



Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation (TPO)

Gender-Based Violence Workstream

Australia–Cambodia Cooperation for Equitable Sustainable Services - Phase 2

TPO'S ACCESS 2 WORK

TPO strengthens the psychosocial response to gender-based violence (GBV) by building the capacity of local service providers across five target districts. Training on the Minimum Standards for Basic Counselling, Psychological First Aid, and other mental health topics is reinforced through refresher courses, coaching, and mentoring, enabling survivors with and without disabilities to access quality psychosocial support close to home.

TPO staff and local service providers offer both in-person and remote counselling, while model GBV counselling rooms are established within commune offices to improve access to confidential support. Community-based psychoeducation increases awareness of the mental health impacts of GBV and promotes help-seeking. Strong referral pathways link survivors with the legal, health, and other socio-economic empowerment services they need, supporting a coordinated and survivor-centred response.

KEY OUTCOMES

-  Local providers deliver stronger psychosocial services to women affected by GBV, with or without disability.
-  GBV survivors are effectively referred to relevant services in target provinces.

KEY DETAILS

-  **Duration**
Jan 2024 – Jun 2028
-  **Locations**
Siem Reap, Kampong Cham, Ratanakiri
-  **Direct Beneficiaries**
334

Project Spotlight

GBV counselling rooms in commune offices

12 confidential GBV counselling rooms in commune offices provide survivors with a safe and accessible space to seek support close to home. Trained commune staff provide counselling with ongoing coaching from TPO, while commune councils have committed to maintaining the rooms.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (to June 2026)

4,021

people reached through GBV and mental health awareness-raising activities

334

GBV survivors received psychosocial support

12

GBV counselling rooms established in commune offices

-  280 local service providers trained on Minimum Standards for Basic Counselling (MSBC), referral guidelines and GBV response.
-  One hundred coaching and supervision sessions reached 121 local service providers, double the planned number, combining in-person and remote mentoring across five districts.
-  Psychoeducation was delivered in the Charay and Prov languages, making it accessible for indigenous communities.
-  97 emergency responders trained in psychological first aid, Providing targeted support for more than 10,000 displaced people affected by the border conflict.

WHO BENEFITS



Direct

Local service providers trained in basic counselling. Women and girls receiving social support, including survivors of GBV.



Indirect

Families and communities benefiting from stronger local mental health and GBV support services.



The Psychological First Aid session showed me that even without specialised training, I can provide meaningful support through listening, observing, and connecting survivors to services.

Commune officer, a trainee of TPO Psychological First Aid training

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