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Action Pour Les Enfants

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Action Pour Les Enfants (APLE)

Action Pour Les Enfants (**APLE**) is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that was registered in France in 1994, with no religious and political affiliations. **APLE** has extensive experiences in managing projects that provide assistance and protection to South and South-East Asia's most vulnerable children.

In 2003, **APLE** and Spanish NGO **Global Humanitaria** partnered to launch the **“PROTECT” Project** in Cambodia, which is dedicated to the protection of children from sexual abuse and exploitation and which has since then grown from operations in Phnom Penh alone to a countrywide scale. As a result of **APLE**'s continuous efforts, foreign predators have been driven away from their traditional hunting grounds, 243 local and foreign offenders were arrested of which 155 were successfully convicted with still 25 cases pending, hundreds of victims found justice in the courts of Cambodia or abroad, thousands of children have been prevented from abuse, and through numerous awareness, training and advocacy activities, **APLE** has created and contributed to a climate and a network that encourages people to identify and report any kind of sexual abuse and exploitation. Another achievement of **APLE**'s work is that loopholes in existing laws have been minimized and new legislation has been created in Cambodia and internationally with the aim to improve prosecution and to find justice and protection for the victims. **APLE** implements all activities necessary to fulfill the achievement of its vision and mission statement.

Vision

A community where everyone is free from abuse and exploitation.

Mission

To reduce all forms of sexual abuse and labor exploitation through prevention, protection, promotion of prosecution and advocacy.

APLE has been operating under **Memorandum of Understanding** with the **Royal Government of Cambodia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, and Ministry of Interior.**

About our work



This picture was taken in a vulnerable community in Svay Pak, infamous for its brothels with very young prostitutes. German photographer Sandra Hoyn spent 2 months taking pictures in Cambodia in communities vulnerable to human trafficking and sexual exploitation and about APLE's efforts combating these crimes. Publications will follow in 2013.

APLE conducts proactive and reactive investigations into suspected incidents of child sexual abuse, child pornography, child prostitution, international pedophilia, child sex tourism, child rape and human trafficking of children for sexual exploitation, in close collaboration with the Cambodian National Police and International Law Enforcement Agencies.

Our dedicated staff consists of experienced and highly skilled people whose first interest is to prevent abuse. Investigations of suspicious sexual abuse behaviors often take months or years, before enough hard evidence is collected to present to police or courts. This is for various reasons: traveling child sex offenders often stay in one place for a limited time and tend to go into and out of a country regularly; child sex offenders are mostly aware of the fact that they are involved in illegal activities and are very cautious; victims and their families are often not cooperative and/or fearful to disclose abuse, because they receive substantial financial support from perpetrators or they feel guilty to denounce someone they have trusted. Further, cultural beliefs, lack of knowledge and understanding, but also ignorance and sometimes corruption create a discrepancy between the number of arrests and the actual amount of convictions and sometimes disappointing sentences.

APLE is not a law enforcement agency; we are merely helping police to detect the crime, identify victims, investigate the crime scene, and ensure that collecting evidence, in case of signs of abuse, is done in compliance with national and international laws and standards. It is up to police to put parts of the puzzle together and to make a decision of what legal proceedings to undertake and follow.



APLE lawyer Sok Socheata is preparing one 6-year-old girl who was raped twice by a local offender and an 8-year old male witness one day before the trial, in Meanchey District, Phnom Penh, on December 5, 2012.

Our dedication to and support of survivors (and their families) does not stop with an arrest or a conviction. Our social and legal teams often continue supporting them many months or years after abuse has taken place to guarantee successful rehabilitation and to prevent re-victimization.

Our training programs play a vital role in exposing child sexual abuse and exploitation and human trafficking. They enable people to identify the danger signs and to report suspected cases to **APLE** and/or police. Our awareness activities with the aim to prevent abuse have reached ten-thousands of villagers, vulnerable children and families, students, law enforcement agents, court -, local -, commune - and national authorities.



APLE Siem Reap branch staff provided information cards with helpline number **092 311 511** to 13 children at Bantey Srey and Ta Prom temples and hung posters at restaurants frequented by foreigners, Siem Reap, on November 27, 2012.

