



## Justice and Client Care Social Work Project Overview 2015

Chab Dai's Justice and Client Care community-based social work project provides direct counseling and social support to survivors of sexual abuse and trafficking in their communities, and provides education and support services for their families to address underlying causes of abuse and trafficking.

The primary target population of Justice and Client Care are survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking who are living in their communities and their families. The primary location of this project is Phnom Penh, however the Justice and Client Care team works primarily with clients in a number of rural provinces including, Kratie, Kampong Speu, Pursat, Battambang and Banteay Meanchey.

Presently, the government of Cambodia does not provide social or psychological support to survivors of abuse and trafficking and, due to the country's history and lack of higher education facilities, there are very few professionally trained Cambodian social workers or counselors who are trained to provide these services to clients. There is an overwhelming need for community-based services outside the limited scope of formal aftercare facilities and institutions, for survivors who are reintegrating back into and living in their communities, often in rural areas where social services are even more scarce or non-existent. Psychological and emotional support for survivors of abuse and trafficking is essential, and without this support these individuals struggle with the complex and extensive effects of trauma, leaving them vulnerable and at risk of re-exploitation.

### Goals and activities of Justice and Client Care Social Work Project:

- Overarching goal: To ensure survivors of sexual abuse, trafficking and exploitation have access to community-based psychological support, case management and social services so that they regain their emotional-wellbeing, know their rights and are empowered to live their lives as active and safe members of society.
- Objective 1: To provide community-based counseling and social support for survivors of sexual abuse and trafficking to help them reconnect with their families and communities, normalize their lives and build their resilience.
  - Activity 1.1 Provide advanced counseling to survivors who have experienced severe trauma.
  - Activity 1.2: Provide basic counseling to survivors who have experienced medium trauma.
  - Activity 1.3: Provide follow-up service for survivors to check progress and address any concerns or needs for support, and where appropriate to close cases, handing over the responsibility of protection to families/authorities.
  - Activity 1.4: Provide medical support, job placement and other life skills.
  - Activity 1.4: In each step of case management, to consult with both adult and child clients on their needs and empower them to make decisions regarding their futures and services they receive from Justice and Client Care.



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- Activity 1.5: Work with local authorities and community members to coordinate and build capacity in best practice of protecting and assisting survivors and their families. Facilitate participation of the community and duty-bearers in client protection through working in close collaboration on cases, and through seeking their input on the legal, social and technical support they need in order to uphold the rights of clients and to provide timely and appropriate assistance to clients and their families.
- Objective 2: To ensure families are able to provide a supportive and protective environment for survivors to address underlying causes of exploitation, facilitate smooth reintegration, create stable family environments, prevent the risk of re-exploitation and prevent further family and community members from being abused or trafficked.
  - Activity 2.1: Provide family assessments for families of survivors that inform support services and build relationships and trust with the family.
  - Activity 2.2: Provide support to families of survivors in the form of conflict resolution, family mediation, material support, basic counseling, and life skills education on good parenting, child development, hygiene/sanitation, child rights and protection of children from abuse.
  - Activity 2.3: Provide families, local authorities and communities with the tools and information to report and refer suspected cases of abuse and trafficking in their communities.