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WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION - THAILAND

VIDEO

BOATS ARRIVING AND LEAVING
BURMA DOCK

WATERWAY BETWEEN BURMA
AND THAILAND

FISH MARKET IN THAI PORT

LARGE CONTAINERS OF FISH

SEVERAL FISH MARKET
WORKERS

AUDIO

NARRATION

Every year millions of women are crossing borders sending hundreds of millions of dollars in remittances back to their homes and communities. (7.5")

This is the waterway dividing Myanmar from Thailand, a distance of only a few kilometers. (5")

Close to half of Burmese migrants to Thailand are women. For them and millions of other women, migration is an empowering experience. (8.5")

Most Burmese come here to work in the fish industry. Men work on fishing boats, while women work in the fish markets. (7.5")

Here in the center is Li Ki, a Burmese migrant. She is 21 years old and works as a buyer in the fish market. Her husband is a fisherman. They have one child. (10.5")

LI KI ON-CAMERA

Li Ki: (In Burmese)

“I save money to send back home and to support my family.”

YOUNG BURMESE SEX WORKERS

NARRATION

Unlike Li Ki, Sable, seated in the center, was not so lucky. (4”)

SABLE ON-CAMERA

SABLE: (In Burmese)

“As soon as I arrived here, at 18, I began working as a service girl. 6 months later I got married.” (7.5”)

SABLE WITH HER YOUNG DAUGHTER

NARRATION

Now she is widowed, with a daughter, and is HIV positive.

SABLE IN VAN, WITH HER DAUGHTER, AND WITH SEVERAL YOUNG BURMESE SEX WORKERS

Motivated by the high incidence of HIV / AIDS among Burmese sex workers in Thailand - more than 1 in 5 - she is spreading awareness of HIV/AIDS. (13”)

SABLE ON-CAMERA

SABLE: (In Burmese)

“Now I work at World Vision, I visit patients at home, former sex workers. I take care of women suffering from AIDS.” (6.5”)

SABLE WITH HER YOUNG DAUGHTER

NARRATION

Sable intends to send her 2-year-old daughter to her parents in Myanmar to get an education, while she remains in Thailand to work. (7.5”)

UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THORAYA OBAID, ON-CAMERA

THORAYA OBAID: (In English)
“We know from our data that women migrate because the foremost need is to support their families and to send remittances back to support their families and invest in education and of course employment or income for the family.” (16”)

WOMEN BOARDING
PASSENGER TRUCK

NARRATION
Today, women constitute almost half of all international migrants worldwide—95 million or 49.6 per cent.

FEMALE FISH BUYERS
WORKING IN FISH MARKET

In 2005, roughly half of the world’s 12.7 million refugees were women. For origin and receiving countries, the contribution of women migrants can quite literally transform quality of life concludes this year’s State of World Population Report released by UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund. (29”)

FEMALE WORKERS IN FISH
MARKET

This report was prepared by the United Nations. (4”)