



គណៈកម្មាធិការនៃអង្គការមិនមែនរដ្ឋាភិបាលកម្ពុជា
ដើម្បីលុបបំបាត់រាល់ទម្រង់នៃការរើសអើងលើស្ត្រីភេទ

NGO-CEDAW Annual Report

From January 1 to December 31, 2012



Prepared by: The Cambodian NGOs Committee on CEDAW



Table of Contents

INTRODUCTION	3
I. ACTIVITIES	3
1. MEMBER MEETINGS	3
2. STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS	5
3. CONSULTATION WITH AUTHORITIES:	7
4. MEMBER TRAININGS.....	7
5. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.....	8
II- ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS	9
1. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY CAMPAIGN (IWD) ON 8 MARCH	9
2. 16 DAYS CAMPAIGN AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE.....	9
III RADIO BROADCASTS	9
IV NGO-CEDAW WEBSITE.....	12
V OTHER COOPERATION	12
A) TRAINING TO CNCW'S STAFF	12
B) FOLLOW UP SESSION WITH CNCW'S STAFF.....	13
V- OTHER COOPERATION ON ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES.....	13
VI CONCLUSION	14

Introduction

NGO-CEDAW is established in 1995. Its mission is to monitor and advocate for the full implementation of the CEDAW in Cambodia by coordinating and providing support to relevant initiatives of member NGOs, networks and allied institutions through the immediate objective:

- Target communities experience reduced vulnerability to gender-based violence and other human rights abuses through improved prevention, documentation and provision of appropriate services and assistance
- Target communities have greater participation and influence in decision-making on social, economic and political affairs contributing to more accountable governance and more equitable development
- Increased accountability of government for full range of rights, and greater openness to participation of civil society in decision-making
- Programme Partners' capacities, advocacy and networking strengthened in support of programme objectives.

I- Activities

From the period from January to December 2012, NGO-CEDAW has organized several activities to increase cooperation between members of NGO-CEDAW such as member meetings, member trainings, general assembly, dialogue with authorities and other advocacy campaigns.

1. Member Meetings

Several member meetings have been held to find ways to improve the work of NGO-CEDAW. These meetings have proved essential to create an efficient cooperation of members and to facilitate them giving their input on their own monitoring of CEDAW implementation, prepare advocacy campaigns and improve networking at the local, regional and international levels.



Date	Member Meetings Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
27th of July 2012	8	22	30
30th of August 2012	3	30	33
11st of October 2012	5	12	17
25th of October 2012	10	25	35
8th of November 2012	9	19	28
16th of November 2012	10	32	42
24th of December 2012	10	32	42

The inputs from the meetings were as follows:

- 6 meetings to discuss the origin of the ASEAN and the ASEAN Charter, the draft of the ASEAN human rights declaration, the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (ACMW) as well as discussing Cambodia as Chair of the ASEAN;
- 1 meeting to discuss the work of the Regional Working Group for ASEAN HR Mechanisms (WG);
- 1 meeting to discuss the activities of the Cambodian Working Group for ASEAN HR Mechanisms (CWG);
- 1 meeting to discuss the cooperation with members of the Cambodian HR Committee (CHRC) in view to create a joint committee formed of 7 members from CHRC and 7 members from CWG to draft the law on the establishment of an independent National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in Cambodia, in conformity with international standards (Paris Principles). The draft has been written but CHRC members have modified it in a negative way, especially the parts concerning the Selection Committee. The CWG continues its work to prepare the ground for Cambodia to be ready to set up the NHRC in the future.
- 1 meeting to discuss the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD) and the work of the civil society.
- 4 meetings to discuss the 16 days campaign against gender violence and the December 10 International Human Rights day.
- 3 meetings discuss the general assembly.

- 1 meeting to discuss on strengthen six sub committees and add one new ASEAN Committee on Women and children.
- 1 meeting to discuss activities and capacity building plan for 2013

2. Steering committee meetings

Steering committee meeting were held to develop strategies, tactics for advocacy and lobbying and capacity building as well as getting approval of administrative decisions, hiring and other topics.

- February 23: meeting to discuss the 8 March International Women’s Day activities;
- May 31: meeting to finalize and approve proposal to DCA/CA with the participation of Ms. Katja Levin and Ms. Ly Sunlina from DCA/CA;
- July 4: meetings to shortlisted candidates for the position of coordinator and for interviewing the candidates.

