

VSR WORKING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 – FINAL
Chaired by Mr. LY Bunthea (YRDP)

1. Mr. Bunthea, the Rotating Chairperson of the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that they enjoyed with the summer break of VSR working group meeting. He also noted that he would be the next Chair of the VSR working group.

2. Change of Initial Secretariat Members

Mr. Ang welcomed the participants and briefly presented that he would replace Falguni DEBNATH as a member of the VSR Working Group because she is unavailable. He would be more active in the group and hoped that the group would move forward. He added that he would be happy to work with the team to find ways forward, funding, and some possibilities that ECCC could support with any administrative work.

He further addressed that if there is a need of internal human resources from ECCC to do presentations outside about ECCC, legal proceedings, legal legacy, ECCC will consider doing it.

3. ECCC's outreach activities for notifying CPs

Mr. Vannak recalled the judicial proceedings at ECCC came to an end and that the notification of Case 002/02 Judgment and ECCC update proceeding to 3865 CPs would be conducted. Initially, this notification was planned to meet with CPs, but due to the large number of CPs and lack of funding we alternatively decided to meet with 187 Focal Persons. He said that after the meeting, focal person would share information received from Lead Co-lawyers and Civil Party Lawyers to CPs at their residences. In the meantime, they would bring CPs booklets and Appreciate Letters along with information to provide to CPs at their responsible areas.

The first meeting was held in Phnom Penh with 44 Focal Persons with successful outcomes. 544 CPs were reached and received information and documents from focal persons, of which 30% of them were dead, sick, and old-aged.

The second meeting will be in Kampot province, and it will be organized in October 2023, covering approximately 900 CPs. The following meetings will be in Battambang and Kampong Cham provinces. This notification plan will be accomplished at the end of the year.

Considering the contribution from NGO partners, Mr. Sorya asked if there is any NGOs to engage in this event as he knew that at the beginning of the discussion of this notification project that there would be some activities of NGO partners' involvement for the benefit of CPs. Mr. Ang said that due to the short period and lack of funds, the meeting was reduced to only half-day with full agenda for the notification, so there was not any available session for NGOs. However, he welcomes NGOs' present to the event and share their materials.

Mr. Vannak will send email to inform NGO partners for the next meetings schedule and ask if they are willing to participate, but he clearly states that there will not be any available fund to support/cover on this.

Value Added of notifications meeting:

Mr. Sorya raised up his idea on the survey for Focal Person to ask Civil Parties' point of views, just four or five questions, towards their participation in the proceeding/meeting, or any other suggestion on the notification project. Then, Mr. Vannak said that the rapid/internal assessment of CP notification after each meeting would be conducted by him. Civil Party would be randomly selected to answer the questions. For the first meeting, around 20 CPs were directly called by him to ask about their feeling of receiving notification information and materials. Majority of them were satisfied but wished to directly join the meeting.

4. Update on projects in Database

The objective of creating this database to store NGOs project is to know about who do what, where, when..., it is easy to sort and filter those projects by implementers, categories (e.g education, rehabilitation, documentation), implementing locations, duration etc. So far, there are only two NGOs who have not sent their projects yet: Bophana and DC-Cam.

Mr. Sorya asked if this database or information can be shared and posted in ECCC's website or put it in google drive as Excel format and send them the links so that NGO partners can update and write their information in this link. This information is not confidential, so it can be posted and shared in order to work efficiently.

5. Alternative ways forwards for sustainability activity or project of members

Cooperation with public and private sectors:

Mr. Sorya shortly described about the flow of fundings providing to NGOs in the past 40 years and that could not be secured and sustainable for NGOs, so some NGOs closed gradually, and donors returned home. He introduced new sustainability approach for NGOs to have secured funding by (1) approaching private sector, e.g some banks to sponsor on publication etc. and (2) cooperate with the state, e.g some NGOs already worked with the state to implement some projects.

ECCC should have update list of NGOs that already worked with some public sector and some others that are approaching so that we can check if ECCC can have some support on administrative matters, e.g support letters, or if we can find other ways to move forward.

Mr. Ang supported this idea because it is part of helping the victims and educate people following to what had been proposed in the Victims Workshop in May 2022. So, we should find way to move forward whether mobilizing with government or proposing to potential donors. He concretely raised an idea that if we can have meeting with potential donors to present the idea, it would be good. Ms. Monica supported this idea, and she is happy to participate in any educational activities.

Make projects visible:

Ms. Fatimata also raised about some criteria of proposals or projects to donor that NGOs should think about to have secured and full funding even if it is small or big projects. Donors sometimes don't know what we or victims need, so we should know clearly and prepare projects to meet the requirement.

6. Others

Ms. Monica shared one application about E-learning and videos that cooperatively created by project partners (DG Alliance and LAC) for students and public to learn. If there are more funding, she will develop more features and work with expert to update it. It can be shared to ECCC for educational purposes. Below are the links:

- <https://fb.watch/nbUpTx49Ly/?mibextid=2Rb1fB>
- <https://elearning-lac.org/>

7. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 26th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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