

CATEGORY: Grooming	Case Study # 19
TITLE: External Partner Misconduct	DATE: 2-20-2020
SUB-TITLE: suspicion of grooming, inappropriate supervision	
LOCATION: Asia	
<p>Highly regarded speaker and founder of a non-profit supporting street children invited to school MUN events and service learning conferences for international schools in the region. In schools he was unsupervised or supervised by a student.</p> <p>He was commonly hailed as a 'hero' and entertained by school leadership including Board members and local dignitaries, including the US Ambassador in at least one instance. On some trips he traveled with a young person 'rescued' by his charity, and this young man was likewise hosted by local dignitaries. He openly recruited international school students, primarily boys, to work at his charity during the summer. He took the personal contact information of students and provided his to facilitate this charity work.</p> <p>Allegations arose related to his charity work. International schools were warned that a criminal investigation by local and international law enforcement into sexual misconduct with children was being launched.</p> <p>Upon his return from a speaking engagement at an international school, he was arrested in his home country and a raid on his residence uncovered nude, sexual images of young boys. Associates claimed these could have been left behind by a visitor as his home was listed on AirBnB. The offender called them "pictures of poverty-stricken children and nothing sexually exploitative."</p> <p>He frequently paid school fees of local children, gave gifts to local children, asked a school to repeal a rule banning students from staying overnight with teachers, and hosted children from his charity and local contacts overnight or on trips. He prominently displayed memorabilia from interactions with VIPs.</p> <p>Evidence was provided in court of his associates intimidating and encouraging recanted allegations by his accusers, aged 12 and 14 . They had been promised a better life abroad if they kept quiet.</p> <p>While he maintained his innocence, the local court issued a conviction and rejected a subsequent appeal. This individual is serving 7 years for sexual offenses against children spanning years, including rape. "He is the opposite of a hero," said one international aid worker.</p>	
<p>QUESTIONS-COMMENTS-CAVEATS: See the 30 Guiding Questions</p>	