

Press Announcement

On 10 May 2021, Phnom Penh

The LGBTIQ+ community and five civil society networks, including Rainbow Community Kampuchea, LoveIsDiversity, Micro Rainbow International Foundation, RHAC, and the Cambodian Center for Human Rights, celebrate Pride Week and the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia in 2021 under the international theme "Resisting, Supporting, Healing" as people around the world are facing crises and are severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The campaign in Cambodia will run from May 01 to 31 through online radio talk shows, television, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and websites with a variety of activities with the following formats:

- A series Photos and written support from mothers who have LGBTIQ children led by LoveIsDiversity through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/loveisdiversity>
- Short video about real-life stories of LGBTIQ+ people in the employment sector and occupation, led by Micro Rainbow International Foundation through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MicroRainbowCambodia>
- A series of photos and short videos about real-life stories of discrimination and the privileges of LGBTIQ+ people, as well as discussions on a radio program led by the Cambodian Center for Human Rights through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cchrcambodia>
- A panel discussion between the Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia and Dosslarb on sexual and reproductive health services and other rights through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Dosslarb> and <https://www.facebook.com/rhacpage>
- A discussion between members of LGBTIQ+ community on humanitarian activities during the COVID-19 crisis, including supporting messages as well as key stakeholders' rising awareness, facilitates by the Rainbow Community Kampuchea through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RoCKHMERLGBT2009>

All activities are conducted to reflect the personal experiences, challenges, problems solving and solidarity from individual, families, workplaces, communities and society as a whole to educate and help eliminate discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people and promote their rights including equality as a human being and Cambodian citizen. This year, several stakeholders will celebrate and support raising awareness of this campaign including, LGBTIQ+ people, parents, youth, artists, social media influencers, NGO staff who specialize in women's and children's rights, local authorities, senior government officials, other government officials, and some UN agencies in Cambodia. This underscores the importance of participation from all sectors and stakeholders in a joint effort to resist, support, and heal, especially in difficult circumstances.

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