

Migrant Development Program

A vibrant #16Days Activism social awareness program was held at 3 community learning centres (CLC) and one alternative learning centre (ALC) in Keningau, Sabah.

The theme was “A World Without Violence is Possible. End Human Trafficking”

About 50 children from the migrant community in Keningau, students of the learning centres, completed a Training of Trainer Program on Imparting Awareness about Human Trafficking.



The objective of the program was to empower the youth from the migrant community with the skills and knowledge to speak and initiate conversations about the cause and consequence of trafficking and

to remove the stigma surrounding the issue, as well as to promote a better understanding and create stronger social protection for the community.

Human trafficking is a real threat in the migrant community, their vulnerabilities – undocumented, poverty, lack of decent employment – are easily preyed on by traffickers.

Once they were given an overview of the subject, the children were able to articulate their thoughts about the trauma and effects of human trafficking and how they can help and support victims of human trafficking.

The program included lots of fun game activities as well, as an 'emotional neutralizer' between discussing such a traumatic and daunting issue.



This group of newly-trained youth then conducted their own awareness session for their peers at their respective learning centres.



It is hoped that through these efforts, the community will be more aware of the risks and their vulnerability to human trafficking, and they will learn to recognise the signs of human trafficking. This is an important piece of any anti-trafficking strategy.

Effective public awareness and outreach efforts can lead to the detection of human trafficking cases, build public support for governments and communities to act, and ultimately help prevent human trafficking.

The trainers 3-day workshop was organised by our Migrant Development Team in Keningau, Sabah, who also helped facilitate the students' awareness program.



Our MDP team with teacher and students of ALC Hope





Trainers and participants

It was interesting to note that the post evaluation revealed a great increase in knowledge of human trafficking, compared to at the beginning. The children shared that the training had definitely increased their awareness, they are able to recognise the risks and signs, which would certainly help to avoid them from becoming a victim of human trafficking.