Funding

In upcoming January, the PROTECT Project in Cambodia will exist 10 years. Funding always has been one of Action Pour Les Enfants' greatest concerns. Never before we have been facing financial uncertainties the way we are doing currently. This year it has become critical, because our main funding over the last decade came from Spain. As a direct result of the dire economic situation there, the approved annual budget for this running year was cut with 20% of the total. We are facing a 40% budget cut for the fiscal year 2013, and we will be forced to limit our scope and range of activities if we do not find additional funding!

We will do whatever is in our power to prevent this. **The presence of our project is still of paramount importance.** The judicial system is improving but is still in its infancy.

Stricken poverty and lack of resources are limiting Cambodian law enforcement officials to do their work in an efficient and consistent manner. Funding and efforts continue to go to establishment-based child sexual abuse and human trafficking and seem to forget the street-based child sexual abuse **APLE** is focusing on.

Child sexual abuse and exploitation by local offenders has reached a shocking dimension with victims and perpetrators ever becoming younger of age. An annually increasing influx of tourists and foreign residents has brought an increasing amount of traveling child sex offenders with it. The prevalent poverty and inconsistent law enforcement keep a vast part of the population vulnerable to any form of abuse. Many traveling sex offenders recognize this potential.

This, and the awareness about APLE investigators roaming the streets in the major cities, has made child sex offenders changing from their traditional locations to more remote areas and to adapting new grooming techniques to manipulate their victims, families and their communities.

Now, more than ever, we are relying on your one-time or regular donations. No matter how small they are, they are highly appreciated and of uttermost importance to us and to the children that need protection.

To find out what we can do with your donation, continue reading this fourth edition of our quarterly newsletter which gives you insight in our most recent activities and find more details on the donation page at the end of this newsletter.

Investigation Department October-December

Between October and December 2012, APLE investigated nationwide 109 cases concerning 114 offenders and conspirators, which led to the arrest of 11 (5 F) suspects in 8 cases, from which 7 persons so far have been charged in Cambodia. Among the arrests were 6 (5 F) foreigners and 5 (1 F) Cambodians. 1 French suspect was released on bail and 2 (1 F) Cambodians were not charged after their arrests.

In the last quarter of 2012, APLE's investigations were especially successful in cases concerning procurement of prostitution and human trafficking, mostly committed by Vietnamese and Cambodian offenders.

On September 22, APLE received a request from the Municipal Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection Unit (AHTJPU) to

assist police in monitoring and investigating a female Cambodian trafficker who was in the process of selling the virginity of two young girls. On September 29, APLE investigators and police witnessed the target and another female trafficker bringing the two girls to a hospital for a blood test. Police arrested the two traffickers and rescued the victims on their way out from the hospital. A nurse working in the hospital told police that one of the victims is 16 and the other 22 years old. On October 2, both women were formally charged by the prosecutor with Articles 284 and 288 of the criminal code (procuring with aggravating circumstances) and they are currently in pre-trial detention.

After a joint investigation by APLE and Preah Sihanouk Provincial Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection Police, police raided a massage parlor in Sihanouk Ville on

November 13 and arrested 25-year-old pimp L.T.T, who forced six young women, at least one of them underage, to have sex with clients. According to the 16-year-old girl's statement, L.T.T. was planning to sell her virginity to a wealthy business man for \$500-\$1000. Another 23 year old victim claimed that she was sold to the pimp by her friend, and was subsequently forced to work as a prostitute in the parlor. During the raid, police found a number of evidence such as used and unused condoms and a list of the daily income from prostitution. According to police, the girls testified that they could keep only 50% of the profit from their sex work. While L.T.T. is in pre-trial detention after being charged with Article 291 of the Criminal code (operating a place of prostitution), the six victims have returned to their homes in Vietnam safely.

APLE's social worker and lawyers will continue supporting the victims and providing them with all necessary services free of charge to fulfill their needs and to seek for justice for them.

On December 3, police raided a brothel in Phnom Penh's Daun Penh District after a several months lasting joint investigation with **APLE** and rescued five adult female sex workers. The investigation revealed that the arrested 57-year-old female Vietnamese pimp named K.L. had solicited some sex workers through barbershops in Phnom Penh.

