

Annual Narrative Report 2014

Strengthening the Demand
for Elections Reform and
Democratic Governance



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Foreword

The Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia (COMFREL) serves to promote democracy and citizen participation in the spirit of building capacity for nationwide networking and cooperation with its member organizations and partners. COMFREL is dedicated to strengthening the demand for genuine election reform and better democratic governance in the wake of the 2012 and 2013 elections. COMFREL remains committed to its partnerships with the electoral reform alliance (ERA) and other election stakeholders, Cambodian Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to empower Cambodian citizens (marginalised electorate; especially the youth, local activists and stakeholders) in demand election reforms, better democratic governance and demonstrating their democratic rights and participation.

With this in mind, COMFREL is delighted to release to the public and concerned stakeholders its annual report. The report is divided into eight sections and covers the period October 01, 2013 to September 30, 2014. Six core programs are highlighted alongside an overview of COMFREL's activities in 2014. Monthly progress reports show each section of COMFREL's data input based upon the annual work plan. A noticeable improvement in its expected results has been achieved demonstrating an annual increase raising awareness of key issues among Cambodian people and voters. One of our top priorities in 2014 was to further engage in implementation of election reform, parliamentary reform and democratic governance.

On this occasion, COMFREL would like to acknowledge the hard work of all staff at all levels, from central office personnel, management and volunteers to community activists and watchdogs who are always committed through thick and thin together to make COMFREL's mission and goal a reality.

Finally, COMFREL wishes to extend its deepest gratitude and highest tribute to those who are part of COMFREL's ongoing activities and, those who share support of our mission, in particular our eight donors: Oxfam, Forum Syd, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), European Union (EU), British Embassy, Australian Embassy, Diakonia, FOSI, NDI and IFES as well as partners from within and outside Cambodia.

Phnom Penh, 01 October 2014



KOUL Panha
Executive Director

I. Executive Summary

Within the fiscal year of October 2013 to September 2014, COMFREL and other organizations carried out activities set out under the new project: title “Strengthening the demand for electoral reform and democratic governance”. The broad aims are to empower Cambodian citizens, in particular the marginalized electorate, youth, local activists and stakeholders, to promote free and fair elections and demonstrate people’s participation in democratic governance. Below are key milestones and outputs achieved under the supervision of COMFREL’s five units: Advocacy Unit (ADU), Media Unit (MEU), Network Unit (NEU), Monitoring Unit (MOU), Education and Gender Unit (EGU), and its Core team (COT)

▪ Advocacy and Lobby Unit

The draft law on the functioning and organization of the National Election Committee was completed and shared via ERA’s social network and blog.

Nine Video clips on electoral reform were produced by ERA in cooperation with COMFREL’s media unit to raise public awareness of the process COMFREL shared these videos with the public, via radio, website, YouTube and Facebook and also forwarded those to provincial secretaries to disseminate within their constituencies.

Sixty seven meetings of ERA members, a national workshop, two round-table discussions and one press conference were organized by COMFREL in cooperation with ERA members.

Ninety six round-table discussion meetings were held on electoral reform with 1784 participants (742 female) in 22 provinces.

The 2013 annual report on *Democracy, elections and reform in Cambodia* was produced and 300 copies were printed to share with stakeholders, including NGOs partners, political parties, embassies and donors. The public were given access to the report through its posting on COMFREL’s website as well as Cambodia Voter’s Voice (CVV)

<http://www.cambodianvotervoic.org/kh/>

▪ Media Unit (MEU)

People are given the opportunity to air their views, concerns and hopes for solutions from involved parties through the *Voice of Civil Society* radio program. Over the broadcast period there were 1,357 (221 female) radio callers and 329 (96 female) guest speakers. The total number of live aired and pre-recorded radio programmers during this period was 362 (204 live and 158 rebroadcast).

From October 2013 to September 2014, 7,727 visitors viewed COMFREL’s website: www.comfrel.org with total pages viewed of 34,421 and 19,832 visitors viewed COMFREL’s Election Campaign Website named “Cambodian Voter Voice” with total pages viewed of 61,406 views. Meanwhile COMFREL’s Facebook could reach 8,566 fans liked on our page and CVV also received 854 likes.

Eight satirical cartoons, three volumes of the COMFREL Neak Kloam Meul Bulletin, volume 50, 51 and 52 and 126 press releases were

produced by the Media Unit and posted in COMFREL's and CVV's website. .