- On 3rd of August 2012, steering committee meeting included 5 participants. The meeting was to introduce the new coordinator (to be on probation for a period of three months) and get approval on the other activities planned for NGO-CEDAW.



- On 21th of September 2012, the steering committee meeting included 6 participants. The topics were ASEAN issues concerning some NGO-CEDAW members.

It was decided that NGO-CEDAW can participate to ASEAN activities or share documents with others but on their member’s name (NGO name). Members can share material in the name of NGO-CEDAW only if they are mandated by the steering committee.

Another topic was the evaluation of the new coordinator, still on probation. As a result, the steering committee, at unanimity, decided to terminate the probation of the coordinator, leaving her the opportunity to resign. The coordinator on probation chose to resign immediately, before the end of her probation period.

- On the 10th of October 2012, we organized a steering committee meeting at NGO-CEDAW’s office with 4 participants. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Pung Chhiv Kek. The purpose was to introduce the new coordinator, chosen among the previously shortlisted candidates, review last quarter activities, plan for activities until the end of 2012. The Steering Committee also discussed the UN Women proposal

bid in partnership with GAD-C and activities for the 16 day campaign. Participants approved the planning for the remaining activities for the last quarter until the end of 2012. In order to streamline operations and reduce expenses, the steering committee also decided that member meetings and trainings would from now on be held at the same dates.

- On the 22nd of October, we organized a steering committee meeting. The topic was the 2010 3rd and 4th trimester reports, activity plan for 2011 – 2012, four year report and the 16 Day Campaign. We discussed what needed to be done for the last semester of 2012 and for the coming year as well as specific activities for the 16 day campaign.
- On the 13rd of November 2012 steering committee meeting (6 participants) we discussed the preparation of the General Assembly. The SC first agreed to change the date of general assembly to November 21. SC members approved the application form for candidates to the upcoming SC election. They also approved the authorization form for members to be able to represent their NGO and vote at the election. The SC proposed voting procedures and criteria for selecting candidate to the election.
- On 19th of November 2012, the steering committee meeting (4 members present) was organized to further discuss the general assembly and election. Final candidate selection and voting procedure were approved.
- On 26th of November 2012: The first steering committee meeting with new steering committee members was held (participation of 7 members, 2 members absent) at NGO-CEDAW's office. The meeting was to welcome new steering committee members and discuss general activities to be done for the next step.
- The SC reviewed and identified the contact persons in each of the seven sub-committees participating to the redaction of the next CEDAW shadow report to be prepared in 2013. Members will be asked if they are interested in joining subcommittees.

The seven Subcommittees are:

- 1) Subcommittee for Gender Based Violence and Law;
- 2) Subcommittee for Health and Environment;
- 3) Subcommittee for Education, Information, and Media;
- 4) Subcommittee for Politics and Decision Making;
- 5) Subcommittee for Labor and Economy;
- 6) Subcommittee for Vulnerable, Disabled, and Minority Women;
- 7) Subcommittee for ASEAN on Women and Children.

3. Consultation with Authorities:

The consultations with authorities were organized with the purpose to lobby on specific women's rights issue with the following government institutions:

- Political parties: to suggest insertion of men and women candidates one after the other in the list e.g., M, F, M, F...;
- Female MPs to discuss women salaries in factories; lobby for ratification of the convention on migrant workers;
- The ministry of women's affairs (MoWA) to discuss jailed victims of eviction women (Borei Keila, Boeung Kak lake);

As result, we have been able to organize 3 meetings with political parties:

- Human Right Party (HRP): Meeting with H.E. Ou Chanrith on November 14, 2012 at 2:00 pm to 4: 00 pm with 11 members participants from NGO-CEDAW:
 - ARUN REAH, CADPP, CAMBOW, CLC, CPWP, DAC, IDA, LICADHO, NICFEC, VAWCC, WOSO.
- Sam Rainsy Party (SRP): Meeting with H.E. Kong Koam on 15 November 2012 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm with 12 participants from:
 - ARUN REAH, CADPP, CAMBOW, CLC, CPWP, DAC, IDA, LICADHO, NICFEC, PCC, VAWCC, WFP, WOSO.
- Fucinpec Party (FCP): On 22 November 2012 meeting with H.E. Nhek Bun Chhay From 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm with Participants of 6 members from NGO-CEDAW:
 - ARUN REAH, CAMBOW, CLC, LICADHO, NICFEC, PCC,
- **Note:** The Cambodian People Party (CPP) declined to meet us. They responded in an official letter that they had already increased the number of women participated every year. We did not get response from the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) and MPs (National Assembly Women Caucus).