APLE became very concerned after spotting a 12 years old girl in the establishment and suspected she might have been trafficked by the pimp in order to sell her virginity. But according to police, the girl testified that she only helped selling coffee in the brothel and that the pimp and the sex workers paid for her school. K.L. has been charged with Article 284 and 289 of the Criminal Code (procuring

with aggravating circumstances) and is in pre-trial detention. The 12-year-old girl is living with her family again.

The same day police, assisted by **APLE**, rescued three more victims (one 15-year-old) from a Guesthouse in Toul Kork District. They arrested 18-year-old female Vietnamese trafficker P.T.T., who was linked to one of the barbershops. The victims as well as the trafficker accused the owner of Mey Long barbershop in Phsar Thmey Commune, Daun Penh District to be implicated in procuring prostitution.

So one hour later, police, again assisted by **APLE**, raided the Mey Long barbershop where they rescued 8 adult women and 2 underage girls. Three of the victims testified that they were forced to provide sexual services upstairs and were forced to share the profits with the Vietnamese owner, 49, and her Chinese husband, 53. Since then these three pimps have also been formally charged with

Article 284 and 289 of the Criminal Code. The arrest of the three suspects is the second beauty parlor bust within a short period of time since police began focusing on salons and cosmetic shops that serve as fronts for prostitution rings.

Major Keo Thea, chief of the Phnom Penh Municipal Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection Unit, announced further investigations into other massage and beauty parlors.



Raid at Mey Long barbershop, Phnom Penh, December 3, 2012.



Legal Assistant Sok Meardey raised awareness about child sexual abuse and its impact and about children's rights to 50 primary school students. The students are holding APLE's info card with the hotline-number **092 311 511** at Otres Chas Primary school on December 7, 2012.

Social Department October-December

APLE social workers have been taking care nationwide of 155 victims (89 F) in total from October to December. The age range of the victims varied from 3 to 23 years of age. The social workers additionally gave social services such as social counseling, follow-up, welfare, and medical care to 79 (54 F) vulnerable children and to 141 (96 F) victims' and vulnerable children's family members.

Following are some case stories that explain the work and results achieved by social workers with the victims and children vulnerable to abuse and exploitation:

On October 21, **APLE** social worker Va Sokunthea spoke to a 7 year old boy who is living in a poor family in a small village in one of the coastal provinces. The boy named **San Bora**, 7, (name changed) told the social worker that his parents, who are rice

farmers, travel to Thailand during the dry season to work in order to generate additional income for the family. Bora and his 5 siblings lived with their grand-parents during that period. Every day Bora spent most of his time with visitors to the temple; he met some good and bad tourists. One day, Bora was indecently touched by a visitor whilst guiding him into the mountain cave. Bora didn't know that it was abuse and thought that the visitor just was a good guy who gave him some money. The abuse continually happened to Bora in a number of times, until he met **APLE's** social worker who educated him about the tricks of child sex offenders and all the characteristics of child sexual abuse. First, Bora felt ashamed when understanding it, but after several counseling sessions, he felt brave enough to tell more details to the social worker, who finally decided to alarm police in an effort to protect

the children in the village against this indecent foreigner. Va Sokunthea returned to the village some days later and successfully explained the immediate danger and alerted a total 35 children and 5 of their parents about their risks of associating with the suspect. In addition, she gave them **APLE's** hotline number for reporting purpose or in case they wanted to request an intervention.

Similar emergency population warnings were conducted towards 42 children and 20 of their parents about the danger American suspect R.H.,72, poses to children (See Newsletter #3, page 12). This man, who has abused at least 4 girls since he moved to Sihanouk Ville in November 2010, is still seeing numerous others children. Finally, Va Sokunthea did the same in the case of another American citizen who has an arrest warrant open for molesting a child in the US. →



40 Administrative police officers [2 Females] are participating in a training conducted by APLE in the Cambodia Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC) in Toul Kork District. The total number of police officers participating that week was 125. This picture was taken December 21, 2012.