▪ **Network Unit (NEU)**

Two-days of training with 20 provincial secretaries (9 females) was organized at COMFREL's central office on the topic of Political Corruption, Social Media, Voter Registration, Youth Platform, Parliamentary Watch, Observation of Women commune councillors and members of parliament (MPs), " Ask Your MPs" platform, Survey on Good Governance and Democracy and Election Reform Alliance (ERA). The main goal of this workshop was to build more capacity for provincial secretaries to observe corruption, social media and women's participation in commune councils.

A draft report on "Participation and Democratic Governance" to study people's understanding of its implementation, was produced.

The 2014 annual citizens score card report, based on elected officials response to priorities in remote or indigenous communes, was produced.

Reflection workshop on observation of the 2013 National Assembly election: A two-day reflection workshop on implementation of the organizational action plan, and results of the 2013 National Assembly election observation was held with 33 participants, including 4 executive commission members, 23 (12 female) provincial secretaries and 6 central staff members.

Annual organizational review meeting: An annual review meeting was held with central staff, including the Executive Commission, at head office to discuss and reflect what COMFREL as a whole had achieved and learnt from project implementation starting from October 01, 2012 to September 30, 2013, and the challenges it faced.

Annual reflection meeting with provincial secretaries: A staff reflection meeting was held with its central staff, Executive commission, volunteers and provincial secretaries with a total of 47 participants (female 21) in Lei Lak Hotel, Phnom Penh. The meeting aimed to find out the strengths and weaknesses of the organization for sustainable development, the organizational strategic plan for 2014, and a shortfall of funds to run its programs for the 2014 fiscal year.

▪ **Monitoring Unit (MOU)**

The first directory edition for the fifth mandate of the National Assembly (NA) was finalized and published on COMFREL's website.

The report '*parliamentarian watch*' for the first six months of the fifth mandate of the NA was finalized. The report was launched at *Khmer Sourin* restaurant with 30 participants from CSOs, NGOs and analysts and representative of the CNRP in attendance. The report contained recommendations for National Assembly Reform; these recommendations were discussed at the event during a round table discussion in which speakers and participants gave their input. The report has been publicized on COMFREL's website and through social media.

In cooperation with the Media Unit, COMFREL's radio talk show program broadcasted 21 times to discuss and share information relevant to youth, their rights and challenges as well as the election.

The operating system was changed from modem based on smart phone to receive voice messages. Pre-release testing revealed several 'bugs' these were successfully fixed.

Promotion materials (T-shirt = 500, Poster = 100, Brochure =5000, Sticker = 5000) were produced and distributed to youth forums of NGO partners to promote the project. The

platform received about 149 questions from citizens and these were forwarded to MPs who sent back responses. Most questions were from people who joined the forum in 22 provinces. Approximately 51 forums have been conducted with around 15 participants in each, in the 22 provinces. Twenty nine elected candidates, 28 candidates from the CNRP and 1 from the CPP, participated in the platform.

There were two meetings with OneWorld to test the platform and resolve any remaining bugs. The project will be extended for three months until the platform is ready for release.

▪ Education and Gender Unit (EGU)

The talk-back discussion show produced by COMFREL's civic education and gender unit allowed callers, both women and men, to call in and share their opinions, experiences, and/or to raise questions for the guest speakers on issues related to women and gender. There were 165 (43 female) callers and 32 (25 female) for the *Women can do it*, radio program and 29 sessions were broadcast with various topics.

Eight round-table discussions were organized by the education and gender unit in 7 provinces: Kompong Chhnang, Takeo, Kompong Cham, Kompong Thom, Preah Vihear and Phnom Penh. One hundred participants, including students, political representatives and police, attended. There

has been a growing awareness of the number of women participating in the sub-national council elections and the prevention of women and child abuse in Cambodia.

One thousand copies of the analytical report on Empowerment of women in politics for the fifth Legislature National Assembly Election 2013, along with three case studies were distributed to NGO partners, government agencies, parliamentarians and journalists. The report was also uploaded on COMFREL's website for public access.

▪ Post Election Activities (Core Team-COT)

- 300 copies of a report on the "Final Assessment of National Assembly Election 2013" were printed.
- Five special reports on vulnerable people, including women, youths, forced evictees, indigenous and people with disability, participating in the National Assembly Election, were produced.
- A report on election result through PVT observation with focus on irregularities during cooling day and Election Day, election result analysis, comparison of election results for five mandates, and NA seat allocation formula.
- A report on indelible ink test.
- A report on monitoring electoral campaign expenditure.

