

Child Sexual Abuse

An analysis of media case reporting

1 October 2011 – 31 May 2014
Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam



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Executive Summary

This report analyses local media reports of child sexual abuse that occurred over the span of Project Childhood Prevention Pillar (between October 2011 and May 2014) in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam. This report details the methodology used to conduct the research, its limitations, and the results of the data analysis.

The report provides a snapshot of the profile of the offenders¹ and victims, the circumstances of the abuses and the legal implications for the offenders. As will be detailed, there are significant differences between countries on the number and types of cases reported. These differences emanated from social, cultural and legal contexts and may also be influenced by victim protection efforts.

Methodology

This research was conducted in June 2014 exclusively online, using the Google Search engine and other search tools on various media websites. The researcher conducted repeated search for 13 combinations of keywords commonly used across the region in articles on child sexual abuse. The search was conducted on 18 English-language websites providing daily news in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam.

The results were limited to the period extending from 1 October 2011 to 31 May 2014. Among these results, articles for which the abuse occurred between 1 October 2011 and 31 May 2014 were selected. Relevant data from the selected articles were then entered into an Excel worksheet, including metadata on the article, profile of the offender, profile of the victim, circumstances of the abuse, legal aspects and other relevant data.

There were a limited number of reported cases of neglect, physical and emotional abuses. Given the objectives of Project Childhood Prevention Pillar, the report focuses on child sexual abuse. However, sexual abuse and other forms of child abuse are often intertwined.

Limitations

This type of research has some inherent limitations, which are linked to the sensitivity of the topic, legal issues, privacy concerns and methodology.

Many abuse cases are not identified and/or are not reported to the authorities. Of the few cases reported to the authorities, only a small percentage are communicated to the press and reported in the national news. Of these reported in the news, some may not be reported in English language news. In all instances, the figures presented in this report only represent a fraction of the true extent of the problem.

Considering that the findings result from a limited number of cases, they are indicative only and cannot be extrapolated to the full scale of countless unreported cases. This study considers the information provided about each case, as represented in the media, rather than as court cases that have gone through a criminal justice process. The data was treated in the state it was published; with its limitations and possible errors.

¹ The information on all offenders has been sourced from online media articles, rather than from judicial records. All are therefore 'alleged perpetrators' until found guilty in court.

Findings

Between 1 October 2011 and 31 May 2014, media reporting of child sexual abuse cases provided the following picture of the problem.

Child sexual abuse occurrences:

- At least 217 cases of child sexual abuse were reported in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam.
- At least 215 offenders abused at least 359 individual victims.

Victim profiles:

- 67% of the reported victims of child abuse were girls, 33% were boys.
- The age of the victims varied between 1–17 years old, with more teenagers than children under the age of 10.

Offender profiles:

- 77% of the offenders were nationals of the country where the offence took place.
- 23% were foreigners, including long-term residents, economic migrants and tourists.
- 89% of the offenders were male, including boys as young as 13.
- 11% of offenders were women and girls assisting male offenders, by pimping or abusing children.
- Offenders were aged between 13–79 years old, with no age group predominant.
- Offenders were from a wide variety of economic backgrounds and professional occupations.
- Some offenders were working in childcare, child protection or education and using their profession to gain unsupervised access to children in order to abuse them.
- In many cases, the offender knew the victim prior to the abuse.
- Offenders' relations with their child victims included neighbours, family members, carers and education workers.
- Some offenders blamed alcohol or drug consumption for their abusive behaviour.

Offender modus operandi:

- Child sexual abuse and rape were the most common offences, followed by providing or purchasing 'child prostitution', statutory rape, rape-murder and trafficking for sexual exploitation.
- Offenders often lured their victim to isolated locations using a wide range of items or promises, including money, sweets, food, toys, videos or games on their phone.
- Some offenders used Facebook and other social media and instant messaging applications to groom children and lure them to isolated locations to abuse them.
- Some offenders forcefully kidnapped younger children to abuse them, while others forced teenage children to drink in order to leave them defenceless.
- Most offenders threatened to kill their victim if they reported the abuse, and some murdered their victim immediately after the abuse.

Judicial responses:

- Most of the offenders described in the articles were arrested and/or charged at the time of reporting but limited information is available on the final outcome of cases.
- Jail sentence for convicted offenders usually varied between one year and life sentence, with shorter sentences in Cambodia than in Thailand and Vietnam.
- Convicted offenders were sentenced to pay financial compensation to the family of their victim, usually between USD 200 and 9,600 per victim.

- Some offenders were deported or extradited and charged in their home country.
- Some offenders had previous convictions for child abuse in other countries; some had served their sentence before abusing children in Southeast Asia, some skipped bail and fled to Asia.

Despite its limitations and limited scope, media monitoring confirms the program's current knowledge on child sexual abuse in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam. It is an easily implemented way to gather data on existing cases and it can yield interesting results on the profile of the offenders, of the victims, the crimes themselves, as well as the extend of public awareness and understanding of the issue. Some of the trends revealed above highlight lack of understanding of certain forms of child sexual abuse, such as possible underreporting of abuse of boys or of children under 10 years of age.

