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CCHR, ADHOC and SC publish the Second Annual Report of the
Cambodia Fundamental Freedoms Monitor

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”), the Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (“ADHOC”), and the Solidarity Center (“SC”), are pleased to announce the release of the second annual report of the Cambodia Fundamental Freedoms Monitor, produced by the Fundamental Freedoms Monitoring Project (“FFMP”). The report provides a comprehensive overview of the exercise of freedom of association, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly in the Kingdom of Cambodia (“Cambodia”) during Year Two of monitoring, from 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. The second annual report is available for download now in [Khmer](#) and [English](#).

The FFMP published its first report annual report in August 2017, which covered Year One of monitoring, from 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017; it is available in [Khmer](#) and [English](#).

The FFMP aims to provide an objective and neutral overview of the exercise of fundamental freedoms in Cambodia. Using international human rights standards as a benchmark, the FFMP analyzes Cambodia’s legal framework, the implementation of the legal framework, and public sentiment in relation to the exercise of fundamental freedoms.

The FFMP assesses the extent to which the freedoms of association, assembly and expression are guaranteed and exercised in Cambodia by tracking four key milestones: 1. Does the legal framework for fundamental freedoms meet international standards?; 2. Is the legal framework for fundamental freedoms implemented and properly enforced?; 3. Do individuals understand fundamental freedoms, and feel free to exercise them?; and 4. Are civil society organizations (“CSOs”) and trade unions (“TUs”) recognized by, and able to work in partnership with, the Royal Government of Cambodia?

During the second year of reporting, the FFMP received a total of 163 Incident Reports; polled 996 members of the public across 21 provinces; surveyed 169 CSO and TU leaders; and analyzed 672 relevant incidents via media monitoring.

The FFMP provides unique insight into the real situation of fundamental freedoms. It is hoped that the report, its findings and the collected, verifiable and periodic data on which it relies, will enable CSOs, the general public, donors and other stakeholders to better understand the key challenges facing civil society and the Cambodian people in exercising their human rights and will serve as a basis for better-informed, more constructive dialogue to improve the legal environment for civil society and the exercise of fundamental freedoms.

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