Human Rights Network Project
What?

• An informal network of Community Based Organizations (CBOs)

• Naturally linking groups throughout the country

• Empowering communities to drive change

• Providing support and guidance for community activities
CBOs – grassroots groups made up of ordinary people working to change the society in which they live.

“People changing the world”

- Diakonia
Why?

Human Rights Situation is dire:

• Mass land evictions
• Crackdown on freedom of expression
• Parliament limiting freedom of association
• No justice at the courts
• No say in government
Why?

• Change should come from the ground up

• Communities want change but need to be empowered to be able to achieve it

• NGOs in Cambodia tend to lead, speak rather than listen

• Existing networks are too formalized

• Coalitions have taken on the identity of distinct organizations
How?

- Creation
- Identification
- Empowerment
- Participation
How?

Creation

• Network Hotline, helpdesk and referral system

• Network Directory “Sithi Pages”

• Supporting documents

• Training materials
How?

Identification

- Identification of potential Network Participants
- Meetings with potential Network participants to outline benefits of participation
How?

*Empowerment*

Training on:

- Human Rights
- Monitoring and Documentation
- Advocacy
- Organizational Development
How?

**Participation**

- Small Grants Scheme to support community activities
- Guidance from CCHR and partner NGOs
- Community activities broadcast on CCHR radio time
- Activities include:
  - Meetings
  - Public Forums
  - Marches
  - Demonstrations
Where?

2011 – Project will start with 30 CBOs as Network Participants in Siem Reap and Battambang Provinces during the pilot period in 2011 and will be extended throughout the country thereafter.
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Creation

- Network accessibility system
  - Hotline: 017 50 50 50
  - Project staff: refer to NGOs partners whose services fit the needs
- Communities’ Directory
- Communities’ map
- Network profiles
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Creation

• Supporting documents
  o Communities’ Needs Assessment Report
  o Concept paper
  o Activities plan
  o PowerPoint presentation
  o Newsletter (is being drafted)
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Creation

• Training materials
  o PowerPoint presentation on Basic HR Concept
  o Handout on Documentation
  o Handout on HR and Law
  o Handout on HR monitoring (is being prepared by LICADHO)
Identification

- 42 communities found in Siem Reap:
  - Forestry 1
  - Union 2
  - Association 3
  - Land 6
  - Fishery 11
  - Development 19
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Identification

Cambodian Communities for Human Rights

http://sithi.org/network/community.php
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Identification

- Needs Assessment to determine capacity of potential Network participants
Empowerment

3 day training on documentation

- Siem Reap – 20 participants
- Battambang – 14 participants
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*Participation*

Needs assessment results for activity plans:

- Public forum
- Monitoring
- Awareness
- Meeting
- Gathering
- March

Legend:
- Association
- Land
- Fisahry
Lesson learn in 2010

• Original project concept – targeted quantity of participants over quality of participation
• Phnom Penh – large NGOs already supporting CBOs
• Kampot – overly restrictive
• BB and Siem Reap – large numbers CBOS without adequate support
• Some large NGOs reluctant to participate
For more information

Thank you for your attention!

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