II. COMFREL's Vision, Mission and Specific Objective

1. Vision

COMFREL's vision is the establishment and maintenance of democratic society underpinned by genuine multi-party competitive democratic elections designed and implemented to benefit all Cambodians.

2. Mission

COMFREL's mission is to help create an informed and favorable climate for 'Free and Fair Elections'. To achieve this mission it actively supports, through lobbying and advocacy, a viable legal framework, education to inform voters of their rights, and monitoring activities to discourage irregularities and provide comprehensive data to enable an objective, non-partisan assessment of election process in its entirety.

A key element of the mission includes conducting activities to give meaning in the period between elections through continued education and public forums to encourage citizens to participate in politics and decision-making; through advocacy/lobbying for electoral reforms and the provision of comprehensive monitoring data to enable an objective, non-partisan assessment of the fulfillment of party political platform and performance and accountability of elected officials.

3. Program objectives

External Organization:

To strengthen civil society's input based on stakeholder consultation and studies for better laws, procedures and policies in

keeping with democratic and human rights commitments and principles.

To create an informed and favourable climate for free and fair elections by providing information on electoral rights, monitoring reports and building a comprehensive assessment with up-to-date recommendations.

To develop the voice of voters to hold elected officials accountable. To strengthen gender equality by increasing understanding among women and men, and enhancing the capacity of female local elected officials and activists.

Internal Organization:

To ensure the effectiveness of the proposed program activities, COMFREL build staff capacity, and strengthen its organisational development.

COMFREL has an 11 board committee including: Chairman, Mr. Thun Saray, vice chair, Mr. Sok Sam Oeun, treasurer, Young Kim Eng and 8 board members: Mr. Yim Po, Ms. Sun Chansen, Mr. Mak Chamroeun, Ms. Pok Panhavichet, Mr. Mom Sarin, Mr. Kim Sovann, Mr. Sen Set and Mr. Cheang Sokha.

III. Completed Activities

1. Advocacy and Legal Study (ALS)

1.1. Monitoring of Draft Regulations/Laws

COMFREL and ERA secretariat monitored CPP and CNRP meetings to solve the post-election political impasse. They joined a CPP-CNRP commission to discuss the constitution, internal rules of the national assembly and drafted laws on the functioning and organization of the NEC as well as amendments of National Assembly election law.

The draft laws and amendments have been studied in order to develop recommendations, and an actual draft constitutional amendment and law on NEC. They were to election stakeholders and shared via ERA's social network and blog.

After the 2013 elections, COMFREL played a crucial role as coordinator in engaging national and international organizations to closely collaborate and cooperate on reforming the electoral system.. As a result, the Election Reform Alliance (ERA) with 20 national and international NGOs was officially established with two main goals: to reform the current electoral system for the

next election and to produce recommendations on elections based on its findings.

On 13th December 2013: ERA organized a joint workshop on the Conduct of the 2013 Cambodia Election at the Imperial Villa and Hotel. A total of 80 participants from local and international NGOs, political parties, NEC and embassies, attended, including independent election experts: Mr. Damaso Magbual, Chairman of ANFREL and Secretary General of ANFREL, and Mr. Vladimir Pran, an International Election expert. The workshop was intended to t publicize the ERA joint report which will be later used for to campaign and advocacy for the reinforcement of electoral reform.

1.2. Seminars and Press Conferences (SPC)

In cooperation with ERA, COMFREL conducted two roundtable discussions, 1 September 2014 in the Imperial Garden Villa Hotel and 14 August 2014 in the Imperial Garden Villa Hotel, on election reform and proposed laws related to NEC and elections, with political parties CSOs and other stakeholders.

Picture 1: A national workshop held on June 24th, 2014 presided by a UN envoy, Professor



On 31st July 2014, COMFREL in cooperation with ERA members, organized a press conference in the Imperial Garden Villa & Hotel to highlight ERA's stance on electoral reform and make recommendations for both political parties. Ten national and international representatives attended. The recommendations were been submitted to the political parties after the press conference.

On June 5th 2014 a consultation on proposed amendments of legal framework on EMB and EDR with independent legal experts will be conducted by COMFREL in cooperation with other ERA members was , held at Imperial Hotel.

There were special consultation meetings between ERA and the International Federation of Election Systems (IFES) expert related to ERA recommendations on computerization of voter registration, and electoral dispute resolution in May.

