UNDERSTANDING ICT RISKS TO CHILDREN AND WAYS TO KEEP THEM SAFE IN CAMBODIA, LAOS, THAILAND & VIETNAM

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OVERVIEW

- Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) Program
- Combat sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism
- Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam
- Builds on Australia’s long term support
- Prevention and Protection Pillars
PREVENTION PILLAR

I. Community Resilience
II. Helplines and ICT Portals
III. Public and Private Sector Response
IV. Assistance to Government
V. International Advocacy and Knowledge Sharing
The Situation

- Penetration of ICTs, 2005 and 2010 (per 100 inhabitants)

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- Figure refer to year 2006
THE SITUATION

• Use of ICT by offenders to groom

• How children use ICT
  • Gaming
  • Social networking
  • Texting
THE RISK FACTORS

- Lack of appropriate sex education
- Accessibility of pornography
- Internet seen as ‘poison’ by parents and duty bearers
- Popularity of social networking
- Lack of education about keeping safe
THE RESPONSE

• Education interventions on preventing child sexual abuse for
  • Children
  • Parents and carers
  • Duty bearers (i.e. teachers, police, social workers etc)
THE RESPONSE

• Key messages relate to
  • Discrediting myths
  • Fostering communication
  • Sharing ideas for protective behaviours

• Messages need to be appropriate for target audience
FOR MORE INFO/ TO DISCUSS PARTNERSHIPS

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