



CCHR’s Annual Report for 2021

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 2021

During this reporting period, between January and December 2021, the Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) has worked progressively toward its goal, as follows:

1. Progress and Achievement

Publications

During the reporting period, CCHR issued 97 publications related to human rights, including press releases/statements, open letters, joint statements, human rights defender’s alerts, briefing notes, research reports, factsheets, joint submissions, infographics and leaflets. These documents were released in order to advocate for, educate, 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”), judicial reform, fair trial rights and gender equality. For example, on 11 July CCHR launched the [online module on Freedom of Expression](#) consist of 3 modules: (1) [Freedom of Expression](#); (2) [Access to Information](#); and (3) [Independent Media](#). These modules were completed and converted into animated videos ([My Freedom, My expression](#), [Seeking information is not wrong](#) and reliable information), infographics ([Freedom of expression](#), [Access to information](#) and [Independent media](#)), and quizzes ([Freedom of expression](#), [Access to information](#) and [Independent media](#)).

Out of 97 publications, 11 are video as the following:

N	Date	Title
1	02-Apr-21	Discrimination Against Transgender at Employment Sector
2	09-Apr-21	Urgent call to release Abdul-Hadi al-Khawaja on his 60th Birthday &10th anniversary of his detention

3	25-May-21	“LGBTIQ+ people and Hopes” in Cambodia.
4	14-Jul-21	Video on My freedom, My expression, released on 14 July, 2021.
5	15-Jul-21	Video on Seeking information is not wrong, released on 15 July, 2021.
6	16-Jul-21	Video on the Reliable information, released on 16 July, 2021.
7	15-Sep-21	International Day of Democracy
8	23-Sep-21	Black Cloud
9	09-Dec-21	Advancing Human Rights Together
10	10-Dec-21	I Support Women Human Rights Defenders! How’s About You?
11	10-Dec-21	What is Human Rights?

These videos can be viewed online on [YouTube](#) and on [CCHR’s Facebook](#).

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 of association, expression and assembly, land rights, business and human rights, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (“LGBTIQ”) rights. In total, during the reporting period, 1462 media reports related to these rights were gathered.

The Fair Trial Rights Project, in 2021, CCHR monitored 85 cases in the Appeal Court in Phnom Penh, and 19 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 published three newsletters and one annual report:

- A newsletter titled “The [Right to Understand the Nature and Cause of Charges and Explanation of Rights for Women Defendants](#)” released on 04 March 2021.
- A newsletter title “[The right to be presumed innocent](#)” published on 12 August 2021,
- A newsletter on the topic “Fair Trial Rights of Juvenile Defendants,” published on 2 November 2021.
- An [annual report](#) covering from 2019-2020 for 2020 released in Nov 2021 on Fair Trial Rights and Trial Monitoring at the Court of Appeal including recommendations to strengthen the rule of law, fair trial rights, judicial reform and progressive legislation in Cambodia.

Moreover, CCHR also released an infographic on Gender Based Violence victims in Cambodia courts as part of CCHR’s annual 16 Days of Activism to End GBV campaign on 10 December 2021.

Campaign

- *International Women’s Day -March 2021*

On 4 March 2021, CCHR organized an event to celebrate International Women’s Day (IWD). The celebration was held under the theme “[I choose to challenge gender inequality](#)” at CCHR’s office in Phnom Penh and was broadcasted via [CCHR’s Facebook page](#).

The event aimed 1) to raise awareness amongst the public on women’s participation in civil society and on the work undertaken by women human right defenders; and 2) to highlight the challenging environment in which women who engage in civil society or public participation operate in Cambodia.

There were the three keys' activities were presented in the live video. The event proceeded with a panel discussion amongst women with backgrounds in journalism and human rights activism to raise their voices and the challenges of their works. Afterward, there was a performance of an interactive theatre in which a problem scenario was presented, and the audiences were encouraged to intervene with their own solutions to the problem faced by women in the story. The quiz sessions in which key questions about women were the parts of the event where audience can interact to answer to get the prize. At the ended of this session, 18 participants who answered the question correctly were selected to receive the package of safety bag with a key message concerning women's rights. The live video ended up with a performant of Khmer Tradition Music namely "Chapey Dorng Veng" which also sang about women.

- *The 16 Day of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence Campaign and International Human Rights Day.*

From 25 November 2021 to 10 December 2021, CCHR organized a 16 Day of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence Campaign ("16 Days Campaign") which runs from International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women until Human Rights Day. The 16 Day Campaign aims to promote and raise awareness on gender based-violence and to create a space for women from various fields to express and advocate to end the gender based-violence in Cambodia.

In 2021, CCHR ran a series of activities that seek to raise awareness of the human rights situation, particularly in relation to women's rights and the efforts of civil society and human rights defenders to protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia.

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1	25 Nov 2021	Press release on 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence
2	25 Nov 2021	CCHR released a timeline of the Friday Women protests
3	25 Nov 2021	Radio Talk show
4	29 Nov 2021	Video of messages of encouragement to WHRDs
5	28 Nov 2021	CCHR also published a booklet featuring the profiles of WHRDs and LGBTIQ activists.
6	01 Dec 2021	Poster inviting public to participate human rights quiz to get a gift
7	09 Dec 2021	CCHR releases a video titled "Advancing Human Rights Together"
8	09 Dec 2021	CCHR releases profile pictures and inspiring messages from 13 human rights defenders who dedicate their time to the promotion and protection of human rights, social justice, and natural resources in Cambodia
9	10 Dec 2021	CCHR launched its 2021 Human Rights Timeline & released snapshots outlining some of the key human rights abuses that occurred in #Cambodia in 2021
10	10 Dec 2021	CCHR releases an infographic on GBV victims in Cambodia's courts
11	09 Dec 2021	Hybrid event of international Human Rights Day

Radio Program

During 2020, CCHR conducted at least 159 live radio talk shows, each focusing on one or more topics including land rights, business and human rights, fair trial rights, LGBTIQ / SOGIESC rights, legal discussions 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, received 619 084 reaches, 5997 likes, 2675 Share, 894 comments and 238 564 Views.

Capacity Building and Training

CCHR has conducted 19 trainings and workshops on various topics related to advocacy, law, business and human rights, and security. In addition, CCHR conducted meetings, including CSOs quarterly meetings, sharing sessions and awareness raising sessions among the communities, sharing sessions among lawyers, orientation, report launches, consultation workshop, photo exhibition were conducted.

2. Challenges and Lesson Learned

During project implementation in 2021, CCHR faced some challenges both internally and externally. Externally, the second time of COVID-19 community outbreak happened from March until December 2021. The Covid 19 outbreak presented challenges for CCHR's project implementation. To adapt to the pandemic, CCHR adopted a new culture of working either online/remotely or face to face working depending on the COVID-19 situation. CCHR followed the government's directives by following the measures put in place by the Ministry of Health, such as announcements limiting physical gatherings and meeting attendees to curb the spread of the outbreak, among others.

Due to the pandemic, most of this year's planned physical activities/events became online activities to align with important safety measures.

3. Gender and Rights Based Approach

In 2021, CCHR continued to overcome barriers to women's engagement, by ensuring equal representation of male and female speakers at events. CCHR also used every opportunity to restate the fact that men, women, and LGBTIQ people have equal legal status with regards to human rights.

In addition, CCHR conducted special events to promote women and individuals with diverse gender identities on the International Women's Day 9 March 2021, 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: CCHR's key publications

- An [annual report](#) covering from 2019-2020 for 2020 released in Nov 2021 on Fair Trial Rights and Trial Monitoring at the Court of Appeal.

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