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Introduction

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Methodology

This research was conducted by Stéphane De Greef² in June 2014 exclusively online, using the Google Search engine and other search tools on various media websites. The researcher conducted repeated search for keywords commonly used across the region in articles on child sexual abuse. The following keywords were used:

- pedophile/paedophile
- girl rape
- boy rape
- child rape
- girl abuse
- boy abuse
- child abuse
- girl sex
- boy sex
- child sex
- underage
- statutory
- sexually abusing

Each of these keywords was searched on the each of the following websites in English:

- cambodiadaily.com
- phnompenhpost.com
- vietnamnews.vn
- tuoitrenews.vn
- vietnamnet.vn
- thanhnieennews.com
- dtinews.vn
- nguoi-viet.com
- vietnamplus.vn
- vov.vn
- vientianetimes.org.la
- nationmultimedia.com
- bangkokpost.com
- Chiangmai-mail.com

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- chiangmaicitynews.com
- pattayaone.net
- pattayamail.com
- pattayadailynews.com

The results were limited to the period extending from 1 October 2011 to 31 May 2014. Among these results, the articles' summaries were all read to identify relevant articles, which were then read in full. The last selection process was to identify articles for which the abuse occurred between 1 October 2011 and 31 May 2014, in order to have a common baseline.³ Relevant data from the selected articles were then entered into an Excel worksheet, including:

- Online source name
- Date of article
- URL(s) of article
- Country of offence
- Province and location
- Name of the offender
- Gender and age of offender
- Nationality and occupation of offender
- If the offender had previous convictions
- Type of child abuse
- Technique used to access the victim(s)
- Number of victims
- Age, gender, nationality of the victim
- Occupation or relation to the offender
- Current status of the offender
- Duration of sentence and amount of fine
- Any relevant remark on the case

The database created, and subsequent analysis, centred on the profile of offenders rather than the victims or article. Each offender will be found only once in the database, except in case of repeated conviction. For example, a man who was arrested in December 2011 and then re-arrested in November 2013 for similar offences will be present twice in the database. The focus of analysis around the offender revealed important trends and information about offender profiles and behaviour, which can be effectively used in prevention of abuse and harm reduction programs to protect children.

While the definition of child abuse is wide and comprises a lot of possible offences, very few articles reported cases of neglect, physical violence or emotional distress. While these forms of abuse are frequent, they are not often reported in the media, as they are rarely reported to the police, rarely investigated and almost never end with the arrest of the perpetrator. In light of the focus of Project Childhood Prevention Pillar, the research focussed on child sexual abuse, which encompasses the offences of 'child prostitution', trafficking for sexual exploitation, rape and sexual abuse or assault.

³ Many articles published in 2011-2014 referred to recent past and historic which fell outside the scope of the timeframe. In order to provide an objective view on the abuse, the researcher opted to analyse the cases that occurred during the defined period, instead of the cases reported during that period.

Limitations

This type of research has some inherent limitations, which are linked to the sensitivity of the topic, legal issues, privacy concerns and methodology.

The first limitation is that many abuse cases are not identified by the parents or carers of the abused children or are not reported to the authorities and therefore do not result in any arrest. It is well understood that it is extremely difficult for children to speak up about abusive experiences, particularly where there is low awareness and understanding of the issues. Of the few cases reported to the authorities, only a small percentage are communicated to the press and reported in the national news. Of these reported in the news, some may not be reported in English language news. In all instances, the figures presented in this report only represent a fraction of the true extent of the problem. Considering that the findings result from a limited number of cases, they are indicative only and cannot be extrapolated to reflect the overall proportion of the countless unreported cases.

This study considers the information provided about each case, as represented in the media rather than as court cases that have gone through a criminal justice process. While it may be the case in most occurrences, it is always possible that further investigations bring new elements and/or lead to the release of suspects wrongly accused of child abuse. Most of the articles used for this research were published less than a week after the arrest of the alleged offender, when information may still be lacking and forensic evidence is not yet available. Most articles state that an alleged offender has been arrested or charged, but very few follow up on the actual conviction and sentencing, leaving a gap in the legal process past the initial charge. The data has been utilised in the state it was published, with its limitations and possible errors.

Analysis of articles in the sub region

Number of cases, offenders and victims

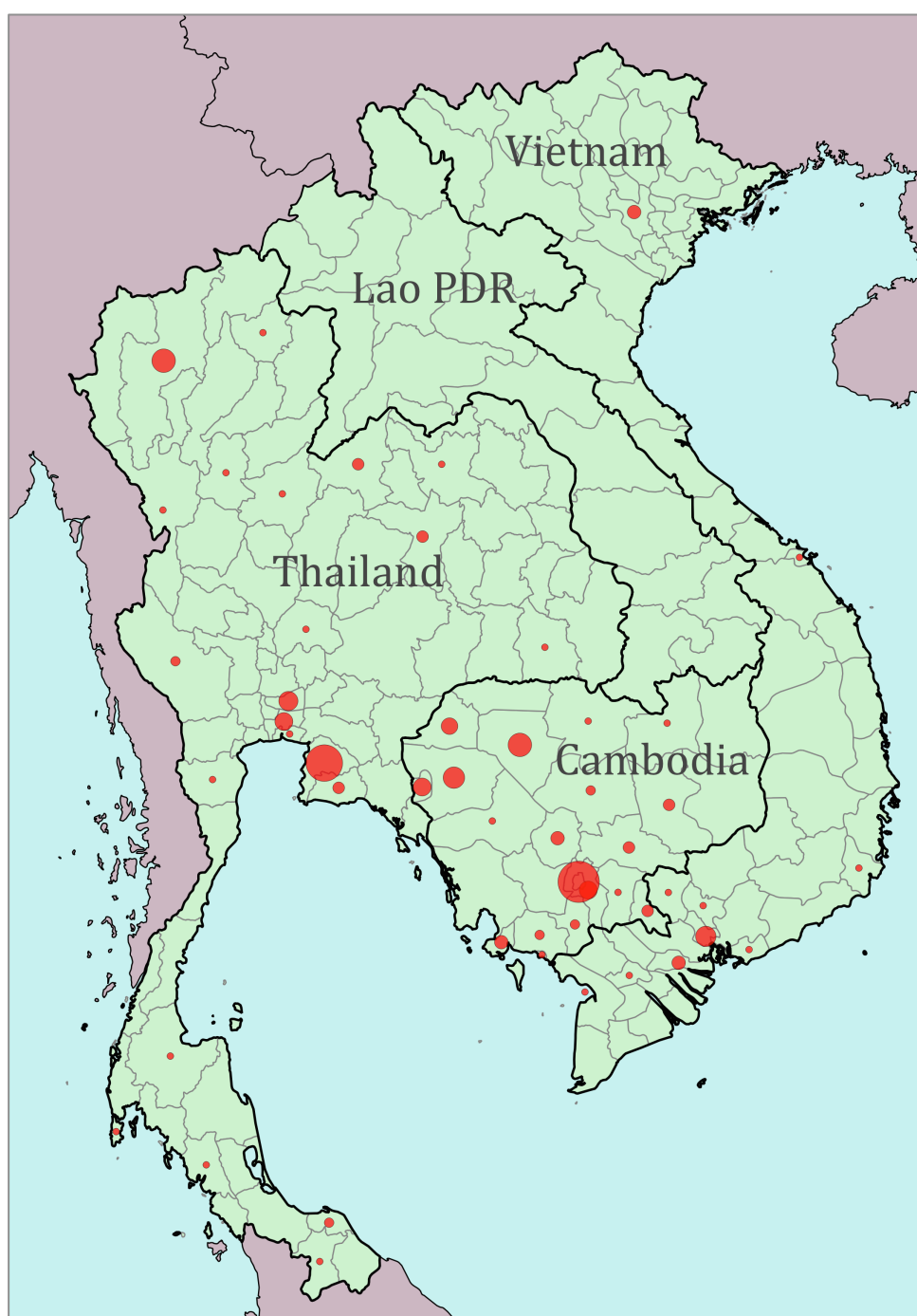
Between 1 October 2011 and 31 May 2014, at least 217 cases of child sexual abuse were reported in the media in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam. During this period, at least 215 offenders committed crimes against 359 individual victims (Table 1).

