DIRECTORY OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LAWYERS PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES TO JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA PROFESSIONALS IN CAMBODIA

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Introduction

The professional journalists and media organizations are facing threats, attacks, restrictions, crackdown and judicial harassment against them when they exercise their profession in Cambodia. From 2017 to 2021, the authorities ordered the closure of 32 FM radio frequencies across 20 of Cambodia’s provinces, particularly stations that relayed Khmer language news broadcasts by Radio Free Asia (RFA), Voice of America (VOA), and Voice of Democracy (VOD). After RFA decided to close its office in Phnom Penh in September 2017 due to alleged systematic government harassment of its two former reporters of RFA, the cases remaining open at the Supreme court. According to the records of CCIM in 2019 and 2020, 41 journalists and freelancers including the online media outlets were closed down and some were jailed in relation to their news reporting. Among them at least 13 journalists arrested and in jail, such as Mr. Sok Oudom, owner of the local Rithysen 99.75 FM radio station and news website at Kompong Chhnang provinces, Mr. Sovan Rithy, Director-General of TVFB. When the journalists and or media organizations face judicial harassment against them, they need lawyers or legal expertise to provide legal advice and/or defense.

CCIM is making this profile of organizations providing legal services to human rights defenders and journalists at risks to ensure that when they are at risks, they can seek for legal support, defense and advice for them.

This directory aims to provide the journalists, media professionals, journalists’ associations, and civil society organizations engaged in journalism and media work in Cambodia with access to information about the availability of legal support for journalists from various legal aid groups and law firms in Cambodia. The listing includes their contact details, organization philosophy, and their services.

CCIM is a media-based organization established in 2007 to promote independent media, press freedom, freedom of expression and access to information and democratic governance. If journalists, media professionals, journalists’ associations face judicial harassment, threats, and other incidents especially those committed by the government, CCIM will conduct investigation in cooperation with other legal aid organizations. CCIM also provides legal advice or legal defense and to facilitate and coordinate with lawyers and legal aid organizations in providing legal assistance to the journalists and media professionals.
Organizations

1. Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC)

Background

ADHOC is the first Cambodian human rights association founded on December 10, 1991 by a former political prisoners’ group, who had been detained in the late 1980s for peacefully advocating human rights and democracy, following the signing of the Paris Peace Agreements which signed by the four Khmer factions on 23 October 1991 on “A Comprehensive Political Settlement of Cambodia Conflict” in Paris. It is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit and non-governmental human rights organization based. ADHOC has worked to address the absence of basic rights, freedoms and liberties in Cambodia by providing people with knowledge and understanding of human rights, law and democracy, and how to defend their rights and freedoms. ADHOC’s purposes include assisting victims of abuses in their quest for justice, strengthening the capacity of ordinary citizens to claim their rights, and encouraging citizens to lobby and advocate for improvement and enhancement of laws, institutions and law enforcement.

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**Type of legal services**

- Providing legal advice
- Facilitate preparation of legal documents for litigation or trials (preparing affidavits, notarized documents, and other documentary evidences, etc.)
- Legal defense for criminal cases
- Facilitation of

**Type of other services**

- Financial support to the family of the client (if the client is jailed and the family has no support from the relatives)
- Emergency assistance (emergency evacuation of clients and/or families to safe area or country for security reasons, relocation to a safehouse). Base on assessment and evaluation.

**Criteria for beneficiaries / clients (journalists)**

- Base on ADHOC mandate

**Guidelines for providing legal services or other support**

- ADHOC procedure

**Advocacy activities related to legal services**

- ADHOC working on advocating for national and international level based on issues.
- Form NGOs working to update, share information and join advocacy related to legal.
Collaboration with other legal organizations:

- Licadho
- CCHR
- UNOHCHR
- Others (depend to the cases/issue)

Other information relevant to legal services

- ADHOC support clients of land grabbing, human rights, fundamental freedom, gender-based violence, human trafficking and labour abuse.
- Provide training for community representatives to become human rights defenders in 19 provinces.
2. Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR)

Background

CCHR works to address these issues, through monitoring human rights violations and the democratic process, advocating for policy and legislative changes necessary to the promotion of human rights, and through empowering activists and communities to advocate for their rights.

We also promote a collaborative approach to human rights. This means we work in association with other partners and seek to address human rights from the ground up. Each of our projects seeks to empower a number of different actors: ordinary people, grassroots activists, community-based organizations and so on. On this site you will find information regarding these actors but you will also find links to our partners (both national and international), donors and other organizations working to promote human rights in Cambodia.