4. Member Trainings

- The topic of the first session was the CEDAW and the 42 UN Concluding Comments;
- On June 30, the topic of the second session was CEDAW and Optional Protocol.



- On 11th of October 2012, following a suggestion from the steering committee, we held a member training on the same day as the member meeting.
The CEDAW convention was reviewed another time because many members had missed the presentation held earlier this year. The training session was facilitated by Dr. Pung Chhiv Kek. The discussion addressed direct and indirect discrimination. The hour and half session was aimed to helping participants to differentiate clearly direct and indirect discrimination. Participants were tested with examples and a Q and A session. They provided correct answers.
- On the 8th of November 2012, another member training was held as follow up to the member meeting on the topic of CEDAW optional protocol. With explanation by Dr. Kek, participants got a better understanding of the CEDAW optional protocol. Participants understood the process to file a complaint to UN in case of Women's rights violation unresolved when the normal local court procedures do not function adequately.

5. General Assembly

On 21st of November 2012, the general assembly was held with the participation of 56 persons from 51 member organizations. Steering committee elections were to be held during that meeting. A new member from Sunshine Cambodia was present as an observer, he did not have yet the authorization to participate to the election of the new steering committee. 50 member organizations could participate to the election of the steering committee. Out of the thirteen candidates, nine were elected: (1 chairperson, 1 vice-chairperson and 7 steering committee members):

Executive:

- 1- Chairperson: Dr. Pung Chhiv Kek, President of LICADHO got 43/50 votes.
- 2- Vice-chairperson: Dr. Hang Puthea, Executive director of NICFEC got 27/50 votes.

Members:

- 3- Ms. Pok Nanda, executive director of WFP got 35/50 votes.
- 4- Mr. Pa Nguon Teang, Executive director of CCIM/VOD got 34/50 votes.
- 5- Mr. Ath Thun, Executive director of CLC got 33/50.
- 6- Ms. Chhim Manavy, Executive director of Open Institute got 29/50 votes.
- 7- Ms. Ou Tebphallin, Vice president of CSFWF got 28/50 votes.
- 8- Mr. Heng Sam Orn, Secretary General got 28/50 votes.
- 9- Mr. Tuon Vichet, Executive director of COSECAM got 24/50 votes.

II- Advocacy Campaigns

1. International Women Day Campaign (IWD) on 8 March

As NGO-CEDAW didn't receive direct funding for the International Women's Day to mark the International Women Day (IWD) on March 8 2012 we made a partnership with LICADHO to hold activities and celebrations at two Phnom Penh prisons: CC2 and Takhmao prisons.

2. 16 Day Campaign Against Gender Violence

After receiving approval from DCA/CA in October on a budget neutral revision, we organized some activities aimed to raise awareness and promote action against domestic violence and rape.

a) Two radios spot and two TV spots were broadcasted during 16 days campaign on the following radio and TV station;

- Cambodia Network Channel (CNC): The video spots were used to create a news program and broadcasted several time during 16 days campaign. One of the spots was three minute long and the other was one minute and a half long. Television broadcasts are a very attractive and efficient way to spread a message and reach a very wide audience
- Radio spot: were also broadcasted several times during the 16 campaign on the following radio stations such as VOD (FM 106.5 MHz), Beehive Radio Station (FM 105 MHz) and FM 102 MHz. These broadcasts allowed our message to reach tens of thousands of households.

b) To celebrate the December 10 International Human Rights day and the last day of the 16 days campaign, NGO-CEDAW member representatives, in cooperation with LICADHO, visited detained women and men in CC2 prison. This visit was to give hope to imprisoned women, especially women labeled as activists, detained in relation with the Boeung Kak lake evictions. This visit was to show them they were not forgotten or abandoned by all. There were distributions of fruits, canned milk, basic hygienic supplies, drinking water and sweets to imprisoned women and their children.

III- Radio Broadcasts

A series of radio programs aimed at raising popular awareness of the negative consequences of violence on women and children in Cambodia regarding to four main topics: domestic violence, sexual harassment, acid attack and human trafficking.

