



Men dialogue and gender café

Context

- Traditional gender norms: Chbab Srey and Chbab Proh
- Perceived meaning of the word gender
- Enrolment and performance of boys and girls in schools
- Equal opportunities in classroom
- Gender-neutral learning materials
- School-related gender-based violence: bullying, corporal punishment, sexual violence

What?

- An informal meeting among men and men group/ women and women group
- Developing the capacity of participants to enable them to reflect, analyse and be responsive towards gender issues
- Strengthening the right holder's capacity to voice out and analyse their situation using a gender lens
- Trust building among themselves, sharing personal issues and stories, listen to each other

Objective

Men Dialogue provides a safe space for men to reflect on their own masculinity to influence men's attitudes and behaviours towards gender-based violence



Gender Café provides a safe space for women to share their experience regarding gender-based violence to building confidence for women and girls to exercise their rights



Target groups

- Focal persons, mostly teachers, from 20 TIGER target schools (1 teacher per school) and representatives from the community
- Entertainment workers, street vendors, construction workers, factory workers, Domestic/Community Committee for Women and Children (CCWC) and victims of land eviction (GADC)
- Tuk tuk/motor taxi group and husbands of CCWC (GADC)

Characteristics

- The meeting is very much participants-driven with very little lead from the facilitator
- Participants are the expert in their own context and within their own experience
- The facilitator provides only some of the very necessary information

Activities

- **Gender café event:** providing simple, safe, free and non-judgmental space for personal expression
- **Follow-up and coaching:** strengthening women's knowledge and self-esteem
- **Campaigning:** gaining more confidence for storytelling while building network
- **Documentation and case publishing:** capturing public's attention on the issue as well as documenting the issue for further advocacy work
- **Radio show:** capturing public's attention while empowering women

Stories of Change

"Thanks to my participation in the Gender Café, I am now successful in intervening cases of rape and domestic violence."

Ms. So Sophany, Entertainment working group

"My mindset and culture norms have changed. I dare to participate in a radio talk show to talk about gender equality and equity and share knowledge in public media such as Facebook. I started working as a cashier in the AEON mall."

Ms. So Dalin, Entertainment worker group

"I am more confident to express myself and inspired to exercise my rights. I feel a sense of belonging and learned a lot about gender-related issues. I have proven to my husband and others that an illiterate person can access information."

Ms. Pha Neth, Street vender