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One roundtable discussion and 6 press conferences were conducted at the COMFREL office to present the final assessment of the 2017 Commune/Sangkat Elections, to present the verification of the preliminary electoral result, and to present the first assessment on vote counting and declaration of election result. The conferences were also to update stakeholders on the environment of polling stations on the polling day and to present findings on the pre-election day situation. There were 240 (20% female) participants including domestic and international journalists, ambassadors, donors, and other relevant stakeholders. The recommendations were discussed among the participants and NEC in order to reach a mutual understanding.
13 meetings were held at the COMFREL office to develop consensus and collaboration for recruiting, training and deploying the observers. This included capacity building on methods for observation, delivery and information access, and updating information. The meetings also served as a forum to share findings on CEC recruitment and selection, candidate registration, and to discuss its findings for the report on VRM, and the primary voter list and VRA. The meetings brought partner organizations together directly (and their supporting donors indirectly) to develop joint proposals for the NEC. In addition, the meetings were used to brief stakeholders on the complaints process, and to disseminate COMFREL/CSOs partners’ findings and recommendations related to risk assessment for the election. 162 participants attended the meetings (20% female) including representatives of donors, the NEC, CSOs partners, and other relevant stakeholders.

The 2016 report on “Democracy, Elections, and Reform in Cambodia” was produced and uploaded on COMFREL’s website and Facebook page. 150 copies of report were printed and distributed to stakeholders.

In cooperation with the civil society organizations, 51 recommendations were produced and submitted including 29 priorities, to the NEC related to regulations and procedures for updating the voter list in the 2017 voter registration. 18 of 29 (https://goo.gl/SMiiLe) priority recommendations were endorsed by the NEC.
1.1 Roundtables/ Workshops/Seminars /Conferences

On June 12, 2017, COMFREL held a press conference on “Verification and Assessment on Preliminary Election Result of Commune Council Election for the 4th Mandate” to present the verification of the preliminary electoral result. It was found and announced that NEC preliminary results were 93.1% the same as the electoral result note (1102) collected by COMFREL. This was attended by 38 participants including domestic and international journalists, ambassadors, donors, and relevant stakeholders (statement: https://goo.gl/qH1dPS ; https://goo.gl/Z32ZU3).
On June 02, 2017, COMFREL held a press conference on “Pre-Election Day Assessment for Commune Council Election for the Fourth Mandate” at the COMFREL office to present its findings on pre-election day observation. COMFREL found the technical management of election to be quite capable and improved. This was attended by 42 participants including domestic and international journalists, ambassadors, donors, and other relevant stakeholders. (Statement: https://goo.gl/3mXFHz).
On May 17, 2017, COMFREL staff joined a press conference held by the NEC to publicly test its indelible ink. After testing, it was found that only a few people could remove the ink. Thus, NEC decided to use five other identifying principles to prevent voter fraud (News: https://goo.gl/1YkAAm)
A discussion among COMFREL, CSOs and the National Elections Committee (NEC)
The participation of the COMFREL staff in the radio talk show to educate the voters
COMFREL produced the 2016 report on “Democracy, Elections and Reform in Cambodia” and uploaded on its website and Facebook page. 150 copies of report were printed and distributed to stakeholders (https://goo.gl/FX3n3p).
During the reporting period, 369 (206 live and 163 rebroadcast) sessions of “VOC” radio programs were hosted with a total of 299 speakers (23% female), which facilitated outreach and public awareness on a multitude of issues. In addition, 906 people (18% female) called-in to the program to express opinions, make requests, and ask questions to the speakers. After broadcasting and uploading to the website, there were total of 68,002 downloads of the radio programs from COMFREL’s website including 23,485 downloads from “Voter’s Voice”, 12,960 from “Human Rights”, 10,292 from “Women Can Do It”, 8,275 from “Weekly Watch”, 8,923 from “Youth Program” and 4,067 from “Critical Law”.

