The Critical Value of Training
The Somaly Mam Foundation (SMF) has partnered with the United Nations Inter-Agency on Human Trafficking (UNIAP) to train Cambodian law enforcement and government officials on laws and issues related to sexual trafficking and forced labor in Cambodia. The training focuses on the importance of the Rule of Law in the eradication of human trafficking, as well as law enforcement's place on the frontlines of the human trafficking struggle.

Police training is critically important to ending human trafficking. Law enforcement must be able to recognize human trafficking situations, follow through with the necessary steps to detain and prosecute human traffickers, and ensure that victims' needs are being met.

The SMF-UNIAP training addresses each of these areas by:
- Increasing participants' understanding of Cambodian anti-trafficking laws, and the need for compliance with the Rule of Law;
- Establishing greater awareness of the underlying issues and impact of trafficking; and
- Learning about the specific needs that victims have.

Survivors of human trafficking play a major role in the SMF-UNIAP officer training program. They assist in planning and content development, lead training sessions, and participate in the monitoring and evaluation process after the training is complete. Survivor participation is an important element of the training process, not only because it gives a human face to the crime of trafficking, but also because it gives them a voice in identifying and addressing gaps in procedures and survivor services.

SMF has found that public-private partnerships, between NGOs, government, and corporations, are extremely effective, whether on a local, national, or global scale, and the UNIAP partnership demonstrates this.

Officers in the U.S. Taking the Lead
The Carolinas Institute of Community Policing and South Carolina Sheriff’s Association sponsor regular trainings on human trafficking conducted by police officers for law enforcement, social services employees, and other victim services providers. The objectives of the training are:
- Orient Law Enforcement and Others to the Issue of Human Trafficking.
- Increase Law Enforcement Awareness of:
  - Victim Identification and Rescue Issues;
  - Investigation and Prosecution Considerations; and
- Promote the Need for a Coordinated Community Response.

Survivors Depend on You!
In the United States, understanding and addressing the special needs of minors engaged in prostitution must be a critical component of any officer anti-trafficking training program. Many jurisdictions continue to treat minors engaged in commercial sex acts as criminals. By law, and in reality, they are victims of sex trafficking and must be treated accordingly.

DOJ Training Materials for Law Enforcement
Make training and ongoing professional education a regular part of your department’s anti-trafficking efforts. Request that courses on human trafficking be included in your professional curriculum, and as part of your continuing education programs.