The number of cases recorded in each country varied a lot, from a single case in Lao PDR over two and a half years, to 108 cases reported in Cambodia (Map 1). This does not reflect the scale of the problem in each of these countries, but rather the lack of reporting mechanisms and methods of redress. The figures also highlight the way cases are reported by the local English-language media, as explained in the limitations section above. In Lao PDR, the almost complete absence of reporting is partly due to the fact that there are very few independent reporting agencies and the fact that the national newspaper, the Vientiane Times, has a fairly limited online edition. In Cambodia, the large number of cases reported in English language news is linked to the work of organisations, such as Action Pour Les Enfants (APLE), which are supporting the identification, investigation, arrest and prosecution of abusers. These organisations are actively engaging with the media to raise awareness of child sexual abuse and their work to tackle the issue. Furthermore, the Cambodia Daily actively seeks to report on sexual abuse cases.⁴

⁴ See <https://www.linkedin.com/today/post/article/20140706233640-13333827-nick-kristof-somaly-mam-and-the-perils-of-storytelling>

Table 1: Cases, number of offenders and victims by country (Oct 2011-May 2014)

Country	Cases	Offenders	Victims
Cambodia	108	107	190
Lao PDR	1	1	1
Thailand	82	81	115
Vietnam	26	26	53
Total	217	215	359



Map 1: Reported cases by province (Oct 2011-May 2014) – the size of the red dot is proportional to the number of cases reported. Lao PDR is not included as only one case was reported.

Frequency and sources

The number of cases varied between 1–14 a month over that period, with no significant increasing or decreasing trend (Figure 1).

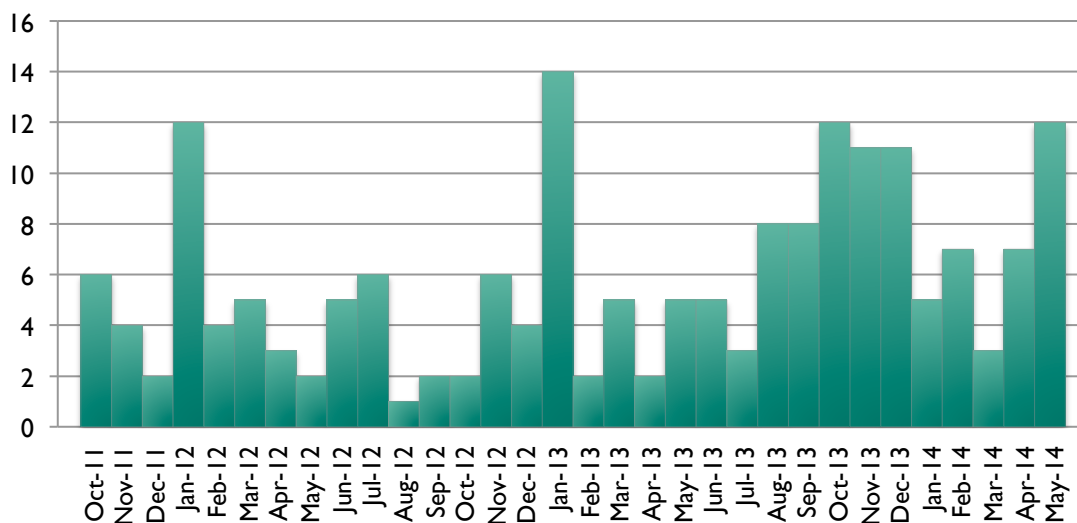


Figure 1: Number of cases as reported in the media between October 2011 and May 2014

While serious cases were reported by several sources over a period of several days, many cases were reported in a single news outlet. The following figure (Figure 2) illustrates the various sources used to populate the offenders/cases database analysed in this report. The main sources of information for all the cases reported were the *Cambodia Daily* and the *Phnom Penh Post* in Cambodia, two daily English-language newspapers. In Thailand, the *Bangkok Post*, *Pattaya One* and *The Nation* reported most of the cases. In Vietnam, *Tuoi Tre News*, *Thanh Nien News*, *Vietnam News* and *Vietnamnet* were used. In Lao PDR, a single article from the *Vientiane Times* reported a case of child abuse.

