

An aerial photograph of a rocky coastline. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a lighter, sandy beach area. The rocks are large and reddish-brown, with some smaller stones scattered along the shore. The overall scene is serene and natural.

GVI HUMAN RIGHTS VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PROJECT BRIEF

Your project will be to conduct research on the issues of statelessness around the world and find case studies demonstrating successes in communities who have been granted an identity. You will then make suggestions to our in-country* partner on ways in which they can support the Moken community to gain access to the rights that an official identity would bring.

*In order to protect the vulnerable communities that this organisation works with, we will refer to them in this document as our “in-country partner”.

About your project

Statelessness can be caused by a number of factors such as discrimination in nationality laws (e.g. racial, religious or gender), a conflict between and gaps in nationality laws and State succession. Without any nationality, stateless persons often don't have the basic rights that citizens enjoy. Statelessness affects socioeconomic rights such as education, employment, social welfare, housing, healthcare as well as civil and political rights including freedom of movement, freedom from arbitrary detention and political participation.

At present that people in the Moken community are facing deepening poverty, marginalization, and discrimination. Most are stateless, making them more vulnerable to human rights abuses and depriving them of access to other rights, including the medical care, education, and employment opportunities that Thai nationals are entitled to. Your research and recommendations will help our in-country partner support the Moken community to gain an identity and end the issue of statelessness.

Deliverables

Your project will be to create two different types of tools that review the sharing of knowledge and findings. You will:

- find case studies that demonstrate successes of stateless people being granted an identity and access to their human rights.
- produce a detailed document outlining these successes, and how they were achieved.
- make recommendations to our in-country partner, giving specific details of how they could support the Moken people in gaining access to their own official identity.



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Reflections deliverable:

As you work through this exercise, make sure to take note of the parts of this task that you enjoy and the parts you might not, so you can talk this through in your marine project review later in your program.

What does success look like?

By the end of this project, we hope you:

- will provide our in-country partner with plans, strategies and initiatives that will assist their operations.
- understand the issues that the Moken people face in Thailand.
- understand how the Moken, Burmese and Thai communities can work together.
- are able to communicate your thoughts/findings and the difficulties that stateless and vulnerable communities face.
- are able to research successfully and establish credible information that can help support other initiatives.
- are able to produce detailed strategies that can deliver significant results.

SDG focus areas

This project will work towards the following UNSDGs:

- Goal 3: [Good Health and Well-Being](#)
- Goal 4: [Quality Education](#)
- Goal 8: [Decent Work and Economic Growth](#)
- Goal 10: [Reduced Inequalities](#)
- Goal 16: [Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions](#)
- Goal 17: [Partnerships](#)



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