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Press Release On The Registration of Evictees in Voter List

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COMFREL is going to conduct the survey on 2009 voter registration of evictees when the 2009 voter registration and voter list updating completed.

COMFREL has observed that some of those evictees resettled to new locations are facing difficulties registering their names on the 2009 voter list. Registration started on 1st October and will continue until 20th October 2009.

According to election law, in order to register a name on the voter list the voter must have identity papers and documents proving that he or she is living in that commune.

COMFREL interviewed people evicted from central Phnom Penh and relocated to one of three villages on the city's outskirts (Trapeang Anhchanh village in Trapeang Krasang commune, Damnak Trayueng village in Chaom Chau commune, Toul Sombor village in Prey Vaeng commune. All in Dangkao district). In each of these locations COMFREL observed that some of them faced obstacles registering their name on the voter list because they had not yet received their residence documentation.

At least 3.600 people were evicted from central Phnom Penh and resettled in the three villages.

ants residence in that commune. The issuance of identity document (Form 1018) or documentation confirming the voter's residence (Form 1019) by the commune council requires that the registering voter present two witnesses, who are eligible to vote and living in the same commune, to confirm the applicants residence in that commune. However the commune council working on issuing Forms would be more transparent if the multi-party commune councilors were involved.

To help register people evicted and resettled on the voter list COMFREL would like to make the following recommendations to the National Elections Committee (NEC) and the Registrar official.

- The establishment of a mobile voter registration office to help register voters in remote areas and where voters lack the funds to travel to the commune office.
- Mobile registration offices should focus on villages where evictees have been resettled.

- In addition to the voter list updating awareness media campaign the NEC should also specifically target villages where evictees have been relocated as COMFREL found that many had not heard that 2009 voter registration was taking place. NEC officials and Registrars should cooperate with village chiefs and commune councilors to ensure that information on registration is disseminated as widely as possible, especially in villages where mobile registration will take place.
- As some relocated evictees reported that they had no documentation, the Registrar should, by working with the relevant local authority, obtain a list of newly arrived evictees so that documentation can be made available to them. If the relocated evictee meets all requirements, except residence documentation, for registering their name on voter list, the registrar official should check the name of that voter to see if it is in the list of evictees to be settled in the commune. The registrar official should then register that voter on voter list. This process should also be applied during mobile voter registration.

COMFREL is going to conduct an additional survey on The 2009 Voter Registration of Evictees when 2009 voter registration and voter list updating is completed.

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