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**NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
STRENGTHENING CAPACITY AND EMPOWERING KEY STAKEHOLDERS
TO COMBAT ALL FORMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (TIP)**

Cambodia remained at Tier 2 in the 2011 Annual TIP report because it continues its efforts and commitment to combat all forms of trafficking in persons and improve victim identification and care standards. Cambodia’s counter trafficking in persons endeavors continue to be hampered by knowledge and capacity gap, and other obstacles to address TIP related issues. There is no law on recruitment, placement and protection of labor migrant workers and adopted sub-decree # 190 by Council of Ministers on the management of sending migrant workers abroad has not covered more protection to migrant workers. In addition, it is still lacking of capacity building to the governmental institutions, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders in relation to trafficking in persons and debt bondage or victim assistance.

To address the above gaps, Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility (CARAM Cambodia) in collaboration with National Committee to Suppress Human Trafficking, Smuggling, and Labor and Sexual Exploitation (NC Secretariat S.T.S.L.S) organize a National Workshop on **“Strengthening Capacity and Empowering Key Stakeholders to Combat All Forms of Trafficking in Persons (TIP).”** The objectives of the workshop are to disseminate lesson learned, promote effective regional, national and local prevention strategies to reduce TIP, and strengthen relevant institutions, NGOs and key players’ capacity to combat all forms of TIP. The workshop is funded by USAID’s CTIP II Program through Winrock International. Key representatives of government ministries, Embassies of receiving countries, UN agencies, National and International NGOs, Association of Cambodia Recruiting Agencies (ACRA), Cambodia Bar Association and other key stakeholders will participate in this National Workshop, on **22 March, 2012** from **08.50 am to 05.00 pm** at the **Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.**

Guest speakers attend this Workshop will be from USAID, Ministry of Interior, Winrock International (WI), CARAM Cambodia, The Asia Foundation (TAF), IOM, Association of Cambodia Recruiting Agencies (ACRA), Malaysian Embassy to Cambodia. There will be over 100 participants from Cambodia Bar Association, National and International NGOs, Embassies of receiving countries, Government Officials, and Member of ACRA, Trade Unions and other key stakeholders.

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