On 13th August 2014, COMFREL in cooperation with KYA, PDP-Center, YCC, YRDCP, KYC (Khmer Youth Congress Organization) and YCFO (Youth and Children for Freedom Organization) conducted the youth forum at YRDP. One hundred and twelve participants from 9 universities in Phnom Penh, on recruitment process of NEC Candidate were in attendance. The forum set out criteria for the process of recruitment of NEC candidate. After the forum, CSOs released a joint-statement regarding youth stance on the problems.

On June 24th 2014, COMFREL, in cooperation with ERA members, hosted a workshop at the Himawari Hotel on the *proposed amendments to the legal framework related to the election management body* (EMB), voter registration, electoral dispute resolution mechanisms (EDR), and the media oversight body over the election period. There were 129 participants including NDI, IFES, CNRP, CLEC, NPA, and CISA. All stakeholders participated in this workshop with the notable exception of a CPP representative.

United States embassy officials Mr. KOUL Panha, Executive Director of COMFREL and Mr. Hang Puthea Executive Director of NICFEC had separate meetings first with the MoI on the 22nd of May held at MoI and on the 23rd held at CNRP. COMFREL's executive director was able to put forth the key points on election reform. Others in attendance included Secretary of state, Mr. SAK Setha, and officials and Leaders of CNRP, Mr. Sam Rainsy and Mr. Khem Sokha . Key points of election reforms include NEC restructuring, computerization of voter registration, access to media during the election period and electoral dispute resolution. Among the key points, the MoI seems to agree with computerization of voter registration while they are concerned with the local capacity. CNRP agreed with most ERA recommendations.

On 23rd May 2014 COMFREL's executive director, Mr. Koul Panha and other ERA members, facilitated by the US embassy officials, met with the Ministry of the Interior, on the 24th March, met with CNRP leaders to present the key recommendations on electoral reform to the NEC and National Assembly reform.

COMFREL's executive Director had meetings with the EU delegation Ambassadors and Ambassadors from the U.S., Japan, UK, Belgium, France, and the, UN special rapporteur on Human Rights in Cambodia, to provide an update on the post-election situation, election reform. COMFREL the delegations to take action to address e politically motivated arrests and actively engage in the political settlement.

COMFREL's provincial secretaries conducted and facilitated 96 small roundtable discussion meetings on election reform with 1784 participants (742 female) in 22 provinces.



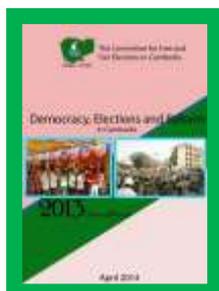
Round table Discussion at Kampong Svay Commune, Kampong Svay District, Kg. Thom Kampong Svay office

Table 4: shows the different participant groups:

Target groups	Number of participants		Sub total
	Male	Female	
District councilors	2	1	3
Commune councilors	4	0	4
Village chiefs and local political parties	144	53	197
Indigenous groups	0	0	0
Local citizens	21	22	43
Youths aged from 18 to 35	584	417	1001
Community representative or Civil Society networks	258	225	482
COMFREL networks	29	24	54
Total	1042	742	1784

1.3. Annual report on Cambodian Democracy, Elections and Reforms

COMFREL produced the 2013 annual report *Democracy, elections and reform in Cambodia*. Three hundred copies of the report were shared with stakeholders, including NGOs partners, political parties, embassies and donors. The report is available to the public on the COMFREL and Cambodia Voter Voices (CVV) websites..



1.4. Election Reform Alliance in Cambodia (ERA)

COMFREL, with ERA members, had regular meetings, about 67 times, to talk about proposed amendments on the legal framework related to electoral management body and electoral dispute resolution mechanism, the recommendations on election reform and the National Election Committee.



On 28th May 2014, a discussion about election dispute resolution (EDR) with IFES's expert

The Electoral Reform Alliance in cooperation with COMFREL's advocacy /Media Unit produced 9 one-hour video spots focusing on NEC reform, voter registration and voter list reform, media reform, a draft law on political finance, reforming of election dispute resolution, women's quota policy, the impartiality of civil servant and armed forces, the Standard of Free and Fair Election, and promoting and ensuring disabled and minority group voter rights. The video spots helped to raise public awareness about the process of electoral reform. COMFREL distributed these videos to the public, featured them radio, and sent them to COMFREL provincial secretaries to share with the target audience as well as posting on Comfrel's Website, YouTube and Facebook. The Monitoring office was involved with ERA talking over some reform as follows:

- To participate in meetings to share updated situation on election reform, contents of Japan Electoral Study Team meeting and the result of

negotiation between the two main political parties.

