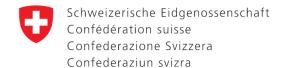


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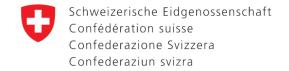
PKA SLA KROM ANGKAR: Forced Marriages under Khmer Rouge Regime



Pka Sla

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





Background

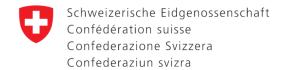
- The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)/KR Tribunal established following the agreement between the govt. and UN in 2003
- The ECCC works to adjudicate crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes alleged against the most senior living leaders of the KR (1975-1979) caused dead 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





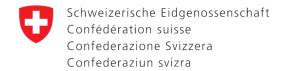






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- After years of advocacy from CPs and their lawyers, the current case 002/02 includes the crime of forced marriage, unique in the Cambodia context in affecting both male and female victims
- The ECCC allows for the participation by the CPs can claim collective and moral reparation to be implemented by NGOs and other entities
- Pka Sla is the proposed judicial <u>reparation project</u> 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).

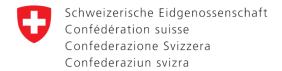
A consortium of four NGOs:

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

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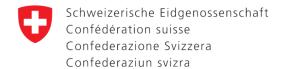
Strategy

- Artistic engagement: The theatrical production is created and staged by Sophiline Arts
- <u>Community engagement</u>: 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.
- <u>Psychosocial support</u>: 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.
- <u>Documentation and historical preservation</u>: Bophana records the process of the project's unfolding and its impact on CPs and communities.



How to address GBV

- <u>Dialogue</u> 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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