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PKA SLA KROM ANGKAR: Forced Marriages under Khmer Rouge Regime



Pka Sla

Pka Sla fosters a transformation in the understanding of GBV through the artistic memorialization of shared experience, intergenerational dialogue, participatory documentation and therapeutic support and research regarding forced marriage under the Khmer Rouge.





Background

- The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)/KR Tribunal established following the agreement between the govt. and UN in 2003
- The ECCC works to adjudicate crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes alleged against the most senior living leaders of the KR (1975-1979) caused death of 1.7 million people.
- 5 KR leaders have been charged under the case 001, case 002 and 002/2
- Victim Support Section (VSS) – support the victims to participate in the ECCC proceeding as complainants or civil parties





Background

- After years of advocacy from CPs and their lawyers, the current case 002/02 includes the crime of forced marriage, unique in the Cambodia context in affecting both male and female victims
- The ECCC allows for the participation by the CPs can claim collective and moral reparation to be implemented by NGOs and other entities
- *Pka Sla* is the proposed judicial reparation project that addresses the harm suffered by CPs and the project makes hearings on GBV accessible to communities.



Approach

The consortium members & an independent expert on sexual violence during KR - developed the concept, which was tested on at a participatory validation workshop in 2015 (See Video).

A consortium of four NGOs:

1. Khmer Arts Academy
2. Bophana Audiovisual
3. Transcultural Psychosocial Organization of Cambodia
4. Kdei Karuna



Strategy

- Artistic engagement: The theatrical production is created and staged by Sophiline Arts
- Community engagement: KdK collaborate with CPs, other survivors and youth to develop a multi-media mobile exhibition on GBV under the Khmer Rouge and its links to present day GBV.
- Psychosocial support: TPO provides psychosocial support as needed for CPs and other audience to maintain a supportive and safe communal space for facing difficult personal memories of a shared history of violation.
- Documentation and historical preservation : Bophana records the process of the project's unfolding and its impact on CPs and communities.



How to address GBV

- Dialogue between communities and generations is an important mean to support re-building of trust.
- Engagement of new generations in the lessons of the past and identification of linkages with the present is also addressing the GBV.



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