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Type of legal services

- Providing legal advice (lawyers provide legal advice to the legal cases)
- Facilitate preparation of legal documents for litigation or trials (preparing affidavits, notarized documents, and other documentary evidences, etc.)
- Legal representation (lawyer representing the client to transact business in the court)
- Legal defense (lawyer representing client during investigation, trial, and other court proceedings)
- Facilitation of

Type of other services

- Financial support to the clients (when the clients stopped working or other economic activities due to litigation
- Financial support to the family of the client (if the client is jailed and the family has no support from the relatives)
- Emergency assistance (emergency evacuation of clients and/or families to safe area or country for security reasons, relocation to a safehouse)

Criteria for beneficiaries / clients (journalists)

- Criteria for direct beneficiaries or clients: CCHR’s beneficiaries or clients could be individuals, groups and organizations, reporting on or working to address violations of human rights have their fundamental freedoms violated or are at serious risk. This includes, but it is not limited to, human rights defenders (“HRDs”), trade unionists, community activists, journalists and other members of the media, and peaceful protestors. They must be none violence actor.
- Criteria for family or dependent of direct beneficiaries: Beneficiaries’ relatives are her/his spouse or partner, children, descendent relatives, and ascendant relatives.

Guidelines for providing legal services or other support:

- Assistance can be provided at the request of an alleged victim to CCHR, or at the
request of a relative, friend, or coworker on behalf of the victim. After a request has been received, CCHR shall interview the alleged victim, NGO partners and individuals to collect and verify information.

- After all relevant information is gathered, the responsible staff at shall summit the case to CCHR’s Protecting Fundamental Freedoms Committee of the case to make decision the client meet criteria to receive assistance.

**Advocacy activities related to legal services**

- N/A

**Collaboration with other legal organizations:**

- CCHR collaborates with other NGOs provide legal services and other support to victims to make sure that the victims human rights and fundamental freedoms violated are protected.

**Other information relevant to legal services**

- N/A
3. Community Legal Education Center (CLEC)

Background

The Community Legal Education Center (CLEC) was created in 1996 as legal resource center, promoting the rule of law, justice and democracy in Cambodia. From 1996 to 2001, CLEC operated as an arm of the University of San Francisco School of Law, funded by USAID. In December 2001, CLEC became a locally registered NGO. CLEC has taught over five thousand Cambodians in different subjects of law through its "certificate in law" program. CLEC has also produced a legal text-book series, which represents some of the only Cambodian legal texts on a wide range of subjects. CLEC has reached its potential over the time by employing strategic litigation, legal empowerment, community-based paralegal services and effective engagement to fulfill its mission that builds legal empowerment to vulnerable communities affected by LNR issues to promote LNR good governance for “Social Justice and Inclusive Development”. With qualified lawyers and legal professional and rights staff, CLEC has involved in advocacy activities regarding a number of significant legal reform issues including the 2001 Land Law, the sub-decree on indigenous communal land titling within indigenous peoples, the establishment of the Arbitration Council, the election dispute resolution process, the drafting of the Peaceful Assembly Law, and commentary and review of numerous pieces of legislation.

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**Type of legal services**

Focusing on rights to land and natural resource cases/issues but CLEC can provide legal advice or legal depend to HRDs and Journalists at risks depend to the need and request by partners and budget available.
- Providing legal advice (lawyers provide legal advice to the legal cases)
- Facilitate preparation of legal documents for litigation or trials by preparing affidavits, notarized documents, and other documentary evidences.
- Legal defense (lawyer representing client during investigation, trial, and other court proceedings)
- Facilitation for community legal training and lobby and advocacy actions

**Type of other services**
- N/A

**Criteria for beneficiaries / clients (journalists)**

- Criteria for direct beneficiaries or clients. It’s for communities depending on land and natural resources (LNR) and their members, LNR activists/HRDs, LNR-related criminal charges. Should also has public and media attention in the cases. The case of HRDs and Journalist CLEC also can support based on the budget available.
- Criteria for family or dependent of direct beneficiaries. No requirement, but must be cases emerged from community activism for LNR rights/promotion.

**Guidelines for providing legal services or other support**

- Procedures of the organization in reaching out to beneficiaries or clients.
- Procedures in contacting or approaching the organization.
- Other procedures. Referral from other NGOs and others
With any procedure, the clients have to ask in writing for CLEC support before CLEC intervention.