- To have a meeting to discuss the pilot project on computerization on voter registration
- To have the meeting to discuss a proposal for NGOs engaging with the selection committee for election related institutions
- To have a meeting to discuss NDI technical support for the ERA promotion
- To prepare materials and invite speakers to participate in discussion of amendments to the law on the election authorities its election dispute mechanism. The event was held 05th June 2014 at Imperial Garden Villa and Hotel.
- To have a meeting with the social media team of ERA to set up upcoming plan at COMFREL's office.
- To have a meeting to discuss affirmative actions to promote women's political participation at all level for the next elections with propose amendment to articles of LEMNA and law on Elections of Members of the commune Council to ensure the gender equality among NA and CC candidates.

COMFREL is a member of the A2I group (Access to Information) led by the Advocacy and Policy Institute (API). Monthly meetings were conducted to update information of the working group in an attempt to urge government to expedite the draft law process. On 25th September 2014, this group released a Joint-Statement to mark the 11th anniversary of 'International Right to Know Day.' Right to know was identified as fundamental to other human rights. The aim is to raise awareness of every individual's right to access government-held information for the following reasons, but not limited to: the information has the potential to affect every aspect of people's lives; people are tax-payers and they want to know their money is being transparently spent; people need to know who should be held accountable for decisions made and the implementation of those decisions; they want to ensure that public services are delivered to them transparently and efficiently; for the people to be able to exercise democratic

participation effectively, they need all relevant information.

COMFREL is a member of The Working Group for Partnerships in Decentralization (WGPD). This group brings civil society organizations together to promote decentralization in Cambodia with an emphasis on democratic development. WGPD organized a regional meeting and national workshop to address provincial experiences implementing the First three-year Implementation Plan (IP3) from a civil society perspective and to further examine IP3 and inform the next phase.

WGPD produced recommendations to propose practical ways to overcome persistent challenges that this group observed and faced in taking decentralization reforms forward on the ground such as Service delivery, Advocacy, Participation, Capacity, Accountability and Functional assignment. On 16th September 2014, this group commented on the draft strategy paper for the Next Phase of NP-SNDD 2015-2017.

On 26th February 2014, a COMFREL Network Assistant participated in a one-day meeting organised by the Working Group for Participation in Decentralisation (WGPD) on best practices for their steering committee election 2014 at POC, Ministry of the Interior office. Forty participants (27 female) from local and international NGOs were in attendance.

COMFREL observes National Assembly reforms through the joint commission of the CPP and CNRP meetings.

On 4th August 2014, COMFREL in cooperation with 13 organizations released a Joint Statement on proposed amendments on internal regulations of the National Assembly (NA) Of the Kingdom of Cambodia to provide a framework for basic principles to ensure the effectiveness and transparency of the parliamentary process in accordance with the principles of a liberal multi-party democracy in Cambodia. CSO's and independent experts offered the following recommendations on amendments and provisions to the constitution, internal regulations of the NA, and article 120 of LEMNA.

2. Media and Campaign

2.1. Neak Kloam Meul Bulletin

COMFREL's Media Unit produced and distributed Neak Kloam Meul Bulletin, Volumes 50, 51 and 52:



Press releases/article and publication

The Media Unit issued 126 press releases to raise public awareness about the political situation, election atmosphere, CSO position and recommendations, promotion of women participating in politics as well as COMFREL activities along with an invitation to COMFREL-organized events.

2.2. Radio Broadcasting "Civil Society Voice" and Website

As one of the most important methods of disseminating information and encouraging citizen participation in public affairs, COMFREL conducts regular radio shows with guest speakers from civil society and relevant government institutions. Listeners are encouraged to call in to express their viewpoints or to ask questions to the guest speakers.

COMFREL's radio program entitled "the Voice of Civil Society" (VoC) is broadcast live from the FM105 radio station every day from 7:30' to 8:30' a.m., Mondays to Fridays. The Voice of Civil Society consists of daily programs on different topics as listed below:

- Monday : "Samleng Machass Chhnauth" or "Voter's Voice"
- Tuesday : "Women Can Do It" and "Samleng Machass Chhnaut"
- Wednesday : "Human Rights"

- Thursday : "Victim's Voice" and "Voice of the Workers"
- Friday : "Kloam Meul Pracham Sapadah" or "Weekly Watch"
- Saturday : "Tov Reu men Tov" or "Youth Program"
- Sunday : Re-broadcast of "Kloam Meul Pracham Sapada" ("Weekly Watch") and "Youth Public Forum".



