

STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS FACT SHEET
Gender-Based Violence Workstream



Project Brief

“Access to justice for women affected by Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and persons with disabilities” aims to improve access to justice for women affected by gender-based violence (GBV). There will also be a focus on increasing access to legal aid for women with disabilities who have experienced GBV. This project will provide legal consultation, legal representation, and social support to women who have experienced GBV.

In supporting this, the project will improve government official’s capacity to address GBV and build community knowledge of what GBV is. By engaging in learning workshops with government officials, local authorities (police officials) and legal personnel, this project will improve the quality of services available for women impacted by GBV.

Project Outcomes

1. There will be an increase in the provision of justice for female survivors of GBV through legal aid and other support services. To achieve this outcome, we aim to:
 - Provide legal consultation and legal aid to GBV survivors.
 - Provide social support to GBV survivors.
 - Establish a Case Database System and Case Management System.

2. To improve government officials’ capacity to address GBV and educate communities on recognising and understanding GBV. To achieve this outcome, we aim to:
 - Create an educational manual and short videos on GBV for communities.
 - Organise GBV events on International Women’s Day and during the 16 Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women.
 - Conduct community outreach sessions to raise awareness about GBV and disability rights.
 - Conduct training sessions for social workers about GBV and disability networks.
 - Establish two new GBV working groups at a district level.

3. Stronger coordination and mobilisation mechanisms among relevant stakeholders enabling them to effectively intervene in GBV incidents. To achieve this, we aim to:
 - Conduct quarterly meetings with established GBV Working Groups (WGs) in target districts.

- Conduct biannual meetings with target commune councils to discuss GBV budget allocation.
- Conduct biannual meetings with target commune councils to discuss the possibility of establishing a separate consultation/counselling room for GBV survivors.

Key Activities

- Organise awareness raising activities, work alongside police and courts to deliver a fair investigation and trial process, refer clients to skill-based NGOs, maintain communication between authorities and LAC lawyer.
- Work closely with local authorities and community leaders to provide simple training on GBV and organise awareness raising events to combat patriarchal mindsets and societal norms.
- Develop and foster good relationships and cooperation with relevant sub-national authorities.

Beneficiaries

Direct Beneficiaries:

- Women with and without disabilities, including those who have been affected by GBV.
- District and provincial GBV WGs.
- Provincial social workers and disability networks.
- Relevant national and subnational authorities, and key judiciary officials including judges and prosecutors.
- Society as a whole, who will benefit from increased GBV awareness and better respect for women's human rights.

Geographic Location

LAC will implement this program in three provinces. These areas have been selected because there is greater need for legal services relating to GBV.

- Siem Reap (Angkor Chum, Sotr Nikum, Kralanh and Varin Districts)
- Kampong Speu (Borseth, Thpong, Chbamorn, Oral and Phnom Sruoch city/districts,)
- Kampong Cham (Kampong Siem, Choeung Prey, Batheay, and Kampong Cham City/ Districts)

Partners

- Siem Reap Provincial Department of Women's Affairs (PDoWA), Provincial Department of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (PDoSVY), Referral Hospitals, Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC), Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation (TPO), Cambodian Disabled People Organisation (CDPO), ADD International, and Banteay Srey Organisation.
- Kampong Speu PDoWA, PDoSAVY, Referral Hospitals, CWCC, TPO, CDPO, ADD International,
- Kampong Cham PDoWA, PDoSAVY, Referral Hospitals, TPO, CDPO, and ADD International.

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