

Enhancing Access to Justice for Children in Thailand

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*3 out of 4 children in the world or 1.7 billion children
were victims of violence*

Source: Knowing Violence in Childhood Global Report



*In Thailand, **31,000** children were victims of various forms of sexual
violence such as physical and sexual violence, deprivation of liberty and
negligence.*

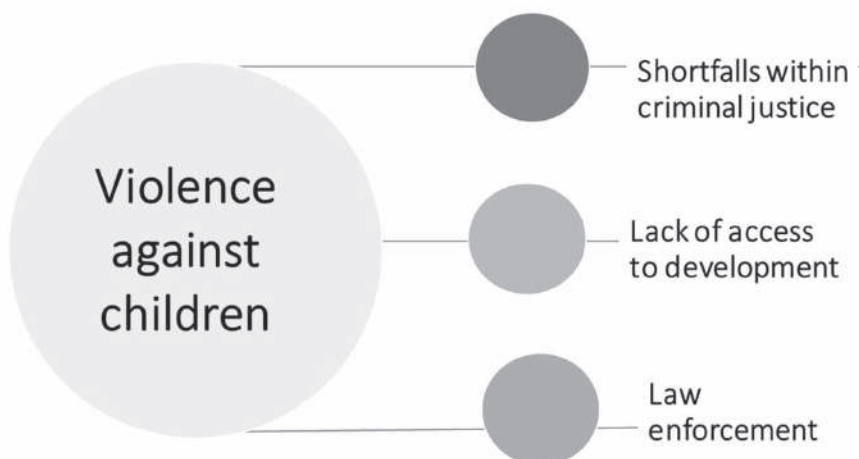
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*In Thailand, **55%** of young alleged offenders had experienced physical
abuses*

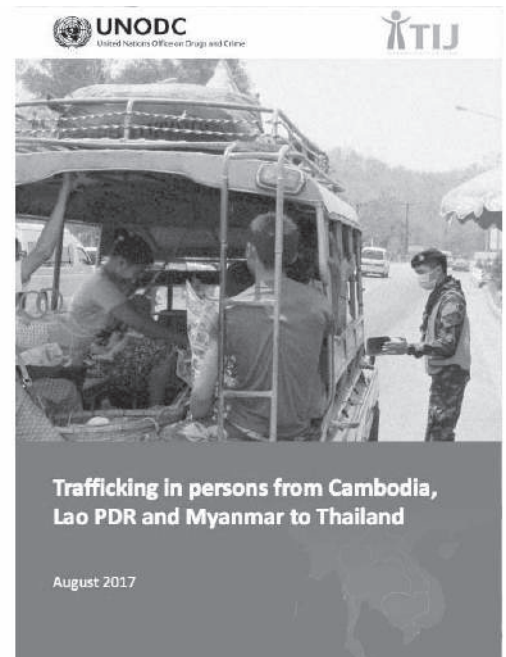
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Addressing violence against children with the SDGs as a framework



*“many victims of **sexual abuses** and **labor exploitation** come from poor rural areas, where their family do not own land or have suffered from poor harvest”*

- Joint publication by TIJ and UNODC on trafficking in persons in Southeast Asia



Access to Justice for Children



- Poverty and lack of access to economic opportunity and social development pose great challenges to access to justice for children
- Ensuring the criminal justice system that takes into account the special needs of children





Restorative Justice

- An alternative approach to justice which brings together victims and offenders to find the best course of action to restore the harm
- The law on juvenile and family courts and on juvenile and family cases (revised 2010) set criteria for Restorative Justice to be used at 2 stages which are:
 - ➔ Before criminal charges are brought against children
 - ➔ After the prosecution has commenced



Multi Disciplinary Team (The Office of Attorney General)

- The network focuses on creating a robust reporting and monitoring mechanism that helps enhance the functioning of regular criminal justice
- The members of the team include the police, medical officials, social workers, teachers and community leaders with provincial public prosecutor as coordinator



Child Advocacy Center based in Chiang Mai run by HUG project

- More victim-oriented approach
- The better protection of child victims of violence

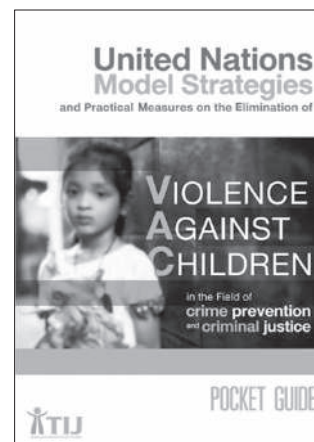
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The United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice



- Calls for right-based approach in protecting children from violence
- Multi – disciplinary approach





Thank you for your attention