After receiving the warning and understanding the danger, 50 children promised to stay away from this suspect and they will report any suspicious activity to **APLE** or to the police.

On October 26, 2012, Siem Reap Provincial Military Police arrested 31-year-old Cambodian P.H., who allegedly raped an 11 year old girl. The arrest took place at the suspect's house located in Kralanh district, Siem Reap Province. The victim called **Chak Botum** (name changed) testified that the perpetrator, who is her uncle, made her father drunk and followed her to a lake where she tended to take a bath. He raped her in the water. Botum tried to scream, but the perpetrator shut her mouth firmly with his hand. After the rape, Botum notified her parents, who subsequently called **APLE** for help. **APLE**'s social worker Hol Sinoun provided emotional counseling, transportation for a medical examination, accompanied her to see

an investigating judge, and referred her to an aftercare shelter. The social worker follows-up on the girl's well-being on a regular basis. She also spent time with Botum's family and provided rice and other food to them.

On December 14, 2012, **Moung Maryda**, 17, (See cover image), a survivor of sexual abuse, joined **APLE** during an awareness session in a vulnerable community and spoke about the impact of abuse, warning people to prevent the same from happening to their children. This had an unbelievable impact on the participants and helped them better understand the issue of sexual abuse and exploitation. Maryda was sexually molested on many occasions by a German perpetrator, starting when she was 11 in 2006. Maryda was unlawfully adopted by the perpetrator who promised to treat her serious ear problem and to send her to school. Every day, the perpetrator would pick her up from home to school and vice

versa. After earning trust from Maryda's parents, the perpetrator often kept her overnight with him in his guesthouse room where he forced her to perform sexual acts on him and to have intercourse with him. Her tormentor groomed her and her parents by paying for her school, giving \$20 to the family every two weeks for food and by buying a motorbike for her father so he could work as a motodup. The German was arrested in April 2007 in a guesthouse in presence of the girl, as a result of careful investigations conducted by **APLE**. The perpetrator had a previous conviction for rape of a 17 year old girl in Germany and for producing child and animal pornography. He was originally sentenced in 2008 and the Appeal Court upheld the 15 year prison sentence and \$7000 compensation order thanks to Maryda's strong testimony on February 22, 2012. **APLE** strongly hopes that more survivors like Maryda will speak out to prevent abuse from happening. We admire her unbelievable courage.



Chak Botum (name changed), 11, a rape victim, had a medical examination and received counseling by APLE social worker Hol Sinoun at Angkor Children Hospital, Siem Reap, October 27, 2012. (See story on page 12)

Legal Department October-December

The total number of cases APLE lawyers represented nationwide at all levels of Court was 23 concerning 20 (1 F) offenders and 4 (3 F) conspirators and they were working in and out of court with 169 (85 F) victims. There were 6 (0 F) successful convictions in 5 Siem Reap cases.

We have reported already twice on the story of **Cheam Channary** (name changed) (Newsletter #2, page 11; Newsletter #3, page 18), the 6-year-old girl from Banteay Meanchey Province who was lured into the house of her Korean-Australian neighbor C.S., aged 38, who undressed and penetrated her. During the court hearing where he stood trial for raping Channary and a second 10-year-old girl, the presiding judge changed the charge to Indecent act with aggravated circumstances, as a consequence of the long period in between the rape and the hearing, Channary

could not remember all details from her original strong testimony to the police. C.S. saw most of his three year prison sentence suspended by the Banteay Meanchey Provincial Court judge. After just serving 6 months, he was immediately released and deported, according to Mr. Him Sophal, Chief of the provincial prison. But on October 2, **APLE** staff from our Siem Reap branch experienced a shocking surprise when they witnessed the perpetrator walking around downtown Siem Reap. Since then investigators have been monitoring him, but C.S. has avoided going near children. Currently APLE is putting efforts in making authorities having C.S. paying the \$1000 court ordered compensation to his victims. If that is achieved **APLE** will continue to have the deportation order implemented. Meanwhile the Australian Embassy has been contacted in case that C.S. starts traveling; but the Australian

government has no legal possibility to bring him back to their country. C.S. remains living in Siem Reap.

