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### **U.S. government supports anti-trafficking NGO in Northern Thailand with grant for \$260,000**

As part of our global efforts to combat human trafficking, the U.S. Government is committed to working with the Royal Thai Government and the people of Thailand to prevent trafficking activity in Thailand, to prosecute perpetrators, and to assist victims. Toward that end, on October 5, Acting U.S. Consul General Todd M. Bate-Poxon presented a grant of USD 260,000 to TRAFCORD, a non-governmental coordination unit for anti-human trafficking operations in northern Thailand.

This grant from the U.S. Department of State will allow TRAFCORD to continue to coordinate governmental and non-governmental activities to combat human trafficking in the nine provinces of the upper northern region of Thailand and their associated Burmese and Lao border regions. The project will raise community awareness of human trafficking, provide direct assistance to trafficking victims, and support police and prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of this crime.

Acting Consul General Bate-Poxon said, "The U.S. Mission in Thailand has a long history of cooperation with TRAFCORD. We admire the work they do on behalf of the victims and salute the Thai law enforcement agencies and centers for protection and recovery with which they cooperate. This grant reflects the continued importance that the United States places on stopping trafficking and our confidence in TRAFCORD's operation."

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