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MOU Signing between ActionAid Cambodia and Building Community voices

Signing Ceremony on Sub-grant Agreements for CSO Partners

ActionAid Cambodia (AAC) and Transparency International Cambodia (TI Cambodia), on 12 August 2020, organised a signing ceremony on sub-grant agreements for CSO partners to implement 3-year strategic programmes (2020-2022). At this signing ceremony, ActionAid Cambodia (AAC) and Transparency International Cambodia signed sub-grant agreements with a total of 9 implementing partners who will contribute to different parts of the programme interventions.

TI Cambodia received the core fund from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) to implement the strategic programme on promoting transparency, integrity and accountability. As a contribution, Transparency International Cambodia and ActionAid Cambodia were also awarded the financial support from European Union to implement a 3-year project entitled, “Greater Young Women Empowerment in Decision Making and Accountable Public Service Delivery” in Phnom Penh and 9 provinces, starting from January 2020 to December 2022. The project budget is worth of EUR 2.2 million.

The objective of this project implementation is to create an enabling environment and empower youth, particularly young women, in Cambodia to effectively participate in decision-making processes to improve public service delivery, particularly gender-responsiveness, through innovative technology platforms and to engage in policy dialogue with key decision-makers and service delivery entities at local and national levels. One of the key interventions under this project is to provide sub-grants to local non-government organisation (NGOs), community-based organisations (CBOs), informal groups and media partners, given the fact that

they are the key actors who would be able to reach out to a wider range of beneficiaries especially marginalised population in their respective geographical coverages.

As a result of the rigorous and transparent selection process, TI Cambodia & AAC have selected the 7 respectful partners; Cambodian Journalists Alliance (CamboJA), Politikoffee, Building Community Voices (BCV), Cambodian Civil Society Partnership (CCSP), Children and Women Development Center in Cambodia (CWDDC), Youth Council of Cambodia (YCC), and Thmeythmey to implement activities that contribute to the achievement of the project’s expected outcomes.



MOU Signing between TI Cambodia and Informal Youth Group “Politikoffee”

Hong Reaksmeay, Country Director of ActionAid Cambodia, said that this partnership will strengthen CSOs and media’s efforts to build and improve young people’s capacity and participation in monitoring of public service delivery at local level. As the core of the project interventions, youth will play a key role in working with local authorities and relevant stakeholders to enhance accountable and gender responsive public services. As media and CSOs will take a lead in building capacity of youth and enhancing their participation, we see the significance of CSOs’ and media’s contributions to the delivery of the project success.

Pech Pisey, Executive Director of TI Cambodia, said that collective action is always core of TI Cambodia’s strategy. Working with relevant stakeholders, such as government, CSOs, media and business associations which bring different expertise and experience is crucial for the success of our work. TI Cambodia or ActionAid Cambodia alone would not be able to make the programme successful. We firmly believe that we are stronger and do better jobs when we cooperate and are well coordinated.



ActionAid Cambodia and Open Development Cambodia signed a MOU to implement the project at ActionAid Cambodia office.

Moreover, ActionAid Cambodia and Open Development Cambodia recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement the project “Securing access to and control over land and natural resources for vulnerable community fisheries in the coastal areas of Cambodia” under the support of the European Union in Cambodia (EU). ActionAid International is the lead applicant while Children and Women Development Center in Cambodia (CWDCC) and Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR) are the co-applicants. The project aims to promote and improve equitable access to land and natural resources for vulnerable groups in Cambodia.



A couple go out to sea fishing without nets but using only a line and hook, it is highly skilled enabling them to catch more this way and it is more sustainable.

Through more effective political participation of the Community Fishery Networks and Human Rights Defenders who come from within the community, the action will enhance CSO contributions to governance and development processes and help them hold the government to account concerning the impact of commercial projects that are being planned in the coastal areas. The action responds to project by working with and for the Community Fisheries (CFi's) in Kampot and Kep provinces to promote land security and tenure.

This action comes at a critical time for CFi's in Kampot and Kep provinces, as plans for the New Kampot Town Development and French Riviera Marina projects – a project of Pallas Brilliant Investment and Development Co.,Ltd – get well underway. Part of an attempt to boost tourism in both provinces, the projects are also due to receive investments of USD 23.2 Bn.



ActionAid Cambodia to conclude 100,000 Mangrove Campaign

100,000 mangrove campaign finally has come to an end with a successful result. The number of mangroves planted in 8 CFI's has reached over the targeted number of 111,240 mangroves.



Mangroves planting in Trapeang Ropov Community Fishery

The campaign was initially launched in September 2019 and ended in August 2020. It is co-organized by ActionAid Cambodia (AAC), Children and Women Development Center in Cambodia (CWD-CC), Samaky Organization (SAMAKY), and 8 CFI's in Kampot Province including Trapeang Sangkea Community, Kampong Samaky Community, Trapeang Ropov Community, Prek Tnaot Community, Kep Thmey Community, Toteung Tngai Community, Koh Krasna Community, and Lok Community.

The 100,000 Mangrove Campaign aimed to mobilize public participation to support the eight CFI's in planting 100,000 mangrove trees, organizing mangrove planting events and other activities for community development.

Besides, the campaign also promoted the roles and essence of mangroves, the importance of protecting coastal areas to ensure food security for people and maintaining the balance of the ecosystem and the environment.



The slogan displayed at Trapeang Sangke Community Fishery

"Without our mangroves, we will lose our careers as fishermen, and we will not have any income to support our children's education. Also, this loss will result in many migrations and child's dropouts", said **Ouk Neng**, a Kampong Samaki media member.

