

share their experiences, find support from each other and contribute to healing process.

- » Counseling and medical treatment are provided to a number of Civil Parties with severe trauma and other forms of mental health problems.
- » Testimonial Therapy is an innovative approach that combines individual truth-telling with a public ceremony during which suffering is acknowledged.
- » A research on “Idiom of Distress” is conducted and documented.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Training courses and workshops are conducted to build capacity to employees of the ECCC and NGO partners working with victims of gender-based violence.

- » Trainings and workshops on gender sensitivity are designed to build capacity to the staff of the ECCC and partner NGOs who work with victims of gender-based violence.
- » Trainings on gender sensitivity and psychological effects are designed in order to build capacity to lawyers and student lawyers in handling sexual violence cases.



Training on “Gender Sensitivity in the Perspectives of Judicial System”



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Project: “Promoting Gender Equality and
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- » Access To Justice and
Victims Participation
- » Awareness Raising/Advocacy
- » Psychological Interventions
- » Capacity Building

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE & VICTIMS PARTICIPATION

For female survivors, in particular GBV victims, criminal justice is essential to deal with the past. For the Cambodian society and the international community, criminal justice is equivalent to the end of impunity which has prevailed in cases of GBV over centuries. The VSS and TPO are running a series of activities to support female survivors and GBV victims in their quest for justice at the ECCC including:



Civil Party Forum Case 002
at Preah Sihanouk Province

- » Facilitating GBV and female Civil Parties' attendance to the ECCC to enable them to follow the trial directly.
- » Conducting Civil Party forums/ meetings to provide legal updates and psychological support to GBV and female Civil Parties.

AWARENESS RAISING/ADVOCACY

In order to raise awareness about gender and increase support to victims, the VSS has worked with youths, government officials, NGOs, and the public:



A Civil Party at a radio live show programme
"Women in the Khmer Rouge Regime"

- » Radio live show programme "Women in the Khmer Rouge Regime", broadcast monthly on FM-102, discusses various aspects of women's experiences in conflict, including GBV, psychosocial consequences, and Civil Parties' participation in the ECCC.
- » The website www.gbvkr.org is created to document the impact of the entire project. Facebook: Gender-based Violence under the Khmer Rouge is also created so that information can be widely disseminated to young generation.
- » Meeting with relevant government institutions to seek support for victims of gender-based violence during the Khmer Rouge and solutions to the present impacts

- » Participating in the 16-Day Campaign to End Violence against Women and the International Women's Day.
- » Meetings with Ending Violence against Women Legal Aid Network provide a platform to exchange experience, discuss and find solutions for gender-based violence that happened in the past and links to the present.

PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS

Many GBV survivors suffer from mental health problems that hinder them from fully engaging in social, political and professional fields. Psychosocial support is indispensable when working with GBV survivors. TPO has developed a series of new and innovative interventions in the Cambodian context in response to the needs of Khmer Rouge survivors.



Reading of Civil Party's Story during
Testimonial Therapy Ceremony

- » Self-help group is a psychological intervention that brings a group of women with a similar experience of GBV in the past together to