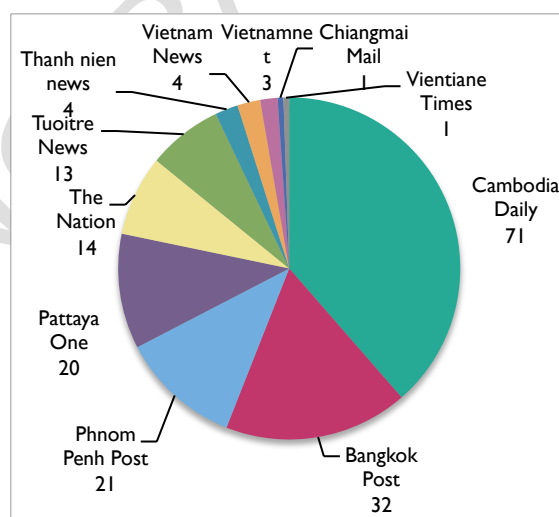


Figure 2: Sources reporting child sexual abuse (Oct 2011-May 2014)

While many cases are reported in Thailand and Cambodia, Vietnam has less individual cases making the news, but usually publish long articles about the issue of child abuse, the legislation, and how to prevent the problems and improve the situation. The topic is widely discussed in the Vietnamese media, but the details on the victims and offenders are often withheld to protect the privacy of the victim.

"There should be more products with healthy content that are attractive enough so children can eliminate their habit of visiting sites featuring porn and violence... Many countries like the UK have used the Internet to protect children and track criminal activity. Vietnam should urgently take similar actions to cope with the rapid growth of the Internet. The Ministry of Health should have psychological counseling programs for children who have been affected by pornography and violence."

Thanh Nien News, 25 Apr 2013

In Lao PDR, the almost complete absence of reporting is partly due to the fact that there are very few independent reporting agencies and the fact that the national newspaper, the *Vientiane Times*, has a fairly limited online edition.

Profile of offenders

Three-quarters of the offenders were nationals of the country where the offence occurred (Table 2). Across the region, 165 (77%) of all offenders were nationals of the country, while 50 (23%) were foreigners, usually long-term residents, economic migrants or tourists. Media reports identified offenders from 18 nationalities in Cambodia, 8 nationalities in Thailand and 2 nationalities in Vietnam.

The percentage of foreign offenders varies from country to country, from 4% in Vietnam to 31% in Cambodia, but in all countries it is significantly smaller than the percentage of local offenders. Foreign offenders were from Europe, North America, Australia and Asia.⁵ The lower number of foreign offenders arrested in Vietnam could be explained by the reputation of the law enforcement acting as a deterrent for visiting offenders. The high number of foreigners arrested in Cambodia could be linked to the support of organisations like APLE actively monitoring and investigating suspected foreign child abusers.

The fact that abuse committed by Westerners usually caught media attention could be explained by several factors. First, Western abusers may be more noticeable in Asia because of their physical appearance, behaviour and modus operandi. Unlike Asian offenders, they may be more easily caught by law enforcement. Second, governments of many western countries are actively investigating, arresting and prosecuting their own nationals who commit crimes abroad. Third, many anti-trafficking and child sexual exploitation prevention programs are funded by governments of western countries, which may lead to a focus on their own nationals. i.e. Australia, US and the UK. Finally, the arrest of a foreigner, being an expatriate or tourist, is an unusual event that is often considered newsworthy by English-language media companies, as their main audience is the expatriate community.

Table 2: Nationality of offenders (Oct 2011-May 2014)

Country	National	Foreigner	Total	% foreigners
Cambodia	74	33	107	31%
Lao PDR	1		1	0%
Thailand	65	16	81	20%
Vietnam	25	1	26	4%
Total	165	50	215	23%

While 89% of the offenders recorded between October 2011 and May 2014 were male, 24 of the 215 offenders (11%) were women and teenage girls (Table 3). These women and girls were involved in luring children towards male offenders, coercing them into prostituting themselves, restraining the children during abuse by another offender, or sexually abusing the children themselves. Similar rates of female offenders were observed across the region.

⁵ Foreign offenders were identified as coming from (by decreasing order of occurrence) Germany, France, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam (in Cambodia), Australia, Canada, Switzerland, Netherlands, Cambodia (in Thailand), China, Algeria, Denmark, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Russia and Turkey.

Table 3: Gender of offenders (Oct 2011-May 2014)

Country	Male	Female	Total	% male offenders
Cambodia	100	7	107	93%
Lao PDR	1		1	100%
Thailand	67	14	81	83%
Vietnam	23	3	26	88%
Total	191	24	215	89%

Police said that a Vietnamese Australian, 28, was arrested in August 2013 in a hotel in Can Tho City, Vietnam. The person admitted having sex with a local girl under the age of 16. However, investigators soon realised that the abuser was not a man, but a woman using a "fake sex organ" made of silicone to have sex with the girl.

Viet Nam News, 15 Oct 2013

In Ho Chi Minh City, three young girls aged from 8 to 12 were sexually assaulted by their stepfather. Their mother even held her daughters' arms and legs for her pedophilic husband to carry out the act repeatedly for a long time. The abusers have been jailed for several years.

Tuoi Tre News, 1 May 2013

Across the region, abusers were aged between 13 (teenagers on charges of rape or pimping other teenagers) to 79 years old. There is no definite trend in terms of age; abusers were found in all the classes of ages (Figure 3).