As a result of Action Pour Les Enfants' continuous efforts through advocacy with Cambodian Law Enforcement, the Courts of Cambodia and Government officials to make deportation of foreign child sex abusers mandatory, recently five serial child sex offenders have been deported from the country. On November 1, **APLE** investigators witnessed Frenchmen Jean Vidon, 67, and Denis Page, 63, boarding a plane to Kuala Lumpur at 4.30pm. Currently, it is unclear if the convicts are in Malaysia or used Kuala Lumpur as transit and went elsewhere. Both criminals served jail sentences for multiple rapes in France, and were convicted by the Battambang Provincial Court on October 2, 2012, for purchasing child prostitution from two boys aged 15 and 17.



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Several foreign embassies in the region were warned by **APLE** about their removal and the danger these criminals pose for children worldwide. The whereabouts of deported American Robert Hardy Jr. are currently also unknown. Recent follow-ups on Canadian Daniel Lavigne, 72, (Newsletter #3, pages 9/10) and Russian Stanislav Molodyakov aka Alexander Trofimov (Newsletter #2, pages 6/9/10) revealed that both remain in custody awaiting trial in their home countries for further sex crimes. At the time of the Frenchmen's deportation, **APLE** country director Seila Samleang wrote in a statement:

“Not only must all foreign traveling sex offenders be deported from Cambodia after serving their prison terms, they also must be send back to their home countries, where their passports must be revoked and where they have to be monitored. This is the only way to prevent recidivism. From those foreign

perpetrators APLE dealt with and whose criminal background we could verify, a shocking 92.3% had previous convictions. If we include all cases with offenders whose criminal background we couldn't verify, then that still makes 23.8% of the offenders being serial offenders. We only can assume that likely in between 50% and 90% of all sexual perpetrators are serial offenders, because additionally there is a group who are serial offenders but never have been caught. This is an issue that has to be addressed and solved on a national and international level.”

Early January 2012, **APLE** received a phone-call from a partner organization who reported the abuse of a 10 year old girl by 67 year old Cambodian male vendor C.S. When **APLE** interviewed the girl she confirmed the abuse and told that C.S. also had abused her 11 year old friend. Following investigations revealed that in the

past 7 years, C.S. had sold snacks in front of a school and when children bought something, he always tended to get as close as possible to them and touched their buttocks and genitals, and after doing so he paid them 500 Riel. **7 Years previously, more than 30 parents had complained about C.S. molesting their children. But when he promised police to stop with his indecent activities, he was allowed to go freely.** After the two girls filed an official complaint against C.S. with the Phnom Penh Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection Unit in February, police invited him three times for questioning. But by the third time, he had already disappeared and he is on the run since. **APLE's** legal team defended the girls' case during the trial in absentia of the offender. C.S. was sentenced by the Municipal Court to 2 years imprisonment and was ordered to pay 4 million Riel (\$1000) compensation to each of his victims. The presiding judge also ordered to have him arrested.

On November 2, 2012, the Banteay Meanchey Provincial Court issued the verdict against Cambodian H.S., 28, and sentenced him to 10 years imprisonment for multiple rapes of his stepdaughter over a four year period, starting from when the girl was six years old. The victim testified that H.S. had threatened and sexually abused her many times while her mother was away for work. She is now living together with her mother and extended family and she will receive further social counseling and support from **APLE** until she is completely rehabilitated. The girl feels safe now her stepfather is in prison.

A challenge our legal team is facing, is that the Appeal Court still tends to slash prison terms issued by the First Courts of Instance. This happened again on October 26 when the Presiding Judge reduced the prison term from M.C., 37, and his Cambodian girlfriend D.D., 26, from six years to five years imprisonment

for (producing and distributing) child pornography (Art. 41, Law on Suppression of Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation); but the court upheld their compensation order of \$1250 to each of their eight victims as well as the deportation order against M.C. after serving his sentence. M.C. and D.D. had the girls pose for indecent pictures which he sold online for \$0,75 per picture. Police retrieved thousands of indecent images of children from his computer and hard-drives. All 8 victims have received free social and legal support by **APLE's** social workers and lawyers throughout and after all court proceedings.

