



# Apprise: proactive and consistent screening of vulnerable populations

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# Evaluation

- Using in the field since March 2018
- Ongoing evaluation with NGOs in Thailand
  - At port / at sea: Samut Sakho, Chonburi, Rayong, Songklha
  - Processing and manufacturing: Samut Sakhon
  - *Sexual exploitation: Pattaya, Bangkok, Chiang Mai*
  - *Forced begging: Bangkok*
- 1387 recorded sessions \*



# Ease of use: workers

- Able to understand purpose of interviews
- Able to identify language from flag
- No pressure to respond quickly
- Able to listen to and repeat questions multiple times
- Control of the interview situation



# Ease of use: frontline responders



- Appreciate ability to interview multiple workers at the same time, whilst maintaining privacy
- Vulnerability rating
- Privacy of screening responses



# Communication

*I am from Myanmar. I can speak Burmese, Thai and Mon. However, I sometimes meet people from other parts of a country who spoke other languages like Tai Yai and Akha. I use the app in my phone to interview them if I think they might need help. If it shows that they are highly vulnerable, I immediately refer them to the case management team.*

Volunteer, Samat Sakhon



# Privacy

*I don't like telling my story repeatedly to others. I know that it is important to talk to them but it is bitter to talk about things I wish to forget. Sometimes a face-to-face conversation is much harder than I expected. My privacy is protected when the interview is done without others knowing my answer.*

Cambodian fisher



# Moving forward

- Sentinel surveillance
  - Useful when high quality data is required
  - Centrally coordinated system with anonymous testing in sentinel sites for diseases where the disease is stigmatized, or there are negative consequences for patients to be associated with the disease.
  - Involves a limited number of carefully selected reporting sites
  - Used to identify trends, and monitor for outbreaks in a community
  - Involves a core function of 'action', which consists of three components: control / response, policy, and feedback
- Sentinel surveillance and labor exploitation?