

CCHR's Annual Report for 2023

Organization	Cambodian Center for Human Rights ("CCHR")
Project Goal	CCHR's vision is of a peaceful Cambodia in which all people can enjoy the fundamental human rights to which they are entitled, all are subject to the rule of law without impunity, all are treated equally without discrimination, all are empowered to participate fully in the democratic process, and all can share in the benefits of Cambodia's sustainable economic development.
Duration	January - December 2023

During this reporting period, between January and December 2023, the Cambodian Center for Human Rights ("CCHR") has worked progressively toward its goal, as follows:

1. Progress and Achievement in 2023

Publications

During the reporting period, CCHR issued 86 publications related to human rights, including briefing notes, research reports, factsheets, infographics and leaflets, press release, open letter and videos. These documents were released in order to advocate for, campaign, and raise awareness of a wide variety of human rights issues, including: fundamental freedoms, land rights, business and human rights, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics ("SOGIESC"), lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer ("LGBTIQ")'s rights, women's rights, fair trial rights and rights of the indigenous people etc. Out of 86 publications, 5 are video produced by CCHR for education purpose. These videos can be viewed online on <u>YouTube</u> and on <u>CCHR's Facebook</u>.

Monitoring and trial monitoring

CCHR has been monitoring the news in order to keep an up-to-date understanding of current events and key issues, focusing particularly on the status of the fundamental freedoms, land rights, business and human rights, and LGBTIQ's rights, women's rights and other rights. In total, during the reporting period, 663 media reports related to these rights were gathered.

The Fair Trial Rights Project, in 2023, CCHR monitored 765 cases in the Appeal Court in Phnom Penh, in Tboung Khum, in Preah Sihanouk and in Battambang Province, and 10 cases of Gender-Based Violence ("GBV") at the provincial courts in Siem Reap and Kampong Cham. As the result of this court monitoring, the project summaries the date monitored progress and brought them for meeting with

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the regional appeal courts in order to seek for inputs and suggest for a better improvement of hearing in the courts.

Campaign

• <u>International Women's Day -March 2023</u>

From 14 to 08 March 2023, CCHR conducted a campaign to mark International Women's Day. This campaign aimed to raise awareness among the public on women's participation in civil society and the challenging environment in which women engage in civil society. Under this campaign, CCHR conducted various activities, including engagement with public via competition of taking women's photo, releasing press release, hosting live radio broadcast, releasing leaflets on gender-based violence, and organizing events to celebrate International Women's Day.

• <u>The 16 Day of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence Campaign and International Human Rights Day.</u>

Between November and December 2023, CCHR organizes the key United Nations' Days. On 25 November marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. CCHR's annual 16 days campaign aims to raise awareness of women's rights and the harmful impacts of gender-based violence ("GBV") amongst our community and call on the Royal Government of Cambodia ("RGC") to take immediate and concrete steps to end GBV and promote gender equality in Cambodia. The campaign held by CCHR ran from 25 November to Human Rights Day on 10 December 2023, a significant day to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the revolutionary document underpinning the international human rights framework and originally enshrining the fundamental human rights owed to everyone. CCHR's campaign included a series of activities conducted on social media and garnered high engagement from the public. Those activities include engagement with public via online quizzes related GBV, releasing a timeline of Naga World strikes, releasing an infographic on the progress of implementation of the Universal Periodical Review Recommendations on women's rights by the RGC, hosting a radio talk show and organizing the physical event to celebrate the 16-day campaign to end GBV and releasing of the snapshots highlighting key human rights incidents in 2023.

Radio Program

During 2023, CCHR conducted at least 166 live radio talk shows, each focusing on one or more topics including land rights, business and human rights, fair trial rights, LGBTIQ / SOGIESC rights, law talks and other various talks in the Weekly Analyses. Key stakeholders from civil society as well as authority representatives were invited to participate and share their views. All of the talk shows were also streamed live on CCHR's Facebook page which received 9,105,866 reaches, 37,554 likes, 4,365 Shares, 2,588,559 views, and 2,552 comments.

2. Challenges and Lesson Learned

In 2023, CCHR implemented its activities as planned, although some activities were delayed. The main challenge in 2023 is that many of CCHR projects will finish by the end of the year, so CCHR Management Committee has devoted much of their effort to raising funds from various donor.

3. Gender and Rights Based Approach

CCHR continues to carry out its activities to ensure gender equality, especially women's participation. At all times, CCHR remain raising the legal perspective pertaining to equality between men, women and human rights of LGBTIQ.

In addition, CCHR conducted special events to promote women and individuals with diverse gender identities on the International Women's Day 8 March 2023, the 16 Day of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence Campaign and continues providing appropriate legal, humanitarian and psychosocial support to WHRDs and LGBTIQ people who have faced violence, harassment and threats as a result of their work.

4. Appendix:

The key publications released by CCHR included:

Annual Report on "Fair Trial Rights in Cambodia, Monitoring at the Phnom Penh, Battambang, Thoung Khmum and Preah Sihanouk Courts of Appeal", (covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022).

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