1475 articles and press releases were issued, including 1440 articles and 35 press releases posted on COMFREL’s website and Facebook page related to election issues and laws, democratization, the National Election Committee policies and procedures, and the voter registration mechanisms and process.
Besides the radio programme, COMFREL used social media to disseminate information. There were 35,142 page views on COMFREL’s website: www.COMFREL.org, and 23,146 page views on COMFREL’s Election Campaign Website “Cambodian Voter Voice”. COMFREL’s Facebook page reached 96,162 ‘likes’ and CVV also reached 9,053 ‘likes’.

31 animation video spots were produced to educate the public about the electoral process, COMFREL’s work, and procedures and policies for elections. These animation video spots had 4,709,246 views 85,063 shares, 185,334 likes and more than 1,450 comments on COMFREL’s Facebook page.
2.1. Broadcasting Radio Programme

“Voice of Civil Society” COMFREL radio program broadcasts everyday at 7:30-8:30.
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3. Monitoring Program (MOP)

The 2016 annual government watch report ([https://goo.gl/WnkLLK](https://goo.gl/WnkLLK)) was produced, uploaded on the COMFREL website and 150 copies were and sent to relevant stakeholders.

There were nine forums on voter scorecards and government fulfilment of platform promises with 184 (37% female) participants in nine provinces such as Kampong Chhnang, Kratie, Tbong Khmoum, Kampong Thom, Pursat, Mondulkiri, Preah Vihear, Kampong Speu and Siem Reap province. These were attended by university students, youth, garment workers, activists and NGO representatives. All participants had an opportunity to give a score twice on the government’s fulfilment of platform promises two times, pre-test and post-test.

The 2016 Annual Parliamentary Watch report ([https://goo.gl/HvAzFd](https://goo.gl/HvAzFd)) was launched to present findings and recommendations on NA Reform. This was attended by 38 participants (13% female) from media outlets, CSOs, and political parties.
1756 field visits were made by 81 MPs from the two main political parties. 41 CPP MPs conducted 741 field visits including 327 made by 10 female MPs while 40 CNRP MPs conducted 1015 field visits including 127 visits made by 5 female MPs. The 741 field visits by CPP MPs included 21 interventions, 442 constituency visits, 267 party support activities, 0 forums, and 11 visits accompanying a the delegation while 1015 CNRP visits consisted of 9 interventions, 171 constituency visits, 766 party support activities, 3 forums and 66 visits accompanying a delegation.

There were three plenary sessions of the NA, 7th, 8th and 9th plenary sessions with a total of 33 agenda items adopted by the NA.
3.1 Government Watch and Score Card on Fulfilment of the Government Platform Promises

COMFREL conducted nine forums on voter scorecards and government fulfilment of platform promises with 184 (68 female) participants in nine provinces including Kampong Chhnang, Kratie, Tbong Khmoum, Kampong Thom, Pursat, Mondulkiri, Preah Vihear, Kampong Speu and Siem Reap province. These were attended by university students, youth, garment workers, activists and NGO representatives. All participants had an opportunity to give a score on the government’s fulfilment of platform promises two times, pre-test and post-test. Four sectors of governance were touched on by the indicators included in the assessment.
On February 21, 2017, the 2016 Annual Parliamentary Watch report was launched to present findings and recommendations on NA Reform. This was attended by 38 participants (5 female) from media outlets, CSOs, and political parties (https://goo.gl/HvAzFd).
4. Gender Program (GEP)

During the reporting period, 28 sessions (17 live and 11 re-broadcast) of ‘Women Can Do it’ radio program were hosted on FM 105 and 47 (36% female) speakers facilitated. During those shows, 39 (86% female) people called-in to express their opinions, ask questions to the speakers, and make requests to the government.

