

INCREASED VISIBILITY WITH COMMUNITY VOICES HEARD LOUD & CLEAR

PRESS CONFERENCE

MANUSHYA CLARIFIES
MISINFORMATION

26,759

People Reached

12,369

Views

766

Engagements

COMMUNITIES VOICE
OUT THEIR CONCERNS

21,468

People Reached

11,462

Views

325

Engagements



THAI BHR NETWORK DELIVERS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

28,009

People Reached

16,316

Views

437

Engagements



Figures are as of November 9, 2018



The Facebook Live video coverage of the Press Conference and Reading of the Official Statement received great visibility, contributing to Thai people's increased awareness of Thailand's National Action Plan on Business & Human Rights.



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"CHECK & BALANCE" AND TRUTH-TELLING

#Thai Government: "Hello, International Community! **OUR STRATEGY** for the NAP Process on BHR includes meaningful community engagement."

#RealityCheck --- Local Communities

"Our voices have been ignored!!"



While the Thai government has enumerated its accomplishments in its NAP process on BHR at the international arena, the Thai BHR Network clarified that this was not the case and provided credible information about the government's lack of meaningful community engagement.

The press conference and official statement also provided realities of the Thai NAP process, by which the Thai government co-opted Manushya's BHR strategy to claim it has meaningfully engaged with affected communities at several UN and AICHR forums including the UN Forum on BHR in Geneva in November 2017.

INCREASED AWARENESS OF THE REAL SITUATION

THE NATION

Thailand Portal



Activists 'Ignored in the drafting of rights plan

national August 24, 2018 01:00
By THE NATION
5,174 Views

THE GOVERNMENT is being urged to include all stakeholders and every group affected by human rights violations by the business sector, as it works on a National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights.

Human rights defenders and local activists from across the country revealed at a press conference hosted by Manushya Foundation in Bangkok yesterday that their voices had been left out of the first draft of the plan.



Business & Human Rights
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Article

Thai Business & Human Rights Network demands effective consultations in NAP process

2 September 2018

Author: Thai Business & Human Rights Network

"Thailand: Call on the Government to be sincere and transparent in the drafting process of the National Action Plan on Business & Human Rights: With respect to process and content," 23 August 2018

We, the Thai Business and Human Rights Network, express our serious concern about the lack of sincerity and transparency displayed by the Thai authorities in the drafting process of the National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights...

...[T]wo successive NAP drafts from the government ignored affected communities, disregarded their key areas of concern, and simply reproduced recommendations claiming they were actions that would aid in the realization of human rights...

We thus call on the Thai government particularly the Ministry of Justice, which is leading the NAP drafting process, to take the following steps in order to guarantee full and effective participation in the process and the drafting of a credible NAP:

- Ensure information of consultations, particularly the drafts of the NAP, are circulated widely and well in advance so that the concerned communities and civil society groups can provide comments and meaningfully participate in the drafting process.
- Include representation of the concerned communities and civil society

NATIONAL LEVEL

Through the national news coverages by The Nation, Bangkok Post, Prachatai, and Thai PBS of the Press Conference and TBHRN's Official Statement emphasizing the need for local communities recommendations on the NAP to be heard, the truth about the situation on the Thai NAP process was widely spread across Thailand, influencing discussions and receiving support and involvement from local communities.

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Coverage by BHRRC and DIHR websites, which are recognised and respected key expert resources for BHR and visited by experts, researchers, CSOs, UN agencies, development agencies, contributed to the increased international awareness of the real situation of the NAP on BHR process in Thailand.



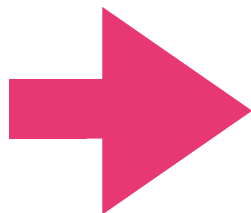
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INFLUENCED A NON-RUSHED NAP PROCESS & CONTENT

The Thai BHR Network's Official Statement made the following recommendations:

- **Not to rush the finalisation of the NAP on BHR**
- Conduct additional regional CSO consultations at provincial levels
- Make the Draft NAP available online for public comments
- Sincerity and transparency of the composition of the NAP Committee

The Network also launched the [Business & Human Rights Briefers](#), which summarise their voices and input throughout [Manushya's BHR Strategy](#).



The Thai Government's response to the Press Conference and TBHRN's Official Statement demonstrated the effectiveness of the push-back by a powerful CSO Coalition calling on the government's transparency & sincerity.

On 26 Aug 2018, MoJ RLPD released a [press statement](#) addressing CSO concerns on 3rd Draft NAP:

- RLPD is still consulting with relevant stakeholders (gov agencies and business) to complete the NAP
- 4th Draft NAP will be open for public comments via RLPD website only

On 24 Sep 2018, MoJ RLPD released [updated statement](#) clarifying:

- RLPD will not submit the 3rd Draft NAP to Cabinet's approval by 30 Sep.
- RLPD will conduct 4 thematic consultations with gov agencies and businesses before making Final Draft NAP available for public comments in Dec 2018 & submitting to Cabinet in Jan 2019.

