Disappearing Community Memories: A Restorative Justice Project in Samroung Knong, Battambang, Cambodia

PROJECT VENUE
Samroung Knong, Battambang, Cambodia

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ABSTRACT

The project sought to contribute towards attaining sustainable and long-lasting peace in Samroung Knong, Battambang, Cambodia. The video documentary is aimed at increasing the people’s awareness of restorative justice, which is essential in building lasting and sustainable peace. Using a participatory approach, the project actively engaged relevant stakeholders through various activities including situation analysis, trust-building, and actual video production.

The project team worked closely with a community-based NGO called Youth for Peace (YFP). Video respondents included individuals who have been actively engaged in restorative justice efforts in Samroung Knong including a Khmer Rouge survivor, Memorial Committee members, local authorities, community leaders, and youth representatives.

The project successfully produced a video documentary of the restorative justice process in Samroung Knong—identifying those who were involved, their specific roles and contributions, as well as the challenges they faced and the opportunities that lie ahead. A copy of the final video documentary was handed over to YFP as part of the project’s exit plan. Moreover, YFP and the Project Team collaborated in crafting a communication plan to ensure that the video will be disseminated to a broad range of audiences including students and the youth, community members, local and international tourists, peace advocates, among others.