**Advocacy activities related to legal services**

- Join discussion of drafting legal aid policy/law with MoJ, UNOHCHR and other NGO partners
- Direct discussion with MoJ and court judges for certain cases
- Join advocacy with other human rights organization base on the issues/cases

**Collaboration with other legal organizations**

- With CCHR, Adhoc, LAC, EC … co-defense of cases
- With NGOF and partners on LNR good governance and LNR dispute resolution.
- With all stakeholders to organize multilateral dialogues/ peace table for case/issue conciliation/mediation

**Other information relevant to the legal services**

- CLEC establishes local legal and advocacy resource persons at community level, namely, community-based paralegals so that they can perform their service as citizen/community legal advisor, to solve local disputes, to provide first legal-aid consultation/assistance where appropriate allowed by laws.
- High profile/high impact cases (strategic litigation of CLEC) in LNR issues need both legal empowerment (strengthening affected communities) and supportive advocacy-campaigns from national and international networks to push/build leverage for resolution.
4. Center for Alliance of Labour and Human Rights (CENTRAL)

Background

CENTRAL is a Cambodian non-government organization working on organizes and supports the Cambodian working people through legal aid and other appropriate means to demand transparent and accountable governance for labor and human rights. Created in 2016.

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Type of legal services

Central provides legal assistance to union leaders, union activists, workers' representatives and active workers in both, formal and informal sector who have been charged with criminal offenses due to demanding respect for workers' rights, working conditions and other benefits for workers. In civil case we also provide legal aid in collective labor disputes. These services can be provided are follow:
For criminal cases:
- Lawyers provide legal advice and legal defense start from procedure of judicial polices until trial procedures.
- During have been taking the case, Central cover all expense such as transportation, accommodation and foods for client and witness, include also expense on copies case documents.
- In case clients is detained in the prison, we also provide a little cash every monthly to them.
- Provide Legal services to victims of trafficking or exploitation to assist their remedies complaints at court case(s).

For labor disputes:
- Lawyers or non-lawyer provide legal consultation and representation to union or non-union for all dispute that has been happened at the workplace, Especially collective labor dispute.
- In case collective dispute, we provide as legal representative in the negotiation with the employer, conciliation, hearings at the Arbitration Council and in civil court.
- Central cover all expense such as transportation, accommodation and foods for client and witness, include also expense on copies case documents.
- In addition to the legal procedures of Cambodia law, Central has been making a complain to the buyers to put pressure on the factory or company to apply Cambodia labor law.

**Type of other services**

- N/A

**Criteria for beneficiaries/clients (journalists)**

- N/A

**Guidelines for providing legal services**

- N/A
**Advocacy activities**

- Central always join with national and international civil society organizations, trade unions and association in advocacy campaigns to demand respecting for human rights, democracy, etc.

**Collaboration with other legal organizations**

- Central welcome in collaboration with other organizations to provide legal assistance to human right defender and journalist at risk

**Other information relevant to legal services**

- N/A
5. Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights (Licadho)

Background

LICADHO is a national Cambodian human rights organization. Since its establishment in 1992, LICADHO has been at the forefront of efforts to protect civil, political, economic and social rights in Cambodia and to promote respect for them by the Cambodian government and institutions. Building on its past achievements, LICADHO continues to be an advocate for the Cambodian people and a monitor of the government through wide ranging human rights programs from its main office in Phnom Penh and 13 provincial offices.

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Type of legal services:

- Provide legal advice and legal cases by monitoring the cases by monitor staff, lawyers. Also help the victims in preparing the compliance.
Facilitate preparation of legal documents for litigation or trials: monitoring staff, lawyers provide legal advice to victims, how to prepare the documents related the cases, explain the legal process.

Legal defense: Licadho provide the legal representation only the criminal cases, based on the mandate to land communities, human rights defender including the journalist.

Facilitation: The case of human rights violation, monitor staff of Licadho monitor and provide lawyer defense base on the policy of organization:

**Type of other services**

- Other support to victims/families depends on the cases.
- Licadho need to check type of cases, such as: financial support to the clients, families and emergency support based on Licadho’s policy and budget.

**Criteria for beneficiaries / clients (journalists)**

- Criteria for direct beneficiaries or clients: Licadho checks the mandate if the victims are qualified for support or not. After checking, Licadho will determine the kinds of support.
- Criteria for family or dependent of direct beneficiaries: support victims and families based on the policies and budget available.
- Other criteria: Licadho will check what is necessary to support for victims and families.

**Guidelines for providing legal services or other support**

- Monitoring of state violation & women’s and children right, Medical Assistance & social Work, Prison Monitoring researchers monitor urban and rural prisons to assess prison conditions and ensure that pre-trial detainees have access to legal representation, Paralegal & Legal Representation:
- After make meeting with individual NGOs partners, who are working on support legal aid and legal advice for Human Rights Defenders and Journalists at risks. CCIM will be propose the UNESCO to organize the meeting with all of the group, to discuss how possibility that we can cooperate and join together in high
profile cases in March or April.

