

LICADHO

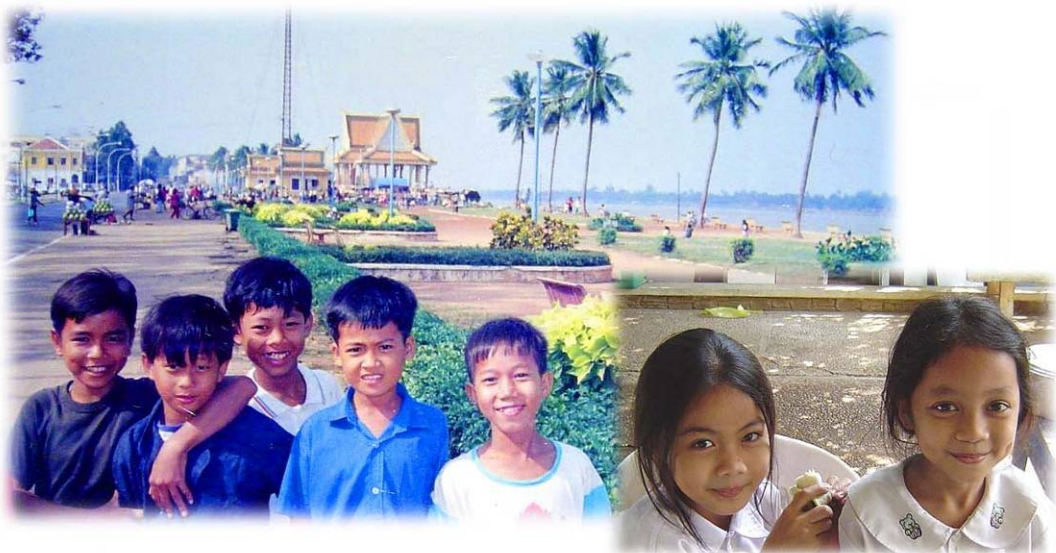
Cambodian League for the Promotion
and Defense of Human Rights



LICADHO is an organization that promotes human rights for all people in Cambodia, especially the rights of women and children.

The Children's Rights Office promotes every child's right to:

- 1. Survival**
- 2. Protection**
- 3. Participation**
- 4. Development**



THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

Cambodia is a beautiful country of about 12 million people. It is most famous for the temples of Angkor, many of which are over 1,000 years old. The stones are so big no one knows how they were built!



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បានជួយក្នុងការនាំកម្ពុជា**

RURAL LIFESTYLE

Rural people usually live in wood or thatch houses built on stilts to keep them dry during the rainy season, and wear traditional clothing such as sarongs and kramas.



URBAN LIFESTYLE

Urban people usually live in cement apartments or villas and drive motos or cars. “Cyclos” are a good way to move big, heavy things!



YOUTH CULTURE

Cambodian youth like traditional and modern dancing, singing karaoke and talking to friends on NOKIA mobile phones!



CHILDREN & POVERTY

The average income for a Cambodian family is less than US\$300 per year. Because of poverty, Cambodian children play an important role in family survival by helping farm, raise animals and earn money.



EDUCATION

Cambodian children love to study, but Cambodia lack schools, teachers and materials. Poverty and corruption force most students, especially female students, to drop out before finishing secondary school.



CHILD RIGHTS ABUSES

In addition to lacking education and adequate health care, Cambodian children are vulnerable to abuses such as child labor, domestic violence, rape and trafficking.



CHILD TRAFFICKING

According to UN, child trafficking is buying or selling a person under 18 years old to use them for profit or pleasure.

In Cambodia, children are trafficked for the purposes of forced and illegal labor, adoption, prostitution & pornography. Some are sold to traffickers in Thailand, Vietnam or other countries.



LICADHO'S RESPONSE

Funded by Operation A Day's Work, the Children's Rights Training and Advocacy Project aims to prevent child trafficking and assist victims by:

- 1) Training government authorities, parents, children, etc. about child rights & trafficking**



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2) Supporting trainees to take action in community networks which raise awareness, monitor and investigate cases, and support victims with social services.



CHILDREN'S NETWORKS

Because children have the right to participation, the project gives children the opportunity to becoming involved in the fight against child trafficking and other abuses. Each month 10-15 children aged 14-18 meet to plan and conduct project activities.



CHILDREN'S NETWORKS

Besides monitoring the safety of children in their communities and reporting any cases of abuse or trafficking, they also teach other children about child rights and child trafficking.



In 2004, ODW Donations have been used for...

6 adult and children's network meetings in 3 provinces



6 awareness-raising sessions reaching a total of 215 adults and 124 children



In 2004, ODW Donations have been used for...

Investigations of 44 cases of abuse, including 3 cases of trafficking;

Medical and Material Support for 13 child victims, including:

Food: Rice, Beans, Canned fish, Noodles, Powdered milk, Vegetable oil, Sugar

Hygiene Supplies: Soap, Laundry detergent, Tooth Brush, Toothpaste

Clothing: Sandals, Kramas, Sarongs, Towels

Household Items: Mosquito Nets, Blankets, Mats, and even 1 Bicycle