Our Win:

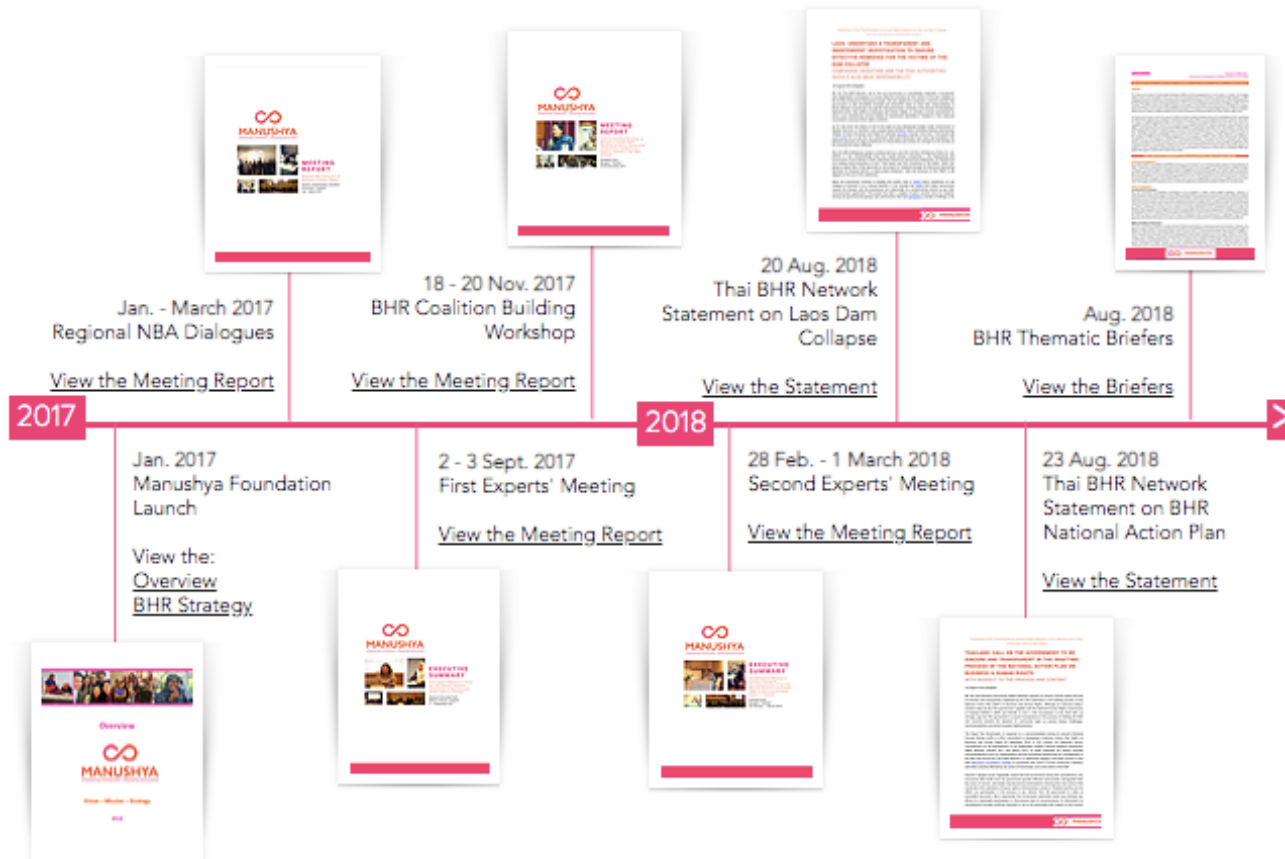
- The government followed our Four Priority Areas for the framing of the NAP on BHR;
- The government did not rush the NAP process and did not submit the final draft NAP for the Cabinet's approval by 30 September 2018. RLPD is currently further consulting government agencies and private actors to finalise the NAP.
- The Fourth Draft NAP shall be available online for public comments in December 2018 and will be submitted to the Cabinet by January 2019

Our Remaining Calls for Action:

1. We call on government to meaningfully consult affected communities in December 2018 or January 2019, prior to submitting the NAP to the Cabinet. The government still needs to consult rural and marginalised communities at the regional level to receive their input on the final version of the NAP, taking into account the lack of internet access for rural communities, as well as the need to financially support their participation.
2. We also maintain our strong call to have transparency in the composition of the NAP Committee with inclusion of concerned communities and civil society groups.



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