MEKONG-U.S. PARTNERSHIP AT WORK
MAY - JUNE 2023

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

July - Stimson Track 1.5 MUSP Policy Dialogue: Transboundary Water Governance

July - WE Inspire Digital Literacy and Digital Marketing Workshop

July - MOHIP Webinar: Household Water Insecurity - Intersections Between Humans and Livestock

July - MOHIP Announcement of Grant Recipients for the MOHIP Research Grants

August - Mekong-Mississippi Sisters River Partnership Exchange

August - International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) On-Demand: Countering Vector-Borne Diseases in the Mekong Sub-Region

The WE Inspire Program, run by the Kenan Foundation Asia, aims to empower women in Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam who lack access to fundamental government services including education, health care, and social support. WE Inspire’s May 5-6 healthcare workshop focused on healthcare education and the links between insurance and economic opportunities. 121 women attended the workshop across two-days and were trained on self-screening for breast cancer awareness, women’s rights and gender-based violence, and health insurance registration for migrants and stateless women. WE Inspire also hosted an information session for the WE Inspire Incubation Program inviting women entrepreneurs to engage in monthly training sessions on running a successful business in addition to opportunities for mentorship.

On May 8-9, the sixth Stimson Center MUSP Track 1.5 Policy Dialogue took place in Bangkok. This dialogue focused on countering trafficking and cyber-enabled crimes. These Dialogues explore solutions to key policy and sustainability challenges facing the Lower Mekong sub-region. In a mixture of plenary sessions and panel discussions, this hybrid event gathered approximately 60 in-person government and non-government participants to discuss regional needs and challenges related to countering cyber-enabled crimes and trafficking in persons, wildlife, narcotics, and other illicit goods. U.S. Government attendees noted the need for a unified response on these topics.

KEY EVENTS:

May:
- Mekong Inspiring Women Entrepreneurs (WE Inspire) Healthcare Workshop
- Stimson Center Mekong-U.S. Partnership (MUSP) Track 1.5 Policy Dialogue: Countering Trafficking and Cyber-Enabled Crimes
- Mekong Connections Learning Forum
- Mekong One Health Innovation Program (MOHIP) Webinar: Improving Health Security through Environmental Stewardship: The System Integration for Small-Scale Wastewater Treatment
- MOHIP Grant Writing Workshop

June:
- WE Inspire Financial Literacy Workshop

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