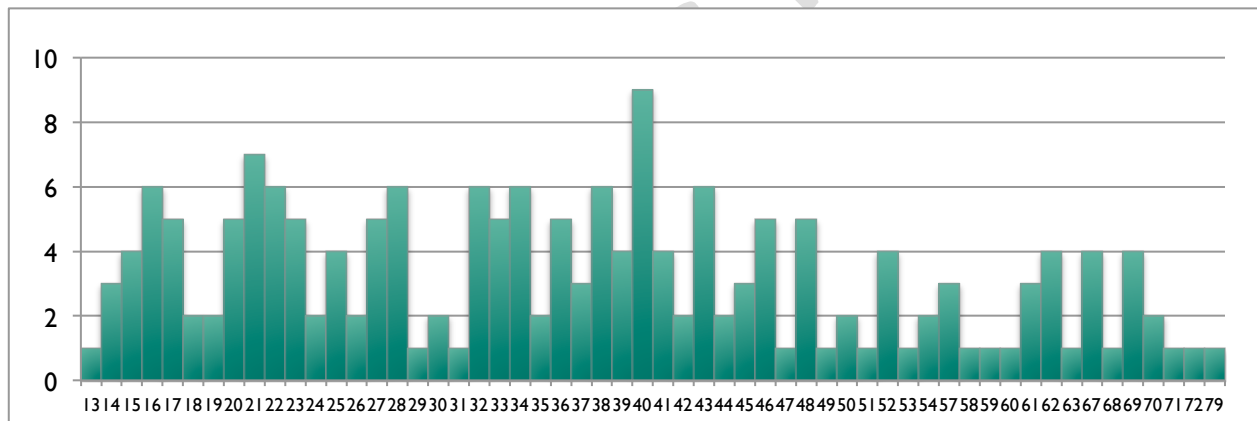


Figure 3: Age of offenders (Oct 2011-May 2014)

Reported abusers were coming from every possible economic background and very different professional occupations. While many articles did not report on the profession of the perpetrator, it was indicated for at least 92 cases. They include monks, business owners, mechanics, taxi drivers, NGO directors, policemen, construction workers, soldiers, farmers, hospitality workers, preachers, engineers, accountants, fortune-tellers, lawyers, network administrators, cooks, school headmasters, security guards, veterinarians, etc.

At least 29 offenders used their profession to get unsupervised access to children and subsequently abuse them. 10 of them were working in childcare and education, including 6 teachers, 1 school director, 1 day-care centre director, 1 headmaster and 1 school janitor. Another 19 offenders were involved in child protection or social work, including 12 monks, 4 policemen, 2 orphanage directors and 1 preacher.

Type of offences

The majority of the 215 offenders were arrested for abusing a single child, with 152 offenders (71%) associated with a single victim. The rest of the offenders (65 or 29%) were arrested and charged for abuse against multiple victims, ranging from two to dozens of victims over a period of time. Concerningly, 13 of these offenders had been previously convicted for similar offences, usually in other countries. After skipping bail, being expelled, released on bail or release after serving a jail sentence, they committed further acts of abuse against more children. This highlights the importance of managing known child sex offenders as a measure in preventing abuse.

The most common offences (Figure 4) were described as child rape (43%) and child sexual abuse (25%), even though the terms were used interchangeable in many articles. As most of the articles were written within a week of the arrest of the alleged offender, no clear detail, testimonies or forensic evidence were available for a detailed reporting on each case. This may also explain the interchangeable use of sexual abuse terms as offenders may not have been charged at the time of reporting.

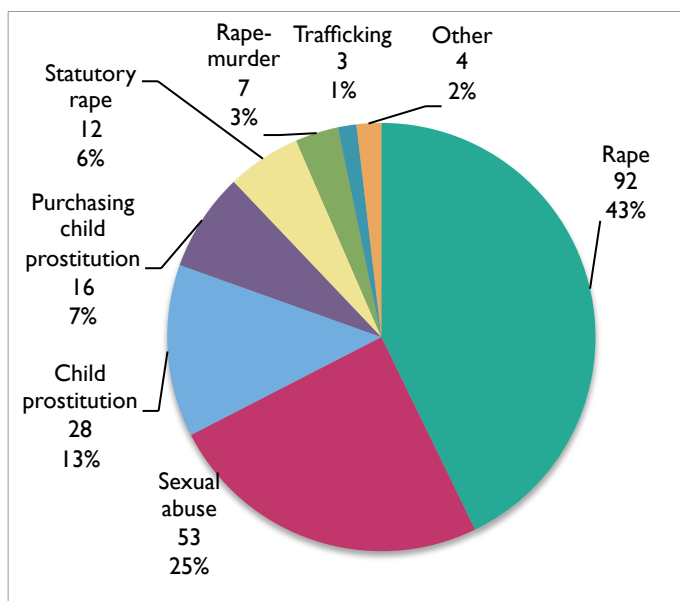


Figure 4: Most common offences committed against children (Oct 2011-May 2014)

The second most common types of offences were related to the commercial sexual exploitation of a child (13%) and purchasing 'child prostitution' (7%). Statutory rape accounted for 6% of the cases, while the rape and murder of a child accounted for 3% of the cases. The sale of children for commercial sexual exploitation and slavery (for example, to a brothel) accounted for 1%. Other types of abuse – neglect, physical abuse and emotional abuse – are very rarely reported in the media. Even though these cases are relevant in highlighting a broader picture of child abuse, which is often interlinked with child sexual abuse, they were excluded from this study given that the focus is on child sexual abuse specifically. Rapes followed by murder are rare but widely reported in the press because of the seriousness and depravity of the crime. Most of the time, the reports state that the sex offender kills the child to prevent him or her from reporting the abuse to their parents or the police.

Most of the cases of commercial sexual exploitation of children, where the offender forced children to engage in prostitution, are reported from Thailand (22 out of 28), while most of the cases of 'purchasing child prostitution' are reported from Cambodia (14 out of 16). This seems to indicate different approaches of law enforcement; where the focus is put on the pimp/trafficker in Thailand, while the focus is put on the client purchasing prostitution in Cambodia. This may be the result of the work of organisations like APLE who are actively monitoring and investigating persons paying for child sexual abuse, while Thailand's police are regularly conducting undercover investigations to identify the procurers in the absence of 'clients'.

Circumstance of offences

While most articles do not describe any particular technique used by the offender to access his or her victim, some insight is given in 91 of the cases. In 31 cases, offenders lured their victim with a wide range of items or promises, including money, sweets, food, toys or clothes; or by promising a job, a home for their family, a ride on their motorbike or bicycle. Offenders also lured children to isolated places by promising to show them videos on their smartphone or to let them play video games on their electronic device.