**Advocacy activities related to legal services:**

- Licadho promotion and advocacy to supporting union & grassroots’ groups and networks.
- Public advocacy & outreach, human rights cases are compiled into a central electronic database, so that accurate information can be easily accessed and analyzed, and produced into periodic public reports (written, audio and visual) or used for other advocacy.

**Collaboration with other legal organizations:**

- Licadho lawyers can co-lawyer with other NGOs partners at all court level.

**Other information relevant to legal services**

- N/A
6. Legal Aid of Cambodia (LAC)

Background

LAC is an independent, non-governmental legal aid organization that provides free, quality legal services for Cambodia’s indigent population in both criminal and civil cases. Since its founding in 1995, LAC has tirelessly worked to represent a diverse range of individuals around the country, to help adopt and reform laws and policies, to enhance the justice system and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, to build the capacity of relevant actors in providing services and enforcing the law, to develop and disseminate resources for various audiences, and to assist and reinforce the civil society on legal matters. By utilizing varied strategic approaches and collaborating with important stakeholders, it continues to support and empower the communities towards a just and fair society.

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Type of legal services
Legal consultation (related to press law, journalist practices and the cases related to journalist at risks through media platform)
Legal defense for journalists/press who are in conflict with law (lawyer representing client during investigation, trial, and other court proceedings).

**Type of other services**

- N/A

**Criteria for beneficiaries / clients (journalists)**

- All of kind of professional journalists

**Guidelines for providing legal services or other support**

- Base on intake policies and donor objectives

**Advocacy activities related to legal services**

- Meeting with journalist club
- Directly advocacy at court level of the cases related to journalists (facilitate by LAC and lead by prosecutor)
- Participatory with journalists and press to raise the issue related to Freedom of Press and challenges related to rights access to information to relevance Ministries and Departments.

**Collaboration with other legal organizations**

- Licadho
- CCHR
- ADHOC

**Other information relevant to the legal services**

- NGOs partners to referral the cases to CLEC related to journalists/press, in cases
they not able to provide lawyer for clients.

- LAC support clients of domestic violence, the children in conflict with law, land grabbing and NGOs in conflict with law.
Lawyers

1. R&L Law office

Background

R&L LAW OFFICE is a legal profession Office established by Sek Sophorn, Attorney-at-Law, ID No. 817, member of Bar Association of Kingdom of Cambodia (BAKC) under the Law on Bar Association of Cambodia. It started officially and recognized by decision No. 642/kor.mor/14 dated 08 April 2014 of Council of Bar Association of Cambodia. The R & L is established under the Law on BACK as a legal person to provide legal service to clients in the area of its expertise and priority. It is not an NGO or any part of agency but independent and self-functioning as a private law office. It also cooperates with associates and lawyers when necessary and agreed service.

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Sek Sophorn’s profile

A member of the Bar Association of Kingdom of Cambodia, a Certified Mediator accredited by the Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement specialized in company-community mediation in complex environments, qualified by the Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement, 09/2015. Since 2014 to 2018, has been hired as independent consultant by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) which is a part of the WBG, to provide mediation services to a company and indigenous communities in the case assigned and agreed. In 2002-2003, Sek Sophorn in capacity as advisor to DIHR, was involved in development of vision document for legal and judicial reforms. As part-time lecturer for 7 years from 2003, Sophorn had provided lecture on introduction to law and media ethics in the classroom at Royal University of
Phnom Penh for Bachelor Degree Programme (Department of Media and Communication -DMC). As ILO PRO 169 National Project Coordinator in Cambodia, Sophorn has coordinated and played key role with Government and NGOs in identification of 114 indigenous communities (IC), 85 of which have achieved legal status as legal entity, and 08 ICs received communal land titles. Sophorn also provided technical assistance to Government to develop “Ministerial circular on self-identification and recognition of indigenous community identity”, guide for registration of indigenous community as legal entity etc. He got a Master Degree in Law in Cambodia, and various Human Rights trainings in Copenhagen, Turin, Chiang Mai, Philippine, Malaysia, as well as Local Economic Development training course in Turin.

**Value**

The R & L was established with strong belief in the Rule of Law and Social Justice in economic and social development as peaceful way to respect for human rights, poverty reduction, peace and sustainability of environment. Economic development with full respects for fundamental freedom and human rights is core to enrich equitably the well-being of every person in any nation.