From January to June, in cooperation with CAMBOW, the production team broadcasted as follows:



- An educational spot on Women Right and live everyday between 14:00-15:00 pm, a total of 162 times as planned.
- One program promotional spot was produced and aired following strictly to the plan. The broadcasting times are between three different time slots, (9:00-10:00 am, 2:00-3:00 pm and 7:30-8:00 pm), in total 162 times, as planned.
- 18 episodes of radio call-in show program have been produced and broadcast live to discussions on 17 topics. 1 program was rebroadcast. 19 guest speakers, 4 male and 15 female coming from the ministry of women's affairs, human right NGOs, domestic violence NGOs and acid attack NGOs have been invited. 2 Interviews were produced; 2 with experts, 1 victim of acid attack and 2 with victims of domestic violence.
- Rebroadcast program on April 13nd 2012 during Khmer New Year.
- 18 topic announcements of 18 call-in shows had been produced including 1 rebroadcasting were aired 162 times as planned.

From August to December 2012, the VOD radio station broadcast a talk show sponsored and organized by NGO-CEDAW in partnership with VOD (FM 106.5MHz). Programs broadcasted every Friday from 17:05 pm to 17:55 pm to discuss the specific issues such as Women and economic, women and politic, women and health, women and justice, migrant workers, women and education, women and environmental, women and social media, and women and conflict.

- The programs were broadcast live 10 times and rebroadcast 10 times with total of 51 callers (Male= 33, Female= 18) joining the show. The call-In format of the radio programs allowed for members of the public to ask questions, share their personal experience and obtain clarifications on issues that concern them.
- During this period, production team completely produced one educational spot of Women's Right and announces every day, totally of 117times as planned.
- Six episodes of radio call-in show program had been produced and lived to discuss on 06 topics and repeated 7 topics as on air. 9 guest speakers, 4 male and 5 female, from ministry of justice, human right NGOs, domestic violence NGOs and Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility NGOs had been invited. 9 with experts.
- Rebroadcasted program: October 19th was death of king.
- Six topic announcements of 6 call-in shows had been produced and aired 54 times, as planned.
- One educational spot of Women's Right and announces every day, totally of 72 times as planned
- Four episodes of radio call-in show program had been produced and lived to discuss on 6 topics and repeated 5 topics as on air. 6 guest speakers, 1 male and 5 female, from ministry of Environment, human right NGOs, domestic violence NGOs and Coordination of World Education and Mobility NGOs had been invited. 6with experts.
- Rebroadcasted program: November 9th was Independence Day.

- Four topic announcements of 04 call-in shows had been produced and aired 36 times, as planned.

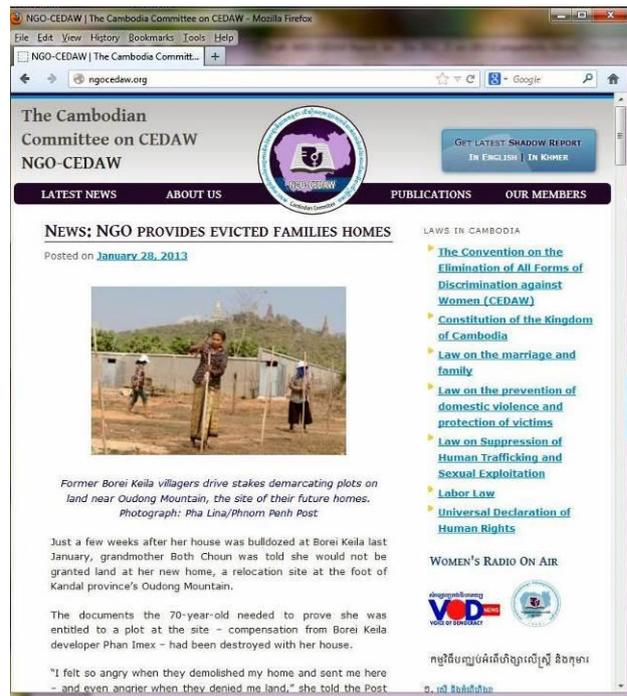
IV- NGO-CEDAW Website

NGO-CEDAW website is now fully operational. Thanks to DCA-CA funding, we have hired a webmaster. The website is now constantly updated with news related to NGO-CEDAW and its members.

Members are encouraged to send us their publications and any other relevant information. On the website information on members are easily accessible in English and/or in Khmer.

Members that do not have a web site are also welcome to post information on themselves and on their activities on NGO-CEDAW website.

Radio broadcasts from NGO-CEDAW are also available for streaming or for download as well as other publications.



