

The Importance of research in dealing with trafficking in children

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Abstrak

While there are so many policies and programs launched with the aim to deal with the problems of child trafficking in Indonesia

and elsewhere in Southeast Asian countries, there is still little evidence on the effectiveness of the programs. This reflects a lack of knowledge and accurate data on the phenomenon in order to formulate an effective policy and program. There is a tendency that many implementing agencies are busy with running programs or projects on child trafficking suggested by donors and leaving a little room to question the broader context of the phenomenon or the relevance of the program with the existing local situation. Therefore, there is a need to build research and analytical skills within organizations dealing with programs on child trafficking to enable themselves to analyze critically the problems of related programs/projects offered. A systematic knowledge derived from research will provide a strong data as the basis of any action taken. It will provide a more detailed and comprehensive understanding on the magnitude and the nature of the problem and related will increase the effectiveness of the program. There are various ways to build research skills among others recruiting staffs' with research knowledge/research experience that will be in charge in the research division, conducting research training for the existing staffs or providing internship in a research organization.