**Mission**

(1) is to enhance capacity IP activists and organizations and represent the victims of HR violation in the court according to procedure;

(2) actively participating in civil and political rights as in the constitution as well as international human rights instruments for enhancing democratic governance of Cambodia;

(3) A part from legal profession as defending lawyer and/or legal representation the R&L aims at upholding the exercise of rights of Cambodian people to rule the country through free and fair election as ground for democracy and rule of law.

**Services**

**Court Proceeding**

- High impact litigation concerning land and natural resource rights of indigenous, local community
- Case related to human rights violation
- Defending case filed at any level of courts of Cambodia upon the request of client
- Service in preparing complaints or other documents concerned
Consultation and Legal Advice/service
Legal service to indigenous community to prepare collective land application and submission to cadastral office
Preparing contracts and mediation service
Consultation on legal issue relating both private and public affairs such as family issue, contract, employment, lease agreement, land title
Legal service/policy advice to institution including NGOs, IO, Private sector/company that satisfied the value of the R & B.

Training
Capacity building to NGOs, IOs, CBOs, and others on legal issues concerned either training, tool development, OD, or court proceeding service

Other services
Monitoring & Evaluation, Research, Study, Strategic Plan Development facilitation, writing report
2. Noun Phanith Law Office

Background

NOUN Phanith LAW OFFICE is a legal profession Office established by Mr. Noun Phanith, Attorney-at-Law, ID No. 392, member of Bar Association of Kingdom of Cambodia (BAKC) under the Law on Bar Association of Cambodia. It started officially and recognized by decision No. 112.MSVM.04 dated 15 September 2004 of Council of Bar Association of Cambodia. The NOUN Phanith LAW OFFICE is established under the Law on BACK as a legal person to provide legal service to clients in the area of its expertise and priority. It is not an NGO or any part of agency but independent and self-functioning as a private law office. It also cooperates with associates and lawyers when necessary and agreed service.

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Services

Court Proceeding
- Case related to human rights violation
- Defending case filed at any level of courts of Cambodia upon the request of client
- Service in preparing complaints or other documents concerned Consultation and Legal Advice/service
- Preparing contracts
- Consultation on legal issue relating both private and public affairs such as family issue, contract, employment, lease agreement, land title
- Legal service/policy advice to institution including NGOs, IO, Private sector/company that satisfied the value of the Phanith Noun Law office
CCIM VISION AND MISSION

VISION

“Everybody well informed, everybody empowered”

CCIM envisions a Cambodian society where everybody is well-informed and empowered to strengthen democratic governance and respect for human rights.

CCIM believes that a well-informed Cambodian society will expect and indeed demand good governance, and select leaders that will shape the society and economy in a way that will benefit the Cambodian people equitably. Independent news and information has a critical role to play in giving people the knowledge and confidence to make informed choices. CCIM is well positioned to play a key role in disseminating reliable, credible, balanced and trusted news and information via multi-media platforms. CCIM is also well placed to promote democratic rights and responsibilities to a large national audience.

MISSION

In collaboration with the Cambodian citizens and civil society organizations, CCIM will fearlessly bring the information to the people that matters to them and protect the gains.

CCIM is first and foremost an organization that strives to bring about fundamental change in Cambodian society, a society without violence and impunity and with full human rights and freedom of expression. We have a strong reputation for dealing with the tough issues and not walking away from controversy. Our audience will be attracted to reporting which is far-reaching, in-depth and intensive and always asking the tough questions.

VALUES

Equal Voice – With an extensive and growing on-air and online media presence, CCIM is in a unique position to promote issues of concern to sections of Cambodian society without a voice, including the oppressed, the marginalized, the weak and minority groups. CCIM is highly committed to advocate for gender equality at all levels of Cambodian society and institutions. CCIM seeks to promote an inclusive society without discrimination on race, gender, disability, sexual preference or religion.

Active Non-Violence – CCIM openly supports the right of the Cambodian people to freely and peacefully express their opinion on issues affecting their lives, including the right to active non-violent protest and action. CCIM opposes and will expose impunity, particularly the use of violence and lethal force by government agents against those peacefully demanding rights and justice.

Accountability – CCIM strives to hold Cambodian public officials and decision makers accountable for all policies, actions and financial control. Consistent with these principles, CCIM as an organization also endeavors to be fully accountable and transparent to both its supporters and the wider community.

Non-partisan – CCIM is an organization without any political party affiliation. We firmly believe in the right of the people to make a democratic choice in selecting their political leaders and the policies that will be pursued.

Trust & Integrity – CCIM will provide news and in-depth information from reliable and multiple sources, which is accurate and fact-checked. Reporting by CCIM journalists will meet best-practice professional ethical standards.