



Concept Note

Launching of the Research's Result

"Challenges of Women Leaders in Accessing National Budget for Women and Children at the Sub-national level"



Date: 29 January 2016

Venue: Imperial Garden Villa & Hotel

I. Background CPWP

Since 2005, the Committee to Promote Women in Politics (CPWP) has been committed to promoting women's equal participation and representation in public office. We are comprised of seven core member organizations. They are: Gender and Development Cambodia (GADC), Committee for Free & Fair Elections in Cambodia (COMFREL), Neutral & Impartial Committee for Free & Fair Elections in Cambodia (NICFEC), Women Media Center (WMC), PADEK, DPA, SILAKA. CPWP also has four associate members (KWWA, Strey Khmer, CAFDOC and AMARA). CPWP has been active in enhancing women's participation and representation in politics with a focus on strengthening the capacity of women leaders as well as a collective effort to do lobby and advocacy. Our current strategic plan (2012 – 2015) is 1) renewing and strengthens grass-roots empowerment, 2) working with local women leaders, 3) staying engage with the public in what we do, 4) building knowledge networking, and advocating. Lately, CPWP has worked to include young women activists in our core target groups at the provinces. Target groups are in 15 districts in 10 provinces: Kampong Chham, Kampong Thom, Prey Veng, Kg Chhnang, Kandal, Kratie, Takeo, Mondulkiri, Thboug Khmom and Stung Treng. Claiming Rights for Ours Sisters (CROS) partnered with Oxfam in the implement of this project. SILAKA was the host agency of the CPWP project activities since from 2005 to 2012 and again since October 2014.

The project goal is to contribute to the improvement of women's human rights through the collaboration among different stakeholders in increasing women representation at the decision making level. Therefore, this project wants to deeply analyze the barriers that block women to meaningful participants in decision making in term of accessing government budget at the sub-national level.

II. Rational

Almost 10 years experiences working with women both at the national and sub-national level, we found out that discriminatory laws and practices withhold women from equal representation in positions of power and leadership. Regarding to those discrimination, women leaders especially at sub-national faced difficulty to get disbursement of funds for services at the communes and sangkats level, and for Consultative Committee for Women and Children to

monitor district authorities activities; budget transfers often were late and in some areas, do not come at all. These issues really affect the response in short and long term solution to the needs of women and children at the local level. The government commitments to women and gender equality have led to a number of areas of progress for Cambodia women. However, the interpretation of those commitments into action and real implementation still remain a gap to address the need of women and –girls on the ground.

Under the fund support from Oxfam, CPWP have conducted research on “Challenges of Women Leaders in Accessing National Fund for Women and Children at the Sub-national level” in 4 provinces, Kampong Tom, Kandal, Battambang and Ratanakiri. We have interviewed female leaders, 2 each from members of Provinces, districts and commune councils, in total 24 female leaders in combination with the desk research and stakeholders interview. This research can therefore be seen as ground-braking and will be used as tool to advocate for real, long-lasting change, as it provides foundation for government, National Assembly, civil society, academic, media to hold each other accountable to achieve gender equality.

With this regards, Committee to Promote Women in Politics will conduct the launching of Research workshop result on (Date) at (Venue).

III. Objectives:

1. Sharing the research result to informed the realities and of the needs on the ground;
2. Identify the priority issues to take immediate and long term action;
3. Collaboration from different stakeholders to ensure that policy and government’s commitment are translated into tangible actions with actual budget.

IV. Expected outputs:

1. Policy makers and other relevant stakeholder well informed of the real issues and challenges at the ground level regarding to accessing national budget;
2. Keys action points that different stake holders can contribute for effective policy on gender equality.

V. Participants:

- expected number: 80, from Member of National Assembly, Donor community, Local CSOs, NCDDs, MOWA, MOF, MOP, Academic, private sectors and students

Drafting Agenda:

Time	Program	Facilitator
7:30am-8:00am	Registration	CPWP
8:00am-8:10am	National Anthem Workshop objective	MC
8:10am-8:25am	Welcome and Opening remark	Oxfam Representative
8:25am-9:25am	Presentation of research result Q and A	CPWP
9:25am-09:45am	Photo Session and Coffee Break	CPWP
09:45am-10:45am	<u>Group Discussion:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. chose priority issue and recommendation 2. Identify mechanism that can make exiting mechanism or policy more effective; 3. Identify keys stakeholders that can make the propose mechanism work. 	CPWP
10:45am-11:15am	Presentation of result's group discussion	Representative of group discussion
11:15am-11:45am	Response from the different stakeholders on result of Group discussion	Representative of stakeholders
11:45am-12:00pm	Summary the result and Closing Remark	Ms. Thida Khus, Executive director of SILAKA organization and Chair of CPWP
12:00pm-01:30pm	Solidarity Lunch	CPWP

Reserves the right to modify, if necessary!