The annual report on Political Gender Watch, titled ‘Women Parliamentarians and Women Observation of the Fourth Mandate Commune Council Electoral Registration 2016’, was produced and launched to present its findings. The event occurred at the COMFREL office and was attended by 31 participants (18 female) including domestic journalists, CSOs, donors and relevant stakeholders. This report was also uploaded to the COMFREL website.
In cooperation with CPWP and other NGO partners, the International Women’s Day Campaign, meetings, workshop, two press conferences and one meeting were held to create space for women from different groups to share their concerns and priority issues, to build solidarity among women’s groups in advocating for policy change, and to channel “Women’s Voice for Women” to the public. Another objective was to inform participants about the RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership). In these events information, findings, and key concerns were disseminated to increase awareness related to the situation of women candidates for the fourth commune council election 2017.
4.1. Radio Call-in Show ‘Women Can Do It’

In cooperation with the media unit, the civic education unit hosted 28 sessions (17 live and 11 rebroadcast) of the 60 minute radio call-in show, ‘Woman Can Do It’, on FM 105. The programmes discussed women in elections, politics and the promotion of women in processes of decision-making.
The Education and Gender Unit produced the report on the Political Gender Watch, titled ‘Women Parliamentarians and Women Observation of the Fourth Mandate Commune Council Electoral Registration 2016’, and launched the report on 27 April 2017 to present its findings. The launch event was attended by 31 participants (18 female) including domestic journalists, CSOs representatives, donors, and other relevant stakeholders. The report was also uploaded to the COMFREL website.
4.3. Joint Actions for Women’s Political Empowerment and Leadership

On June 29, 2017, COMFREL in cooperation with CPWP hosted a press conference on ‘The Number of Elected Woman Candidates in the Commune Council Election 2017 for the 4th Mandate’. There were 21 participants (12 female) including domestic and international journalists and CSOs. Its purposes were to present information on elected women candidates for the fourth commune council election 2017, and to call for the Ministry of Women’s Affairs to take more action to increase the number of women in politics.
49 meetings were held with all members to discuss, recruitment, trainings and deployment of observers, intervention groups, biding and T-shirt printing, and press conferences on polling and counting day. The meeting also detailed discussion of the materials for observers, reports, guidelines and procedures, animation video spots, and recruitment and the deployment of observers.
In the reporting period, various materials for both LTOs and STOs were developed including: the guidelines and questionnaire for L2P, the checklists for the observers to monitor the PEC recruitment/selection and the election campaign, the manual and the questionnaires for monitoring the polling process, and questionnaires for the counting process. 31 animation video spots were produced and disseminated to the public to educate the voters about the electoral campaign, procedures, and process. The profiles were compiled of the 12 political parties which registered candidates for the commune election. The results of PEC selection were compiled as well.

COMFREL printed 15,500 T-shirts and 15,000 manuals for the observers. Furthermore, COMFREL staff produced a checklist, guidelines, manual, agenda and the questionnaires for provincial secretaries to monitor the updating of the voter list in the 2017 voter registration.

A reflection roundtable was held with its members at the COMFREL office, which was attended by the provincial secretaries, NGOs partners and COMFREL central staff. The reflection mentioned the SWOT analysis of the recruitment, training and deployment observers as well as working process.
COMFREL conducted 1,346 trainings in communes to teach 11,380 observers how to observe on polling and counting days, as well as to collect a record of the electoral result note (1102 form) and transmit it to the central office.

There were 3 trainings of trainers and 45 trainings with 642 participants including long-term observers and short-term observers. The topics and related skills in the trainings included understanding and monitoring capacity of: electoral campaigns, voter registration audit (List to People method), polling, counting, and repeat survey and the strategies of voter list update and voter registration observation in 2017.

The reports on voter registration monitoring and voter registration audit were produced in both Khmer and English versions, and 150 copies were printed and disseminated. These reports were also uploaded on the COMFREL website and sent to the NEC. After the Commune Council Election, COMFREL produced the Final Assessment and Report on the 2017 Commune Council Election in English ([https://goo.gl/62R6CC](https://goo.gl/62R6CC)). COMFREL also produced important chronologies of the commune council elections ([https://goo.gl/bNVXXh](https://goo.gl/bNVXXh)).
5.1. Material Development and Training for Observers
5.2 Deployment of Monitoring and Observers

The observation on the preliminary voter list.
5.3 Reporting

6. Project on Strengthening on Defense of Human Rights

16 meetings were conducted to address and evaluate the UPR Mid-Term review in regards to recommendations suggested by member states and to update stakeholders on human rights practices in Cambodia. The related objectives were: to address concerns and potential violence, and develop a response team to minimize the impact on the election in terms of both voting and counting.