Sim Him, a leader of Trapeang Sangkea CFI, emphasized that *“since we started to plant plenty of mangroves, biodiversity has increased dramatically; the number of fishermen also has rose, which leads to a drop in migration.”*

Mangroves not only play an essential part in community members’ economy, but they are also a natural defence of some disasters. Mangroves significantly contribute to the survival of marine creatures such as crab, fish, and shrimp.



Ouk Neng



Sim Him



Liv Chhim

Liv Chhim, a Kep Thmey CFI leader, told that *“mangroves are a natural defence of strong wind, which help protect our houses from destroying. Plus, they are habitats for marine creatures and help increase in fish species, which provides many benefits to people’s livelihood.”*

Regarding mangrove benefits, **Thong Nhel**, a Trapeang Ropov CFI member mentioned that mangroves have strong roots which can help defend strong winds and landslides. Besides helping the community with natural resources regeneration, the 100,000 mangrove campaign also gather villagers to work together in scaling up and conserving the community’s resources.



Thong Nhel



Ouk Sovannarith



Khieu Sat

Ouk Sovannarith, a Prek Tnaot CFI leader, highlighted that *“100,000 Mangrove Campaign is vital because more people in the community have been aware of the importance of mangroves. Thus, they have come together to protect mangroves and all kinds of biodiversity.”*

Despite the end of mangrove campaign, the communities are committed to carry on their mangrove planting even without the support of organizations and their partners. According to **Kieu Sat**, a Koh Krasna CFI leader, he would continue planting mangroves with his committee and members who have practised in the past. He stressed, *“we won’t easily give up our mangroves and resources we have been planting for years. We have to ensure that our resources will all remain the same.”*

Hong Reaksmey, ActionAid Ccambodia Country Director, proudly said *“this campaign has increased 100,000 new mangroves on the coast of Kampot Province. Mangroves attract tourists and promote eco-tourism and green economy in Cambodia. The 100,000 mangroves were planted by people in eight CFI’s in Kampot province and supporters. This is a true work of community solidarity. And I am very proud of that. Under the coordination of the Kampot Provincial Fishery Administration and all partner organizations, I really appreciate the leadership and participation of the eight community fisheries, people, students and young people who love the environment.”*

He lastly added that *“please continue to plant, protect and conserve Cambodia’s mangrove resources!”*

ActionAid Cambodia in the news

Joint project promotes women's participation in decision making

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Nine NGOs and CSOs have teamed up in a bid to create a platform to empower young women to participate in decision-making processes.

The initiative will see women engaging in policy dialogue with key decision-makers and service delivery entities at local and national levels.

The project, entitled "Greater Young Women Empowerment in Decision Making and Accountable Public Service Delivery" and financed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the European Union also aims to improve public service delivery and gender responsiveness through innovative

technology platforms. The project programmes will span three years between 2020 and 2022.

A signing ceremony, organised by Transparency International Cambodia (TIC) and ActionAid Cambodia (AAC), yesterday marked the sub-grant agreements for the nine implementing partners who will contribute to different parts of the project.

In a joint press release, the NGOs and funders said that the key interventions of the project will be through providing sub-grants to local NGOs, community-based organisations, informal groups and media partners who will help engage with a wide scope of beneficiaries, especially in marginalised populations.

In the ceremony, TIC also signed the partnership agreements to continue their support for the Cambodian Apparel Workers Democratic Union to



TI Cambodia and ActionAid Cambodia hold a signing ceremony to mark sub-grant agreements with nine implementing partners. Supplied

empower female union leaders to take action to increase the participation of women in trade unions and promote better governance in the garment sector.

TIC also maintained its engagement with the Federation of Associations for SMEs of Cambodia to enhance business integrity among small and medium enterprises.

Hong Reaksmeay, country director of AAC, said the

partnership will help strengthen CSOs and media's efforts to build and improve young people's capacity and participation in the monitoring of public service delivery at the local level.

"As the core of the project interventions, youth will play a key role in working with local authorities and relevant stakeholders to enhance accountably and gender-responsive public services," he said,

He added that media and CSOs will take a lead in building the capacity of youth and enhancing their participation.

"We will see the significance of CSOs and the media contributions in the delivery of the project," he added.

Executive director of TIC Pech Pisey said that working with the government, CSOs, media and business associations which bring different

expertise and experience is crucial for the success of the work.

Pisey said: "TIC or AAC alone would not be able to make the programmes successful. We firmly believe that we are stronger and achieve more when we cooperate and are well-coordinated".

TIC is a civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption and AAC is a global justice federation working to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication.

On this project, TIC and AAC will cooperate with seven partners, including Cambodian Journalists Alliance, Politikoffee, Building Community Voices, Cambodian Civil Society Partnership, Children and Women Development Center in Cambodia, Youth Council of Cambodia and Thmey thmey.com. ■

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Transparency International Cambodia (TI Cambodia) recently signed partnership agreement to continue its support for the Coalition of Cambodian Apparel Workers Democratic Union and the Federation of Associations for Small and Medium Enterprises of Cambodia (FASMEC) continues to work with CCAWU to empower female union leaders.

TI Cambodia receives its core funding from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) to implement the strategic programme on promoting transparency, integrity and accountability.

TI Cambodia also maintains its engagement with FASMEC to enhance business integrity and medium enterprises, according to Fiber2Fashion.



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