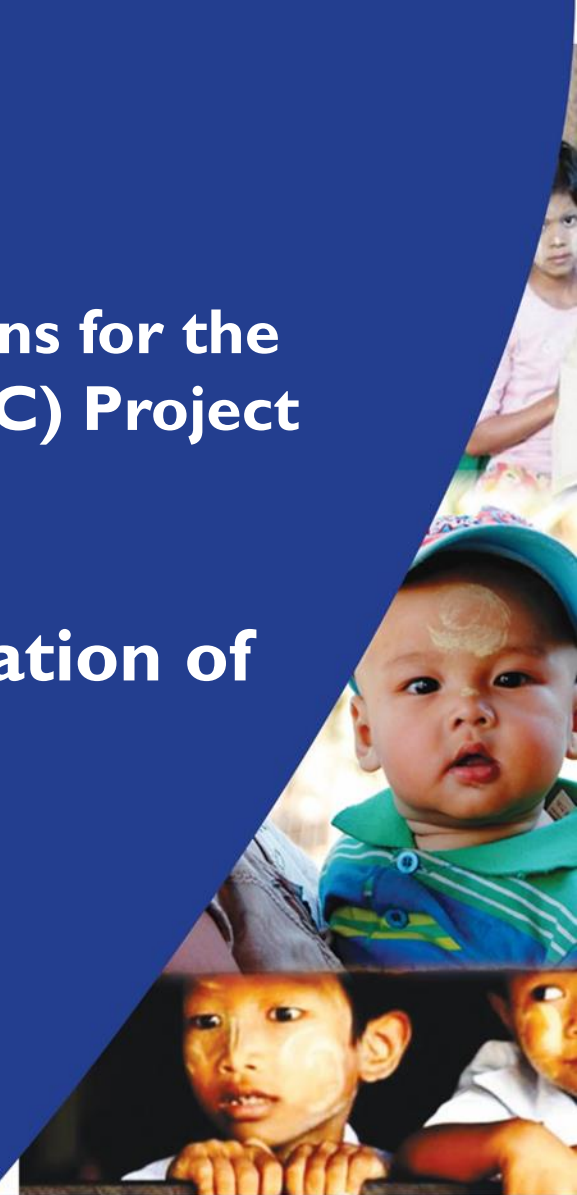




# Empowering Civil Society Organizations for the Protection of Migrant Children (ECPMC) Project

## An Initiative Supporting the Registration of Migrant Children in Thailand



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# Enabling Laws and Support to CRVS Regional Action Framework

- Thailand is a state party to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC)

“...every child shall be registered immediately after birth and have the right...to acquire a nationality”

- Amendment No. 2, B.E. 2551 ( Civil Registration Act of 2008)  
“Every child born in Thailand must be registered at birth and get birth certificate”

- Directly Supports the CRVS Regional Action Framework

Goal 1: Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;

Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of Births...to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights;



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# About ECPMC Project

## Specific Objectives (SO)

## Specific Objectives Indicators

## Overall Objective indicators

SO1: Thai CSOs are equipped to **effectively advocate for improved access of disadvantaged and excluded populations to quality mainstream social services** from local to national level.

1.1: % of CSO committee members actively involved in discussions on CRA 2008, CRVS, and/or other relevant policy issues on migrants with either LAs or national level government stakeholders.

**Indicator 1: % increase in the number of recorded births registered at District Office in target area(s)**

SO2: Thai CSOs and CBO capacity in increasing governance, **public accountability** and transparency on the implementation of **relevant government policies related to migrant rights, are strengthened** (including the provision and ability to deliver those rights already enshrined in law).

2.1: # of local authority officers partnering with CSOs to implement identified actions to support implementation of the CRA 2008, CRVS, and /or other relevant migrant policies

**Indicator 2: % of total number of local health centers or schools with active 'Agreements of Cooperation'** between themselves and Thai CSOs, agreeing to allow access for migrant children

SO3: **CBOs are empowered by Thai CSOs to become the voice of the community advocating for migrant rights especially for children's birth registration (BR) and right to basic social services.**

3.1: # of CBOs facilitating constructive engagement between village level LAs, CSOs, and migrant communities

# Key Challenges on Access to BR Services

(Source: Baseline Survey Result, IPSR of Mahidol University)

Site	Quantitative survey (% of MC born in Thailand with BR)			Qualitative study  (No. of birth registered / No. deliveries)
	Aged 0-15 years (n=656)	Aged 0-5 (N=399)	Aged 0-1 (N=72)	
Mae Sot	81%	90.7%	90%	Local hospital (Aug.2016): <b>87/ 96 = 90.6%</b> Mae Tao Clinic : <b>95%</b> of 250 deliveries per month
Chumporn	57.1%	58.9%	69.4%	Local hospital 1: about 100/ 150 deliveries per year ( <b>about 67%</b> ) Local hospital 2: about 40/ UNKNOWN deliveries per year
Ranong	71.5%	78.6%	76.9%	Local hospital: about 40-50 / 100-120 deliveries per month ( <b>About 40-50%</b> )
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.1%</b>	<b>73.2%</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	



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# Key Challenges on Access to BR Services

(Sources: Baseline Survey Result, Key Stakeholders Assessment, Primary and Secondary Data)

- Lack of awareness about the civil registration process and the subsequent rights entitled to one's child through registration
- Misunderstanding by migrant parents on the **Birth Notification** as the **Birth Registration Document**
- Language barrier – BR documents and processes and procedures are in Thai language
- Illegally working migrants are reluctant to carry out the registration process for fear of having contact with Thai authorities



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# ECPMC Project : Promising Gains

- Strengthened partnership of seven (7) Local Thai Civil Society Organizations (CSOs – CPPCR, FED, MAP, Suwanimit, Mae Tao Clinic, DISAC-SCF, ADRA) including IOM with Local Authorities (LAs) specifically District Birth Registration Offices in covered sites



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# ECPMC Project : Promising Gains



- Supported local authorities in expanding their reach to migrant population through the development of context-specific behavioral change communication (BCC) materials / IEC materials and use of tri-media e.g. radio broadcast to reach migrants in remote areas (School-on-the-Air Session).



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# ECPMC Project : Promising Gains

- Leads the formation of Multi-level Advocacy Platforms for exchange of ideas, discussion of Birth Registration and other migrant-related issues.



Birth Registration Network and Migrant Rights Promotion Working Group of Maesot, and Migrant Working Group (MWG) in Bangkok meets monthly with stakeholders to specifically discuss issues affecting migrant children and other related issues.



Creation of a multi-agency Provincial Coordination Committees in Ranong and Chumphon to address BR-related issues of migrant children.



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# ECPMC Project : Promising Gains

- Institutionalized nine (9) Migrant Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) across project sites, as empowered and functional bodies able to liaise critical issues affecting 96 communities with an estimated population of 74,943 vulnerable economic and hard-to-reach migrants and 8,644 children, to local authorities with support from CSOs using the CVE Approach



Intensified community awareness raising by CBOs in communities as part of the CVE Approach resulted to migrant parents registering children at the District Birth Registration Offices across project sites.



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