Most offenders had direct access to their victim, with the parents being away or distracted, while in seven cases, they used new communication tools, such as Facebook or mobile messenger applications, to groom and lure them away from their family to a secluded place. For younger children, in at least 10 cases, it was reported that the offender forcefully kidnapped the child to taking him or her to an isolated location in order to commit the abuse. In 12 cases, the offender incited or forced their victim (all of them teenage girls between 14–17 years old) to drink alcohol until they were not able to defend themselves.⁶ In 14 cases, the offender also threatened to kill or hurt the victim if s/he told the parents or police about it. There are many variants to these scenarios, but offender profiles highlight the following general themes:

- Luring the child with the promise of an item they desire, such as cash, food or toys.
- Grooming and luring the child to an isolated location using digital platforms, such as Facebook or mobile phone messages.
- Forcefully kidnapping the children who are too young to defend themselves.
- Threatening to kill or hit the child if s/he reports the abuse.

A man was arrested in Pattaya, Thailand, for allegedly sexually assaulting a 7-year-old girl in May 2014. He promised the girl that she would be given sweets if she went with him on his motorbike. On each occasion she was taken to a remote area and allegedly sexually assaulted. Each time she was warned not to tell anyone or she would be killed.

Pattayaone.net, 2 June 2014

Three young men have been arrested for raping and robbing a 15-year-old girl in Ho Chi Minh City. The girl had been befriended by a man on Facebook. He courted her and convinced her to meet him in person. She agreed, met him and was introduced to two other young men. She was then lured to a remote area where was tied and raped by two of the men.

Tuoitrenews.vn, 30 October 2013

A 22-year-old man was arrested for kidnapping and raping a 7-year-old girl in Kampong Thom, Cambodia. He had crept into the house where the girl was sleeping, bundled her into a blanket and ran away with her. He then raped her in a rice field and he warned her he would kill her if she shouted for help. The family knew the abuser who was living in the same village.

Cambodiadaily.com, 14 May 2013

A 40-year-old man was charged for raping his 7-year-old niece twice in a week in Takeo, Cambodia. The suspect raped the girl when she was playing behind her home and the rest of the family was farming. The man threatened to cut the girl's throat if she told her aunt about the rape. The aunt noticed the girl had been crying and the girl told her what her uncle did.

Cambodiadaily.com, 1 April 2014

⁶ In Thailand, one offender got the father of a four year old girl drunk to gain access to the child and abuse her. In another case in Cambodia, one offender spiked the drink of a 17 year old girl with sleeping pills before raping her.

In a significant number of cases, the victim knew the offender before the abuse. They often were neighbours, friends of the family or even members of the family of the victim. While not exhaustive, in at least 76 out of 217 reported cases, the offender was not a stranger to the victim prior to the abuse (Table 4). Out of 217 cases, 30 offenders belonged to the family of the victim, while 46 offenders were neighbours, local monks, school workers, charity worker, or other person having unsupervised access to the child. While this table is providing an insight into the fact that many offenders are known to their victim prior to the abuse, it is not exhaustive. In many cases, the fact that the child knew the offender was not reported clearly in the articles. The grooming process might have been going on for days, weeks or months prior to the offence.

Table 4: Relation of the victim with the offender (Oct 2011-May 2014)

Relationship between the offender and the victim			
Family		Non-family	
Stepfather - stepdaughter	12	Neighbours	18
Father/mother - daughter	11	Monk - devotee	12
Uncle - niece	4	School employee - student	6
Sisters	1	NGO employee - child under care	5
Stepsisters	1	Employer - Volunteer	4
Cousins	1	Employer - Employee	1
Total	30	Total	46

Nine offenders mentioned that they were drunk while three others mentioned they were under the influence of drugs at the time of offence.

The creation and collection of child abuse images was also identified in cases, as sexual explicit videos, sometimes involving children being sexually abused, are regularly collected as evidence from the offenders, either on their computers or on DVDs. Several offenders had taken pictures or videos of them abusing their victims, though it was not clear if this was also considered an offence in and of itself in the media reporting.

Profile of victims of child sexual abuse

Even though the information is sometimes missing or imprecise in some articles, an attempt has been made to analyse the age and sex ratio of victims of child abuse between October 2011 and May 2014. The articles found online provide enough information to give an insight into the basic profile of the victims.

Out of 359 children victimised, 241 (67%) were girls and 118 (31%) were boys. It is interesting to note that the sex ratio is different in the four countries analysed, varying from 47% girls in Vietnam, to 69% in Cambodia and 75% in Thailand. There is no reason to suspect that boys are less sexually abused in Cambodia and Thailand than in Vietnam, therefore the difference in ratio is likely due to the underreporting of abuse against boys in Cambodia and Thailand. It is possible that parents and carers do not identify most cases of boy abuse, as demonstrated in another Project Childhood Prevention Pillar study⁷, and that they are unaware that boys can be sexually abused. Another possibility is that in cases of rape of girls, the loss of virginity is considered by the family of the victim, who decide to press charges and get compensated for the 'loss of value' of their daughter. In the case of boys, the shame of reporting their son a victim of rape to the authorities, and the possible stigma of being labelled as gay by their own community, may overcome the will to press charges and seek financial compensation.

⁷ [Sex, Abuse and Childhood. A study about knowledge, attitudes and practices relating to child sexual abuse, including in travel and tourism, in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam.](#) World Vision Australia, 2014.

Table 5: Gender of victims of abuse (Oct 2011 - May 2014)

Country	Girls	Boys	Total	% Girls
Cambodia	125	57	182	69%
Lao PDR	1		1	-
Thailand	79	26	105	75%
Vietnam	25	28	53	47%
Total	241	118	359	67%

The age of children at the time of abuse varied between 1–17 years (Figure 5). Girls as young as 1–4 years old were reported to have been victims to sexual abuse, while there was no report of boys under the age of 5 being abused, which might be partly due to underreporting as described earlier. A majority of the boys abused were between 12–15 years old, while girls between 4–7 and between 10–17 were most commonly reported to be targeted by offenders.

