



CARE Cambodia

INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY AREA

Australia–Cambodia Cooperation for Equitable Sustainable Services - Phase 2

CARE'S ACCESS 2 WORK

CARE works with Indigenous communities to strengthen gender-based violence (GBV) response and prevention. Community dialogues using the Social Analysis and Action approach help communities examine and shift the norms that drive violence, reinforced by Indigenous peer support groups and role models promoting positive masculinity. CARE also equips Organisations of Persons with Disabilities to deliver GBV awareness raising and psychosocial support for women with disabilities and trains GBV response working groups on disability inclusion. The work takes a twin-track approach and aligns with the RESPECT framework for preventing violence against women.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Indigenous communities and marginalised groups better understand GBV, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and services.
- Shift in attitudes, beliefs and norms on gender and disability, and better GBV service delivery.
- Stronger institutional GBV response through evidence, advocacy and system strengthening.

KEY DETAILS

-  **Duration**
Jan 2024 – Jun 2028
-  **Locations**
Ratanakiri
-  **Direct Beneficiaries**
5,351

Project Spotlight

Social Analysis and Action dialogues

Facilitated in Indigenous languages by local partners, Social Analysis and Action dialogues bring communities together to examine the norms behind violence. In the first half of 2026, 124 sessions reached 3,919 people and communities increasingly treat GBV as a public concern rather than a private matter.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (to June 2026)

124

Community dialogues held on gender norms and GBV

36

GBV counselling rooms established

10

GBV response working groups strengthened coordination and survivor-centred responses

-  Ratanakiri's first One Stop Service Unit for GBV Survivors opened at the referral hospital in January 2026.
-  Private GBV counselling rooms now operate across all nine districts in Ratanakiri, set up in commune and district offices.
-  Awareness of where to seek help after violence rose from 53% to 89% in target areas.
-  All ten provincial and district GBV response working groups in Ratanakiri are now formally institutionalised, with functionality assessed at 87%.

WHO BENEFITS



Direct

Indigenous communities, GBV survivors, women and children with disabilities, and GBV and disability service providers.



Indirect

Indigenous communities in target districts, and families of GBV survivors and of persons with disabilities.



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It is good that we have a GBV response mechanism in Ratanakiri, that raises awareness of GBV, strengthens capacity, and provides responses.

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