THE BASICS

- Students traveling abroad are at a higher risk of sexual assault than students at home
- Consumption of alcohol or other psychoactive substances increases risk
- Separation from home and support for a substantial period of time can have impacts on mental health and well-being
- Sexuality and gender norms are expressed differently in each community
- Cultural norms will dictate dating and social behaviors, expectations, and etiquette
- Laws pertaining to gender violence can differ in each community
- Effects of gender violence can be compounded by isolation, cultural barriers, and lack of familiarity in the area

COUNTRY: THAILAND

- Early Marriage Normal, 3% of Thai children married by age 15
- Men traditionally head of household
- In event of divorce, custody typically given to father, but mother still takes care of children
- Polygamy illegal, but not criminalized, therefore, still in practice
- Act on the Prevention and Resolution of Domestic Violence 2007
- 44% of women have been victims of DV in their lifetime
- “One-Stop Crisis Centers” in hospitals
- Sexual Harassment in the workplace is a common occurrence
- Human trafficking the sex trade are significant problems
- Same-sex sexual activity is legal, but few other legal rights for LGBTQIA+ community
- LGBTQIA+ related public sentiment not positive
- LGBTQIA+ public and workplace discrimination still in place

RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES

“Are you safe?”
“"I believe you”
“How can I help”
“Thank you for sharing with me”

RESOURCES

Cal Poly Safer Confidential
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📞 805.756.2282

Cal Poly International Center
✉ international@calpoly.edu
📞 805.756.1477

Toll Free 24-HR Crisis Line*
RISE Confidential
✉ contact@RISEslo.edu
📞 855.886.RISE(7473)*

SASHAA Sexual Assault Support and Help for Americans Abroad
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"One destination is never a place, but always a new way of seeing things.” —Henry Miller