The Siem Reap Municipal Court on December 5 sentenced Japanese national S.Y., 41, to two years in prison for having sex with an underage girl, but the court suspended the sentence to one year because the judge didn't see sufficient proof for sexual intercourse and changed the charge to indecent assault (Art. 43, Law on Suppression

of Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation). Additionally he was ordered to pay 5 million Riel or \$1250 compensation to the girl. S.Y. tended to lure girls to his room by playing movies for them. When 13-year-old **Huy Kolap** (name changed) was watching movies on his iPad in front of his room, S.Y. pulled her in, closed the door and had intercourse with her while covering her face with underwear and a towel. When the girl was medically examined doctors found minor injuries to her vagina. **APLE** lawyer Hong Sambath called the verdict too mild and said that the court had failed to issue a deportation order and that the amount of compensation was too low. On December 17, Kolap informed her lawyer after consultation not to be willing to appeal. Hong Sambath will write a letter to the court requesting to have the offender pay the compensation as soon as possible.

On December 5, the Siem Reap Provincial Court also conducted a hearing against British citizen R.B., 71, who was charged with indecent act against 5 boys under the age of 15. R.B.'s suspicious behavior drew the attention from **APLE** investigators as well as from the public when he started bringing underage boys to Baray Lake. He was arrested from his guesthouse on January 16, 2012. He was previously arrested on the same suspicion when he returned to the UK, as a result of **APLE** forwarding the case to UK CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre), but he was released on bail and he returned to Cambodia, where he continued molesting boys. The five boys confirmed the abuse and testified that R.B. gave them money in return, one of them received a bicycle and another boys' father received a computer from the offender. R.B was finally convicted on December 20 to 2 years imprisonment from which 1 year was suspended, which according to **APLE** lawyer Hong Sambath means

that from January 16 on, R.B. continues posing a constant threat to children because the court failed to issue a deportation order. **APLE** country director Samleang Seila was quoted

in the UK newspaper The Sun on December 26 saying: **"Ideally, the UK authorities should bring him back to their country where he can be better managed and monitored"**.



APLE lawyer Ms. Sok Socheata prepares a 14 year old girl, who was a victim of an attempted rape, and her sister to testify at the Phnom Penh Municipal Court. The legal counseling took place at River Kids Foundation on November 14, 2012.



APLE staff raised awareness about child sexual abuse and exploitation and preventive measures at Antaraktvib II primary school, Sihanoukville, November 16, 2012.

Facts and Figures October-December

On 9 November 2012, Sihanoukville branch project officer Yi Moden participated in the retreat meeting organized by the Sihanoukville NGOs Advocacy Network to disseminate the result of APLE's work against child sexual abuse and exploitation in 2012. 15 NGOs participated in the retreat and the meeting.

On November 23, APLE social worker, legal assistant and investigators from the Sihanoukville branch interviewed survivors of child sexual abuse and vulnerable children about their opinion about how to improve child protection and services in general and about their expectations what APLE and others can do for them. The children suggested that APLE should do more awareness and training activities in their communities, better promote the hotline number and increase

investigation efforts and prosecution of offenders. They also requested APLE to advice police not to use rude language during police interviews and to conduct those more child friendly. (See picture on page 21).

1443 (648 F) people participated in awareness and training activities concerning varying topics related to child sexual abuse and exploitation, and investigation and prosecution of offenders and conspirators: 908 (428 F) children, 190 (116 F) community people, 125 (2 F) administrative police officers, 75 (41 F) NGO personnel, 102 (61 F) partners and stakeholders, 43 (0 F) tuk tuk drivers.

