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Sex Trade in The Philippines

Country:	Philippines
Source of Funding:	Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Saint Mary's University and partner institutions
Project Number:	098/S4074-267
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CIDA Contributions:	\$748,200
Sectors:	Gender equality, judicial/police training, human resource development
Start/End Dates:	October 1999 - September 2004
Duration:	5 years
Description:	<p>This project took an innovative approach to dealing with the burgeoning sex trade industry in Asia by developing a focused pilot initiative in Angeles City that brings together Asian and Canadian partners with common interests and broad based links in the region. The project directed human resource development and gender sensitivity training, focusing on prostitution, at four levels: the judiciary, the police, the community, and the sex trade workers themselves in Angeles City. It built on the concept of "government organization - non governmental organization" (GO-NGO) linkages and is at the forefront of creating dialogue among the Philippine partners as well as between the Philippine partners and their Canadian counterparts. The educative component of the project, reaching from judges to prostituted women, affected the manner in which prostituted women are perceived and treated by several different groups with whom they come into contact.</p>
Partner Institutions:	Mount Saint Vincent University Soroptimist International of Angeles City WEDPRO Supreme Court of the Philippines Philippine National Police of Angeles City Angeles University Foundation

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