

PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

DECEMBER 2007 REPORT

The Promoting Accountability (PA) team devoted most of December to helping people file complaints with the ECCC in Kampot province. They also helped coordinate the Nuns Peace March.

Data entry this month included compiling lists of former cadres who are still alive but could not be interviewed by the PA team on its previous trips (205 names were found from Kampong Cham and Kampong Thom provinces; most of these individuals had moved from their place of birth) and reviewing files to find the names of people in Kampong Cham who had been held in one of the province’s 11 prisons during Democratic Kampuchea (45 names were located).

KAMPOT PROVINCE  
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Dara P. Vanthan, Dany Long, Vannak Sok, Sok-Kheang Ly, Sovann Dany Kim, Chhay Yin, Terith Chy, Sarah Thomas, Ratanak Leng and Sotheany Hin traveled to two districts of Kampot province:

- Chum Kiri, which contains Thlok Yol and Prey Khmao villages in Sre Samroang district, and Daung village in Sre Knoung sub-district.
- Dantong, which holds Damnakk Ampil, Peun, and La-ang villages, all in La-ang subdistrict.

Complaints filed	21
By people from Thlok Yol village	5
By people from Prey Khmao village	1
By people from Daung village	4
By people from Damnakk Ampil village	4
By people from Peun village	1
By people from La-ang village	6

In each location in Chum Kiri district, Mr. Vanthan talked to villagers about the progress of the ECCC, the detention and arrest of Duch (and his pre-trial hearing), and the arrests of Nuon Chea, Ieng Sary and Ieng Thirith, and Khieu Samphan. He then explained the ECCC’s Victim Information Form, saying that it was important for them to complete the form so the complaints would be part of the historical record and help future generations understand the Khmer Rouge regime. This procedure was repeated during the other trips taken in December.

Some of the villagers raised some questions about the Khmer Rouge leaders and the ECCC proceedings. All seemed very glad to be filling out the forms. Last, they asked for restitution from the Tribunal in the form of improved schools, village roads, a hospital, and a fence for the pagoda.

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Dara P. Vanthan, Dany Long, Vannak Sok, Sovann Dany Kim, Chhay Yin, Dara Pidor Roth, Ratanak Leng and Sotheany Hin traveled to 6 villages in Chum Kiri district.

Complaints Filed	15
By people from Prey Yav village	9
By people from Cheam Russei village	2
By people from Khpok Run village	1
By people from Damnak Chheukrom village	1
By people from Ta Reach village	1
By people from Trapeang Skun village	1

People in these villages also asked questions after Mr. Vanthan's presentation, and were very enthusiastic about completing the form. As in November, December is the harvest season, so it was often difficult to locate people to fill out the forms. Villagers also requested reparations in the form of schools, village roads, a hospital and a monument for their villages.

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