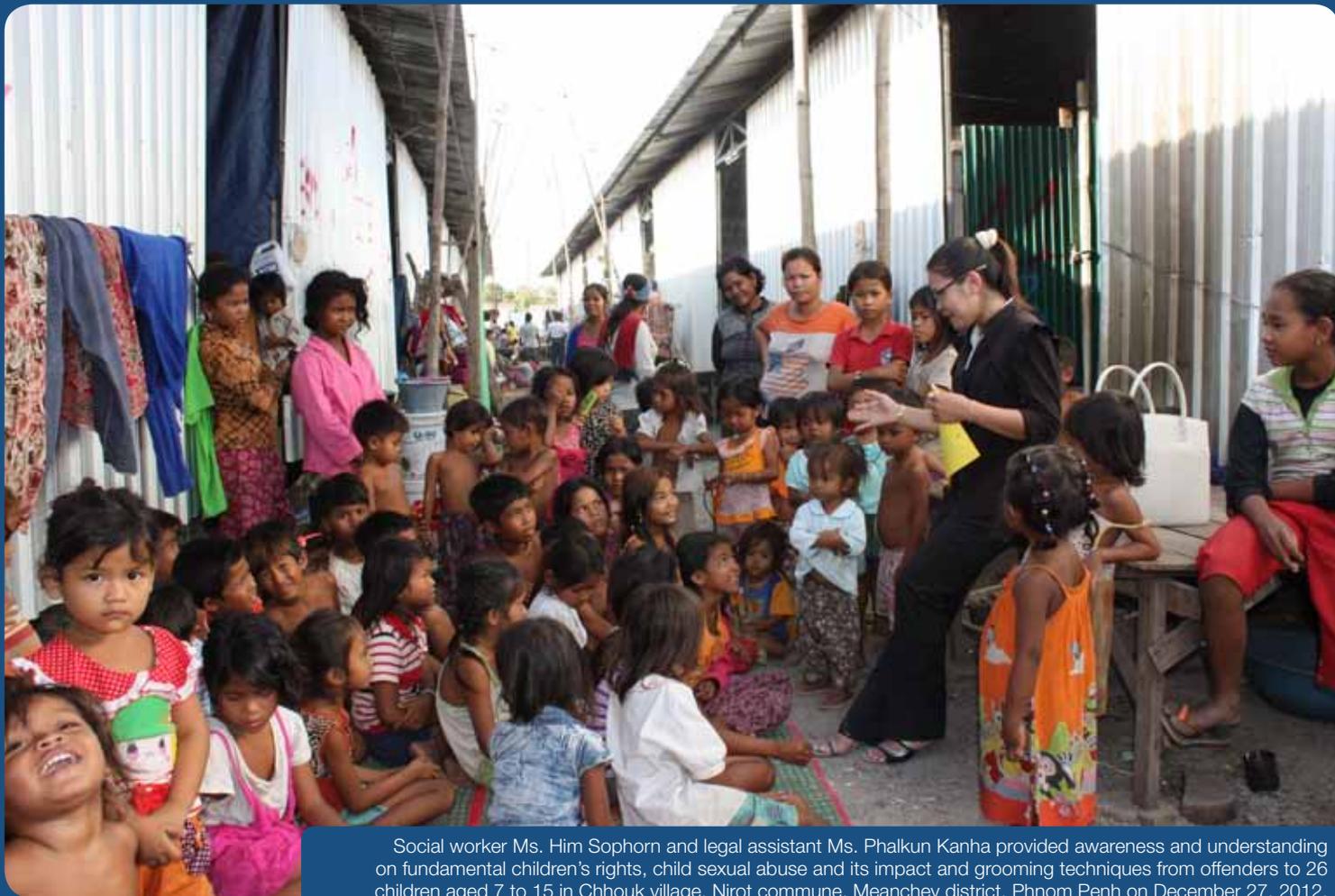
From November 26-29, APLE director Samleang Seila attended a member meeting organized by New Day Asia in Hong Kong to speak about APLE's challenges and successes in

the fight against child sexual abuse in Cambodia. He also met with a few potential donors and with law firms to discuss funding partnerships and he received promises of free legal assistance in prosecution of Hong Kong Citizens who travel to Cambodia to abuse and exploit children.

From December 3-5, Mr. Samleang Seila participated in a study trip to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia with senior officials from the National Committee to Lead the Suppression of Human Trafficking, Smuggling, Labor and Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children. The purpose of the trip was to strengthen the cooperation between the two governments and stakeholders for better protection of the rights of Cambodian migrant workers. A joint report was produced for both governments with recommendations to adapt their intervention strategies.



