcases in sharing models for good management capacity and for replication in other provinces. A database for human rights situation of children and women in the south



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of Thailand is made available as baseline for NGOs, and stakeholders to make use for human rights monitoring and legal empowerment programming.



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■ ITU

International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the leading United Nations agency for information and communication technology. For 150 years in 2015, ITU

has coordinated and promoted international cooperation in assigning satellite orbits, worked to improve communication infrastructure in the developing world, and established the worldwide standards that foster seamless interconnection of a vast range of communications systems. From broadband networks to new-generation wireless technologies, aeronautical and maritime navigation, radio astronomy, satellite-based meteorology and converging fixed-mobile phone, Internet and broadcasting technologies, ITU is committed to connecting the world. In Thailand, ITU also plays an important role in bridging the digital divide, enhance human capacity building, and promote digital inclusion of women and girls, persons with disabilities, and youth by achieving broader telecommunication/ICT enabled socio-economic development.



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ILO

The International Labour Organization (ILO) “decent work” country programme in Thailand aims to promote employment and skills development for women and men. The ILO works with its constituents in to promote the ratification of the ILO convention on Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111). Thailand has already ratified the ILO convention on Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100). The ILO

continuously supports Thailand for its purpose to develop policies, programme and measures in line with the principles of the conventions, so that the country can achieve the goals in promoting “equal remuneration between men and women for work of equal value” and “full, productive and freely chosen employment” for men and women. This effort also includes gender-responsive policies and programmes to improve access of migrant workers to productive employment. The ILO provided technical comments on the Ministerial Regulation concerning the application of the Labour Protection Act B.E.2541 (1998) on Domestic Worker. The law adopts gender responsive approach and better provides protection of all domestic workers regardless of their nationality and gender. In addition, the ILO facilitated tripartite discussions for the development of HIV/AIDS workplace policies and programs at the enterprise level by integrating the 10 key principles of the ILO code of practice on HIV/AIDS and the world of work, includes specific measures to address non-discrimination, gender equality, healthy work environment, social dialogue, no screening and confidentiality.

UNFPA

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has supported the development of the Reproductive Rights Protection Bill proposed by the Ministry of Public Health and civil society organisations. The purpose of the Bill is to call for improving access to sexual and reproductive health services for all, especially among young people, ensuring privacy and confidentiality as well as gender and cultural sensitivity of the service provision keeping in mind different needs of the people according to their age and socio-economic background. Concerning adolescent and young population, UNFPA supports consideration to ensure that all children and young people receive comprehensive sexuality education and they access youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services including contraception. UNFPA supports gender equality and women’s empowerment focusing



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on demand creation, raising voices and visibility of young people to protect their sexual and reproductive rights.

UN WOMEN

UN Women is the United Nations Organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. UN Women is also mandated to coordinate gender equality within the United Nations system. In Thailand, UN Women works in partnership with government offices and civil society organizations in the promotion of women’s participation in politics and decision making, ending violence against women, women, peace and security, promoting women’s human rights and access to justice, and linking the normative frameworks on gender equality to the implementation on the ground. UN Women conducts evidence-based policy advocacy and provides technical support and for gender responsive legislation and policies-- most recently on the gender equality law, the on-going Constitution drafting process, and gender responsive budgeting. UN Women provides technical support to the drafting of the National Policy and Strategy on Women Peace and Security, and partners in the development of the monitoring indicators for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). UN Women



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promotes capacity building of duty bearers for the protection of women and girls, including working with justice actors in training programmes for the police and prosecutors and sharing international experiences in judicial colloquiums. UN Women empowers women’s groups, including women living with HIV and indigenous women, to have their voices heard in policy making and programme implementation, and sensitize young people for zero tolerance for all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.