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### For Freedom International & PACT Join Forces To Educate Thousands of Thailand Students

**Phuket, Thailand** - "I'm pleased to announce that For Freedom International (FFI) and Partners Against Child Trafficking, (PACT) have joined forces today to educate over 15,000 Thailand students on how to Detect, Defend and Disrupt would be predators throughout Thailand starting in February 2022" stated Mattias Bjorqvist, Operations Director of For Freedom International. "Starting in February 2022, the first 15,000 students in Thailand will learn how to protect themselves and their fellow students from trafficking," Bjorqvist continued.

"Human trafficking is one of the most lucrative criminal enterprises in the world and within these heinous operations, child sex trafficking is one of the vilest acts. Across the globe, children are exploited, having been taken by traffickers who are eager to make a profit at the expense of their victims' freedom. We are honored to be a partner with FFI to take an active stance in preventing child sex trafficking in Southeast Asia. PACT's student training program will be offered in both English or Thai for students and also tied to the Thai culture", Rick Naylor, CEO and Founder of PACT, stated. "PACT training programs are based on three essential ingredients: student to student, relevant information, and culture driven" explained Rick Naylor, CEO & Founder of PACT.

"FFI exists to break chains of oppression, so that people have an opportunity to encounter Christ, live in freedom, and change the world. We believe that by partnering with PACT we will be able accomplish this goal and together contribute to a major force in stopping trafficking in Thailand." This educational program will be an addition to FFI programming as a prevention measure and a part of their holistic approach to prevent trafficking in Thailand. This is a foundational component in increasing awareness amongst school-aged children in Thailand and will include both international and Thai schools.

"The most crucial step in preventing child sex trafficking is to inform students and empower them by teaching warning signs, risk factors, and safe actions to take in a potential trafficking situation. Not only does our student training teach this and more, but it is built on students equipping students in a peer-to-peer model that increases receptivity and builds a safe community. By introducing this training program in Thailand, we will be able to give students the ability to keep themselves protected and empowered in the midst of a dangerous world", Naylor went on to say.

As this global project is a major undertaking for both non-profits, donations and funding are still needed to implement this critical training. If you or your company are interested in financially supporting this project, please go to [www.pact.city/campaigns](http://www.pact.city/campaigns). Let's end child sex trafficking together!

## ABOUT:

**PACT** is a leading authority and advocacy organization that trains our youth on a peer-to-peer basis to detect, defend, and disrupt against the demand in child trafficking. PACT is recognized for its multilingual, culture driven, and interactive educational platform. The Rotary Club to End Human Trafficking (RCEHT) an international club is the education partner to PACT. PACT is a 501(c)3 under EIN #47-4236781.

**For Freedom International** recognizes that exploitation is a multidimensional issue, so we employ a multifaceted approach to combat the problem of oppression. Through programs that address prevention, intervention, and restoration from trafficking of women and children in Phuket and Southern Thailand, we are seeing people able to live in freedom and empowered to grow. For Freedom International (FFI) does not discriminate on any basis of sexual orientation or faith belief, and we are privileged to provide services to the families, children, and constituents we exist to serve. FFI is a registered foundation in Thailand and a 501(c)3 organization under EIN #81-1292140.

