

VSR WORKING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING ON APRIL 29, 2024
Chaired by Ms. Monica Sok

1. Introductory Remarks

Ms. Monica Sok, the Rotating Chairperson of the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Participants introduced themselves.

2. Review of the minutes of the March meeting

Ms. Monica Sok reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. She noted that the last session included discussion on the intergenerational guidelines, the Meta House project, and the mobile resource project. Participants did not have comments about the previous minutes. They have until Tuesday to send comments before the minutes are published online.

3. Discussion about the results framework and activities of the ECCC's mobile bus project

Mr. Hang Vannak presented the goals, outputs, and activities of the ECCC Mobile Resource Centre project. The project will be implemented by the ECCC along with civil society organizations. One of the project's goals is to improve knowledge of the ECCC's legacy, particularly among youth. It aims to disseminate information widely to the public. As part of this effort, the project aims to visit all provinces in Cambodia. To achieve this outcome, several outputs are necessary. First, ECCC documents must be reviewed and placed in a format that is easier for the public to understand. Second, collaboration with civil society, especially groups with skillsets in youth engagement, inclusivity, and trauma-sensitive approaches will be important. Third, involvement of youth in discussions about the ECCC is encouraged, and will be fostered through children's publications, intergenerational dialogue, and essay writing competitions, among other initiatives. Fourth, information related to the ECCC's societal contribution must be widely discussed and disseminated.

There will be public gatherings in the provinces to disseminate the work/information related to the ECCC and Khmer Rouge's issues, and civil society will be welcome to join the events. Mr. Vannak requests that participants provide any related comments to the ECCC.

Mr. Vannak explained that the project would start in 2024 and conclude early 2025. Monica asked what the project has achieved so far, and Mr. Vannak explained that Outcomes 1 to 3 are completed or in the process of being completed. They are in preparation for Outcome 4. The team has reached out to partner NGOs to enhance the

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skills of the outreach officers and the MoU with the Youth Federation should be signed in May. Fatima suggested that the framing of CSOs in Outcome 4 could be improved to ensure that the framing includes all CSOs that have agreed to work on the project, not only the organizations working on reparations. GIZ is supporting monitoring and evaluation work, paying attention to issues of inclusivity and trauma-informed response. Monica stated that AMRIN would be interested in joining the sessions with universities in Phnom Penh.

4. Schedule and venues of the ECCC’s mobile bus project

Mr. Khun Chenda presented the schedule for the mobile bus project. He shared a final Excel document of target provinces and schools to be visited by the project. The list includes high schools and universities. The trips should last from Monday to Friday and outreach sessions will be organized on “field work” days. Some provinces have been combined due to location and ease of transport. A longer trip will be happening to Kratie, Steung Trent, Rattanak Kiri, and Mondo Kiri. In addition, some travel will depend on road conditions.

Meta House explained that they will organize 10 theatre plays in Battambang and Pursat provinces in October and that they could collaborate so that the days match the period when the bus is also in those locations.

Mr. Khun Chenda shared a QR code for communication via Telegram about the bus project. Ms. Monica Sok explained that she will also share the link via email. Participants inquired as to how they can best engage or incorporate their initiatives in the projects. It was noted that the creation of a clear schedule to work off of creates easier opportunities for civil society to get involved and give feedback. Once the members of the Working Group receive these minutes and the attached documents, they should review the framework and provide any input. They should also take a look at the schedule and commit to days where they can join the outreach sessions. Those who wish to join the bus or have an activity that they would like to include should let Mr. Khun Chenda know at least one month in advance.

5. Other items

LexCollective will implement a project with UNARKT to create courses on the ECCC. Members of this group may be contacted in relation to this project.

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6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 30th. Monica will send out the minutes and agenda.