

Human Trafficking Risks and Energy Poverty

An Observation in Greater Mekong sub-region (GMS)

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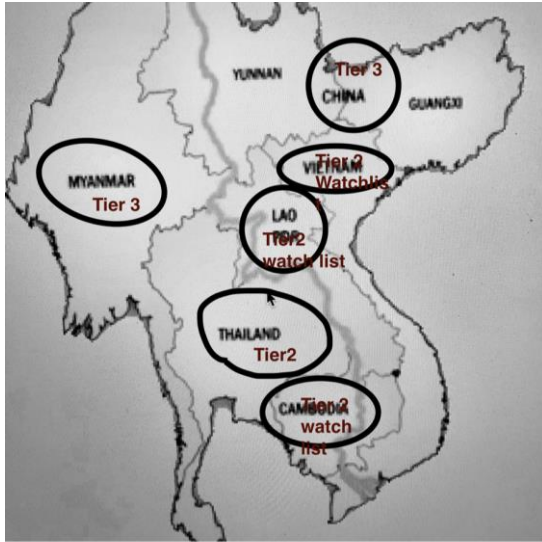
Human Trafficking

- *\$150 billion profit a year*
- *\$99 billion from commercial sexual exploitation.*
- *GMS = hotspot of Human trafficking*
- *71% victims are women and girls.*



Women and girls count majority of HT victims





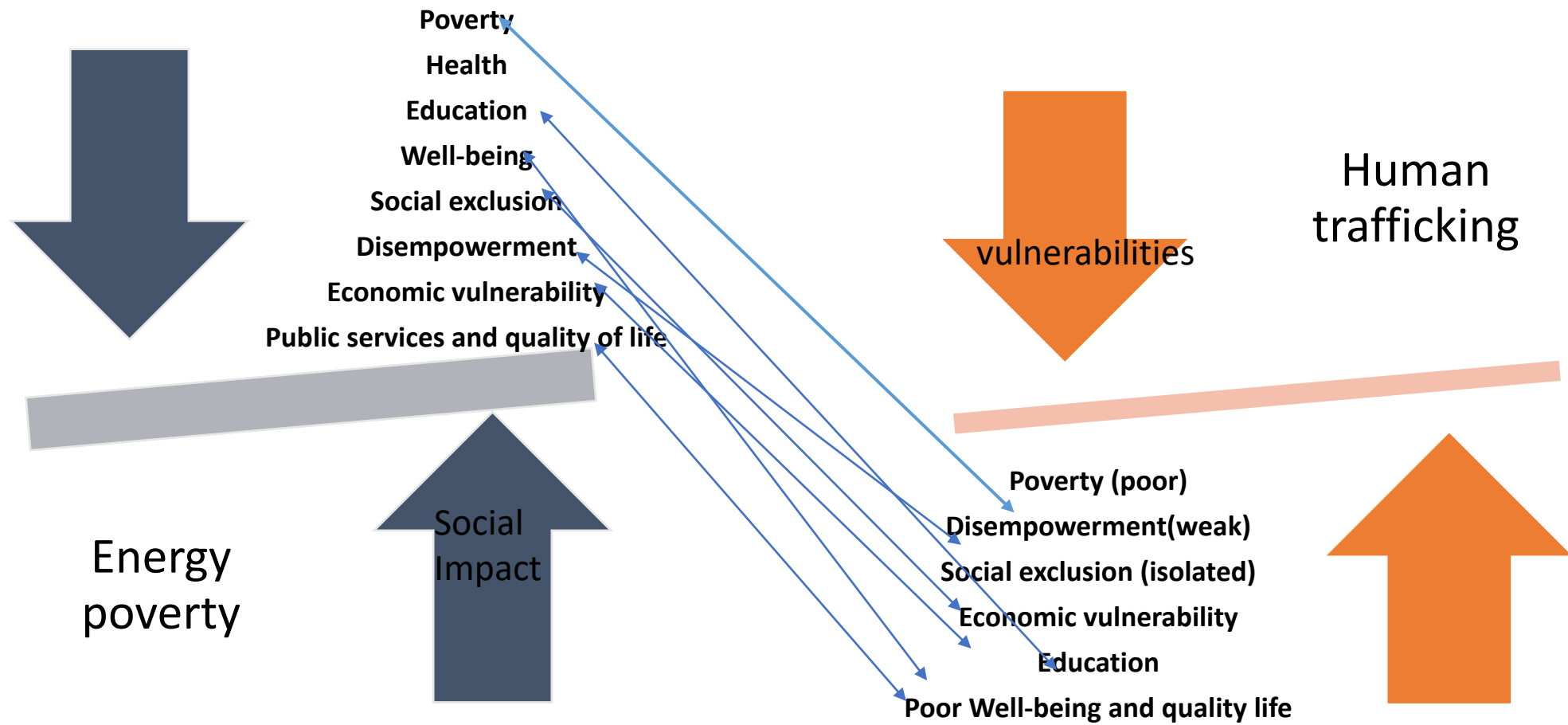
GMS countries with challenging Human Trafficking issues

Geographic link of Human Trafficking and Energy Poverty in the GMS

- China, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Cambodia and Vietnam are ranked by U.S State Department and UN as countries with great HT challenges
- **Cambodia** has only about 50% **electricity** access nationwide (World Bank (2018)). Due to high tariff and connection cost, a much higher percentage of the households are not be able to afford to be connected to the grid -**ASEAN Post 2018**
- A significant number of households in **Laos** still do not have access to electricity and cannot afford to meet both necessity and energy consumption - **Energy Policy 2019**



GMS countries with serious energy poverty issues



Social Links of Human trafficking and Energy Poverty




Power to empower

Power to Poor

Electricity Transforms Women's Lives: Ms. Phan's story

Women's empowerment and inclusion through providing loan to increase affordability of the women-headed households in *Lao PDR*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-DY3T_1RPI

A photograph of a high-voltage power line tower in the foreground, with several power lines stretching across the frame. In the background, there are rolling hills under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on this image.

To meet the power sector's investment needs,
private sector engagement is crucial.

REDP facilitates participation of
private companies and commercial banks
to develop **small renewable plants**.

Power to empower

Vietnam Renewable Energy
Development Project

Empower and include women
through intra-household
survey to address women's
needs and concerns.

Way forward



In remote HT source areas of GMS, construction of state grid may be costly for some countries. Renewable rural electrification is a workable option. Micro-hydro/solar farm/village grid/solar panel?



Energy Projects consider the affordability of the affected households when look for the renewable and clean energy options.



Energy Projects analyze vulnerabilities of human trafficking in the Poverty and Social analysis, support awareness efforts, and pay special attention to labor influx and GBV impacts

Thank you



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