

“ THE YOUTH AND PREVENTION OF RAPE ”

Her name is Vong Bunnak. She is 22 years old. She comes from Kampong Chhnang province. She is a freshman in the third promotion at the Cambodian Mekong University, majoring in rural development. And, she is a second year student at Bill Bright University, majoring in management.

Nowadays she is an activist of Peer Education, a core group of the education and prevention of the drug abuse at Khmer Youth Association and a core group of the prevention of rape, working in cooperation with GAD/C.

She has been working at KYA since 2003

She has such responsibilities as organizing the program, preparing lesson plans, gathering networks, liaising with the authorities, attending monthly meeting, writing reports and liaising with various organizations.

The youth is communities, organizations and school of Phnom Penh is the target groups.

Currently our society is encountering the increasing rape cases that are resulted from many causes. Moreover, the youth's knowledge is still limited. Therefore, we are going to organize a seminar on the youth and prevention of rape in order to make them better aware of their duties and other issues of rape, further promote these issues to the citizens, change their attitudes as well as the society's toward rape.

In her capacity as a coordinator of the seminar on the youth and rape, she thinks that the program is extremely good for all the citizens, and it is a reminder and good solution to elimination rape as the citizens are well aware of the problems.

As far as she's concerned, rape happens everyday, so we have to widely education the people in every province, city, especially and education by activists of Peer Education, etc.

She would like to thank Gender and Development for Cambodia organization for its good cooperation with her youth groups, and she is very pleased to educate the youth about the issues. She is one of the trainers in Drug Program so she would like to utilize her knowledge and experience obtained from the program to educate and disseminate in community.

Morn Sokoeun is a team leader of Khmer Youth Light for Development and a student of biology at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Through his involvement in many activities, he think that the Cambodia people in the rural areas are poorly education and poorly informed, which causes them diffidently when encountering problems. That's why he established this team with so many members.

The main objective of the team in to participate in developing the attitudes of the youth by making them realize the difficulties they're facing.

He's been working in partnership with various organizations and teams to help the society. This year his team has cooperated with Gender and Development for Cambodia organization and the other 8 youth and prevention of rape, which is a result of the camping at Kirirom national park. The topic on the youth and prevention of rape is held in order send the message about the issue of rape to the youth in the countryside. So that they better understand the definition causes of the issue, human rights and law.

After the seminar on the above topic he gained a lot of experiences and knowledge. First, he got good knowledge about organization. Second, he learned about the lifestyle of the people in the countryside. Third, he knew the situation of the youth in countryside. Fourth, he knew the tape between, men and youth boys (Kampong Chhnang). Fifth, he learned about the demands of the youth in the province (Kampong Chhnang).

The seminar has been made possible by the support of USAID through Asian Fund. This support is crucial because it helps make the youth in remote areas understand this issue, especially it helps prevent rape. Therefore, in order to effectively promote the issue throughout the country to support his team as well as the other ones on their journey to remote areas.