
Journey After MIIS (Cont'd.)

I am also the co-founder of Centrality Consulting LLC. We specialize in analytic support for policy and program evaluation. Centrality's past projects include evaluations of USAID-funded food security programs as well as projects with the City of Salinas and the Monterey County Office of Education.

Finally, in May, I will be beginning a new position with STEELE CIS, a business advisory and risk management firm, as the sales-operations manager.

My Conflict Resolution Lens

by Audrey Metcalf

My work focuses on migrant protection and assistance, specifically as it pertains to counter-trafficking, post-arrival reintegration assistance and return assistance for migrants. My primary role involves reviewing, editing and providing technical inputs for concept papers, proposals, donor reports and other documents referred from country missions for projects that address these areas. Concurrently I am working on a report including regional data collection and summaries of projects overseen by the Unit, including key achievements, challenges, proposed solutions and trends. At the IOM X ASEAN Youth Forum I utilized social media to raise awareness of human trafficking and exploitation issues in support of the initiative to Learn, Act, Share.



In these capacities I am working to utilize the skills I developed at MIIS and provide strategic guidance and advice to encourage sustainable operational support and training to governments and non-governmental actors. This includes employing my training in conflict resolution and understanding of conflict theories in the application of proposal reviews for counter trafficking projects: such as understanding how conflict contributes to the instability of already vulnerable persons making them even more at risk to becoming a victim of trafficking. It is interesting to analyze the approach each country in the region is choosing to take toward counter trafficking initiatives in their specific context and through the lens of what they identify as the issue and the correct approach, which is often culturally shaped. It is exciting to see governments giving attention to an issue that I am passionate about and in my very small way be able to provide feedback on a proposal that may one day influence positive change for irregular migrants and victims of trafficking.

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