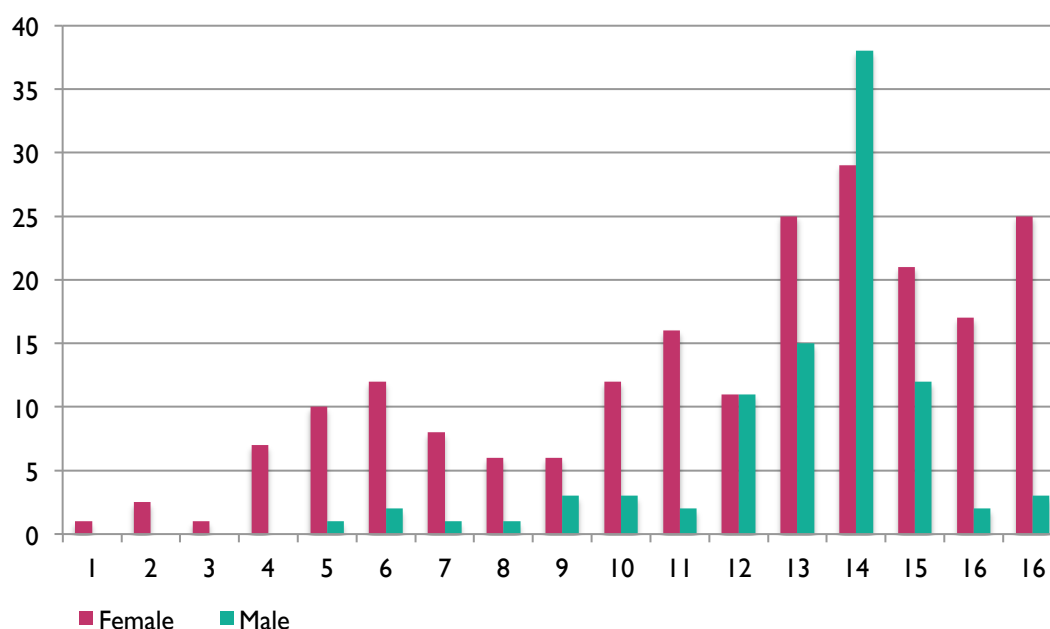


Figure 5: Age of the victims of child abuse (Oct 2011 - May 2014)

Legal process

Most of the articles used to produce this report were written within days of the arrest of the abuser. Some follow-up articles were sometimes available, almost exclusively in the case of foreign offenders or high profile rape-murders, giving an update on the case, particularly of court case judgements. The following table (Table 6) indicates the last known legal status of the alleged offender.

For convicted offenders, the length of the sentence varies between imprisonment for 1 year (in Cambodia) and the death penalty (in Vietnam). The sentences are however quite different from country to country (Table 7). In Cambodia, offenders were sentenced to between 1–7 years imprisonment for sexual abuse, rape or purchasing child prostitution, though some were released earlier for good behaviour, through royal pardon, or possibly by paying their way out of jail.

Table 6: Last known legal status of the offender (Oct 2011-May 2014)

Last known status	Total	Last known status	Total
Arrested	100	Sentenced, suspended	1
Charged	52	Acquitted	2
Sentenced to jail	20	Deported	2
Investigated	6	Extradited	1
On trial	4	Charged in AU	1
On the run	9	Charged in USA	1
Fined	1	Committed suicide	1

In Vietnam, the sentences were much more severe, with a minimum of 3 years imprisonment for child sexual abuse. Some offenders received 16 and 20 years or a life sentence behind bars for the rape of a child, and even a double sentence to death for a man convicted of rape-murder. In Thailand, only 1 article stated a sentence, which was a life sentence for a man who raped at least 9 girls and murdered 4 of them afterwards.

Table 7: Jail sentences for offenders (Oct 2011-May 2014)

Jail sentence	Cambodia	Vietnam	Thailand	Total
1 year	1			1
2 years	3			3
3 years	1	3		4
7 years	7			7
16 years		1		1
20 years		1		1
Life sentence		2	1	3
2 x death sentence		1		1
Total	12	8	1	21

In addition to jail sentences, offenders were often required to pay financial compensation to the family of the victim(s) or a fine, with amounts varying between USD 72 – 9,600. In Cambodia, the amount varied between USD 200 per victim of sexual abuse to USD 3,000. In Vietnam, with the exception of a bizarre case where the offender had to pay a fine of USD 72 because of a loophole in the law on rape (detailed below), financial compensation to the varied between USD 1,250 – 9,600 per victim. In another unusual case in Vietnam, a 57-year-old offender was jailed for 20 years and forced to pay an undisclosed compensation to a 12-year-old victim of rape, and to pay child support for the baby conceived through the abuse until she turns 18.

Table 8: Financial compensation for victims (Oct 2011-May 2014)

Financial compensation (USD)	Cambodia	Vietnam	Total
72 fine		1	1
200/victim	1		1
500/victim	1		1
1000/victim	2		2
1250/victim	2	1	3
2500/victim	3		3
2500/victim + 1000 fine	1		1
3000/victim	1		1
9600/victim		1	1
Undisclosed + child support for 6 years		1	1
Total	11	4	15

In one bizarre case in Vietnam in 2013, a loophole in the child protection law allowed a suspect to avoid a jail sentence for statutory rape. A Vietnamese Australian, 28, was arrested in August 2013 for having sex with a local girl under the age of 16 in a hotel in Can Tho City, Vietnam. The suspect was held in custody after admitting having sex with the girl three times. While carrying out investigations into the case, the police realised that the suspect was not a man but a woman who had had undergone partial sex-change surgery, leaving her genital parts unchanged. The transgender suspect had used a silicon sex toy to have sex with the underage girl. As no one considered the possibility that a woman could have sex with a girl, the suspect was only fined USD 72 and released.