APLE social worker, legal assistant and investigators from the Sihanoukville branch interviewed survivors of child sexual abuse and vulnerable children about their opinion about how to improve child protection and services in general and about their expectations what APLE and others can do for them. The participating survivors are hiding their faces with balloons. Sihanoukville, 23.11.2012.



Social worker Ms. Him Sophorn and legal assistant Ms. Phalkun Kanha provided awareness and understanding on fundamental children's rights, child sexual abuse and its impact and grooming techniques from offenders to 26 children aged 7 to 15 in Chhouk village, Nirot commune, Meanchey district, Phnom Penh on December 27, 2012.

Donation Page

Without the financial support of the following institutions or persons, **APPLE** would not be able to prevent children from abuse, rescue victims from trafficking and exploitation, protect their rights, and bring offenders to justice. We owe you our deepest respect and gratitude:

- ▶ **Global Humanitaria-Spain**
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What can we do with your donation?

Presently we are directly or indirectly involved in the aftercare of more than 500 victims and/or their families.

Thanks to recent quick and massive support from individuals, institutions and foundations from all corners of the world and from increased cooperation and coordination from and with other NGOs continuity of APLE services to children that need protection is guaranteed for the near future. But we are still in need for your support for late 2013 and beyond. We will update you as soon as possible on our website: www.aplecambodia.org, or on: www.facebook.com/aple.cambodia, and in the next issue of this newsletter.

Following are examples of minimum needs to conduct activities as part of our investigation -, social support -, legal support -, and awareness raising and training programs. Donations of any size help us to* implement these:

- ▶ **\$30** enable us to have a medical examination of a child which can be used as forensic evidence in court.
- ▶ **\$94** enable us to run an awareness campaign on one tuk-tuk with banner (including printing and annual allowance for driver) for one year to promote **APLE's** hotline **092 311 511** to report abuse.
- ▶ **\$260** on average is needed to offer free legal representation to one victim at the first court of instance.
- ▶ **\$450** is needed to buy a good camera for investigations.
- ▶ **\$620** is needed to print 200 t-shirts (1 unit \$3,10) with educational messages, to be handed out during awareness and training campaigns.
- ▶ **\$800** is needed to buy a tuk-tuk to use for investigations, transportation of persons and materials to courts, and to conduct awareness and training activities around town and nearby provinces.
- ▶ **\$7,890.00** is the average amount monthly needed to run all operations of the Siem Reap branch, which covers 8 provinces and Laos.
- ▶ **\$8,050.00** is the average amount monthly needed to run all operations of the Sihanoukville branch, which covers 5 provinces and Thailand.
- ▶ **\$23,450.00** is the average amount monthly needed to run all operations of the Phnom Penh branch, which covers 6 provinces and Vietnam.

We kindly thank you for your consideration supporting us in combating child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Crowd-Funding Campaign on Indiegogo January-March

Currently **APLE**, The Kampot Playboys and friends are running a crowd-funding campaign on Indiegogo to raise money to conduct a 12 days long awareness and training campaign in the Cambodian countryside. The goal of the Opening Doors Countryside Tour of Cambodia is to promote awareness and educate community members about child sexual abuse and exploitation and its impact on the victims and their families; helping families, children and leaders to keep their communities safe. If we reach our \$25,000 goal needed to implement the project, Opening Doors will teach about the dangers of sexual abuse of children in an approachable way that is easy to communicate and understand – supported by concerts featuring Khmer and international music!

See: <http://www.indiegogo.com/aplecambodia>



450 Villagers enjoyed the music from The Kampot Playboys in Ka Ort Village, Kampong Tralach District, Kampong Chhnang Province, on February 11, 2012.

Please report abuse!

If you have any suspicion of sexual abuse, please call our 24 hrs helpline:

092 311 511 or email us: **reportabuse@aplecambodia.org**

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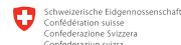
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Cover image: Moung Maryda, [name changed] now 17, who was abused in 2006 and 2007 by a German offender, joined APLE during an awareness session in a vulnerable community and spoke about the impact of abuse, warning people to take care the same doesn't happen to their children, Sangkat Prek Pnov, Khan Sen Sok, Phnom Penh, on December 14, 2012. (See story on page 13)

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