V- Other Cooperation

a) Training to CNCW's staff

In cooperation with the Cambodian National Council for Women (CNCW), a 2 days training session on women's rights, basic human rights and facilitation skill was conducted on the 27th and 28th of August 2012 in Sihanoukville province. There was 20 participants (1 Secretary general, 2 Under Secretary generals, 2 Deputy Departments, 5 Lawyer Staffs and 10 Normal staffs). The sessions covered on the following topics:

- CEDAW indicators by Ms. Sochivany, member of NGO-CEDAW;
- Explanation of local laws to protect women by HE Ith Rady, Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice;
- Using CEDAW jurisprudence - a process of overview cases and inquiry procedure by Ms. Catherine Phoeung and Ms. Phoeung Ton, both from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Cambodia (OHCHR/Cambodia);
- Facilitation skills by HE Hou Samith, General Secretary of the CNCW.

During the training sessions participants were very interested by the topics and the presentations. format. They were eager to know more about women's rights principles, about CEDAW, the Optional Protocol and the UN mechanism to solve women rights problems. As a result, the training participants found their knowledge increased, as demonstrated by the oral testing by facilitator.



b) Follow up session with CNCW's staff

On 31st of December 2012, a follow up session organized with 14 participants at CNCW's office from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. The session was to measure their understanding on the implementation of CEDAW. The facilitator divided participants into 3 groups. Each group was given a list of questions to work on. The questions were:

- In your opinion, what action the government should take to implement the CEDAW's? (including awareness raising and protection)
- What has our country done to protect women's rights according to the CEDAW?
- So far, is there violence against women within institutions? Give examples;
- So far, is there violence against women and children in communities? Give examples.

V- Other cooperation on advocacy activities

17 persons, including 16 women, labeled as "activists" by authorities, were arrested during the protests against Boeung Kak lake evictions.



- On May 22. Some NGO-CEDAW members were observers to the following activities involving Boeung Kak lake residents.

- On the day of their trial on May 24, some members of NGO-CEDAW acted as observers at a peaceful demonstration in front of the municipal court (entry was forbidden to everybody).

- On May 26, some members of NGO-CEDAW with the Boeung Kak lake residents attended a prayer ceremony at the Wat Prey Sar pagoda followed by a peaceful march towards CC2 prison to liberate the 15 under the symbol of lotus flower.

- On June 26, some NGO-CEDAW members joined Boeung Kak lake residents as observers to a peaceful demonstration in front of the Ministry of Justice and the Appeal Court.

- On June 27, on trial day, some NGO-CEDAW members were present as observers of Boeung Kak lake residents at the Appeal Court.

We have contacted international entities who are prepared to send us volunteers and experts to assist us compiling and preparing the next shadow report.

VI Conclusion

In 2012, NGO CEDAW has recorded major progresses. The organization has been completely overhauled with a new coordinator, a new Steering Committee and regularly implemented activities such as member meetings and trainings. NGO-CEDAW website is now fully operational and enjoys many visitors, both members and non-members.

In 2012, NGO-CEDAW's actions helped prompt the government to pass the anti acid attacks law and to ratify the Optional Protocol of CEDAW. NGO-CEDAW was also actively implicated in the push for the government to ratify the convention on migrant workers and the ILO convention (189) to protect domestic workers. Much remains to be done to attain this goal. but NGO-CEDAW is ready to maintain its gentle but firm pressure to help convince authorities to act promptly.

Already, NGO-CEDAW's actions pushed the government to implement a moratorium on sending domestic workers to Malaysia but many more steps must be taken before success is achieved. Notably, the condition of domestic workers already abroad is very precarious, without any framework of protection. Some migrant domestic workers have been forced to extend their contracts against their will. Of those who manage to come back, many show severe psychological problems. For this reason, NGO-CEDAW wants to continue its efforts for progress of the condition of domestic workers both in Cambodia and abroad by pushing the government to ratify the convention on migrant workers. This in turn will help convince the countries receiving migrant workers to ratify the convention too.

In 2012, Cambodia was Chair of the ASEAN. NGO-CEDAW and/or its members has been constantly present to meetings and consultation to implement women's rights at the ASEAN level.

With the preparation of yet another Shadow Report, NGO-CEDAW intends to pursue its efforts to have all the articles of the CEDAW fully implemented in Cambodia.

With 2013 being an election year, NGO-CEDAW will redouble efforts in lobbying and advocacy to promote and advance CEDAW awareness among the public, candidates and especially women of all walks of life. Most NGO-CEDAW members will be electoral observers.

NGO-CEDAW address: #16, St. 99, Boeung Trabek, Chamcarmon, Phnom Penh.

Email: ngocedaw.pnh@gmail.com

Tel: 0236 503 089

P.O. Box: 2405