At least 14 offenders (8 Westerners, 4 Thai nationals and 2 Cambodian nationals) who abused children between October 2011 and May 2014 had been previously convicted for child sexual abuse in their home country (including 2 in the United Kingdom, 2 in the Netherlands, 1 in France, 1 in the United States and 1 in Russia). Some of these Westerners moved to Southeast Asia to avoid jail, while others started a new life far from home after spending years in jail in their country of origin.

In August 2013, a 71-year-old French pedophile was sentenced in Cambodia to seven years in jail for purchasing child prostitution in 2012 and had to pay USD 1,250 to each of his three 12-year-old male victims. The offender had a very long history of arrests for sex crimes, starting in France in 1979 and spreading to Thailand in 1980, 1981 and 1999. He then moved to Cambodia where he was arrested in 2004, 2008 and finally in 2012.

Cambodia Daily, 1 May 2014

While it remains an unusual outcome in the region, some foreign offenders have been deported, extradited and charged in their home country for child sexual abuse committed in Southeast Asia. These cases are rare but worth detailing to illustrate existing international efforts to fight child sexual abuse and the obvious opportunity to prevent child abuse by managing and monitoring offenders.

In late June 2012 a Russian national living in Cambodia was deported on an order from the Cambodian Ministry of Interior calling for his expulsion from Cambodia.⁸ The offender was arrested on 4 June 2012, less than 6 months after he received a royal pardon and was released from jail, where he served just 4 years in prison for abusing 15 underage Cambodian girls in the coastal town of Sihanoukville. Upon his arrival in Moscow airport, he was arrested by Russian authorities for committing violent rape in 2004 of two 11-year-old girls and a 10-year-old girl.

In August 2012 a convicted pedophile ordered to leave Cambodia was re-arrested in the country in May 2013 and deported to his home country of Australia.⁹ The 39-year-old Korean-Australian, had been arrested in February 2012 and convicted in August 2012 for sexually assaulting 2 girls, aged 6 and 10. He was given a 3 year suspended sentence and ordered to leave the country. Police believe that after he was ordered to leave Cambodia, he went to Thailand but was able to illegally re-enter Cambodia near Poipet and had been hiding in Siem Reap for months.

In March 2014, a British citizen was deported to the United Kingdom and sent back to prison for abusing children in his home country.¹⁰ The 48-year-old was wanted in the UK for child abuse but was deported from Cambodia for being an illegal immigrant. He had been jailed in the UK in 2004 for 3 years, but skipped bail in 2006 and fled to Cambodia, where he was arrested in 2007 for abusing 2 boys, though charges were dropped after the boys reversed their statements. He remained in Cambodia and worked as an English teacher until he was arrested in 2011 and subsequently jailed for 2 years for abusing 5

⁸ 'Serial Pedophile Arrested in Russia', Cambodia Daily, 28 June 2012.

⁹ 'Convicted pedophile is arrested once again', Phnom Penh Post, 6 May 2013.

¹⁰ 'UK Pedophile Deported After Abusing Boys', Cambodia Daily, 4 March 2014.

boys aged 11–15. The court ordered that he be deported but in November 2013, the Appeal Court reversed the decision due to the offender reportedly having a Cambodian wife. Immigration police detained him in January 2014 at Phnom Penh International Airport as he was attempting to leave the country, and he was deported to England 2 months later.

In August 2013, a 43-year-old Cambodian-American was arrested in the United States and charged for travelling 12 times to Cambodia between 2009 and 2013 to sexually abuse girls aged between 13–14.¹¹ He was arrested by the FBI in August 2013 after he proposed to an undercover investigator to travel to Cambodia with him and provide him with Vietnamese girls as young as 12 or 13 years old.

In April 2013, a 45-year-old Australian man was charged with ‘child sex tourism’ offences in his home country after allegedly arranging for his 13-year-old son to visit an underage prostitute while on holiday in Thailand.¹² The two offences took place in Koh Samui, Thailand, in September 2012, and carry maximum penalties of 20 years in jail. One charge alleges that he caused a child under the age of 16, his son, to engage in sexual intercourse outside Australia, and the other that he procured a child to engage in sexual activity outside his place of residence. It was the first time that laws to stop Australian sex offenders from harming foreign children have been used in such a way in Australia.

Conclusion

Despite its limitations and limited scope, media monitoring confirms the program’s current knowledge on child sexual abuse in Southeast Asia. It is an easily implemented way to gather data on existing cases and it can yield enlightening results on the profile of the offenders, of the victims and the crimes themselves, which can, in turn, be used to inform child protection efforts against sexual abuse. News articles raise awareness of the population and allow researchers to better understand the situation with recent cases. The information collected through media monitoring could prove particularly useful to update the training curriculum¹³ with the latest techniques used by abusers to access children and provide figures for trainers to answer the questions of the participants.

¹¹ ‘Anchorage hostel owner charged with planning trips for child sex abuse’, Anchorage Daily News, 15 Aug 2013.

¹² ‘Australian faces child sex tourism charges’, Bangkok Post, 4 April 2014.

¹³ Educational materials produced by Project Childhood Prevention Pillar on ‘Keeping children safe from sexual abuse’. <http://www.childsafetourism.org/resources/>

Annex: Media articles

The articles used for this analysis are listed below.

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19/10/2011	Cambodia	http://www.cambodiadaily.com/archives/man-charged-with-rape-of-12-year-old-in-k-cham-38975/
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30/08/2012	Cambodia	http://www.cambodiadaily.com/archives/dutch-pedophile-acquitted-because-of-lack-of-evidence-6797/
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20/08/2013	Cambodia	http://www.aplecambodia.org/media-center/aple-in-the-news/104-20-august-cambodian-american-arrested-on-child-sex-charges-in-fbi-undercover-operation.html
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