ERA roundtable discussion on Impartiality of Civil Servant Armed Force through COMFREL radio

The total number of live aired and rebroadcast radio programs during this period was 362 (204 live and 158 rebroadcast). The table below shows the number of times VoC programs were broadcasted, both live and rebroadcast, each month via FM 105 station in Phnom Penh. The main topics of these programs are about election issues, civil society's role in politics and the election process, regulation and procedure on 'Election of Members of National Assembly', women and elections, parliamentary watch, participation of people with disability in the election process, youth participation in elections, premiership candidacy, indigenous people's right and land issues as listed below:

- Modernization management in Cambodia.
- The possibility of citizen's participation in law making process.

- Parliamentary and Elected candidates watch.
- The human right situation in Cambodia.
- Anti-corruption in Bac II examination.
- The role of riot police.
- The role and responsibility of sub-national councils.
- Updating of the political situation in Cambodia.
- Political finance for election campaign.
- Perspective of democracy in Cambodia.
- Draft law related to the court.
- Media system.
- Joint Statement of Situation Room: Re-election before mandate.
- The meaning of smashing Freedom Park.
- The issues of migrant workers in Thailand.
- The comparative between Thailand and Cambodia political conflict.
- Registration system and the new register list name.
- Understanding of the concept of corruption.
- Domestic violent that can cause to the criminal case.
- The point of view of youths on current political situation.
- Youth's issue towards the ASEAN Youth Forum 2014.
- Electoral System and National Election Commission.
- The importance of truth finding in election irregularities.
- Power balance in the National Assembly.
- Alcohol policy.

Table 2: The numbers of daily radio programs that are broadcasted on FM105 radio station.

	October 2013-September 2014		Sub total	
	Live	Re-br. ¹	Live	Re-br
Voter Voice	45	56	45	56
Voter Voice (ERA)*	0	11	0	11
<i>Women Can Do It</i>	20	11	20	11
<i>Human Rights</i>	47	8	47	8
<i>Cross-sector network</i>	20	7	20	7
<i>Weekly Watch</i>	36	52	36	52
<i>To Go Or No to Go</i>	36	13	36	13
<i>Voter Voice forum</i>	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (Each month)	204	158	204	158

-Voter Voice (ERA): From March until July 2014, under the cooperation with Electoral Reform Alliance and supported by IFES; we are working to produce roundtable discussion on the process of electoral reform. The program will use methods such as pre-record roundtable discussion and call-in show. This radio program will broadcast every 3rd and 4th week of Tuesday and Sunday in Voter Voice program by FM 105 MHz at 7:30am to 8:30am.*

Table 3: the VoC Program broadcasts through various stations:

N	Radio Station	Location	No. of Broadcasts/Live	Hours	Speakers				Organizers/Facilitators		No. of Callers/Discussants	
					CSOs		BoD		F	M	F	M
					F	M	F	M				

¹ Re-br. is an abbreviation of Rebroadcast.

			Re-Broadcast	Live									
1	FM 105	PNH	158 times	204 times	362 Hrs	96	221	0	12	30	39	221	1136
2	FM 95.5	Siem Reap	92 Times	0	46 Hrs								
Total			250 times	204 times	408 Hours	317 Persons	12 Persons	69 Persons	1357 Callers				

2.3. Social Media (Website, Email and SMS mobile phone)

Social media

Eight satirical cartoons were produced. They were the compilation of the voters list and registration, the states control over media, Universal Periodic Reviews (UPRs) reflection with the Government of Cambodia, the negotiation between CPP and CNRP, Cybercrime Laws, the impartiality of the Cambodia Constitutional Council, the inactivity of some of government officers and the National Assembly controlled by the ruling party.

Picture 4: There are eight satirical cartoons:

Voter list and registration



State control over the media



The reflects on the UPR



Website

For the period from October 2013 to September 2014, 7,727 visitors viewed COMFREL’s website: www.comfrel.org with total pages viewed of 34,421, and 19,832 visitors viewed COMFREL’s Election Campaign Website named “Cambodian Voter Voice” with total pages viewed of 61,406 views. COMFREL’s Facebook page had 8,566 like CVV o received 854 likes.

Education and Gender Coordinator), and Survey on Good Governance and Democracy (by Senior Database and Research Officer). The main goal of this workshop was to build more capacity of provincial secretaries to observe corruption, social media and women’s participation in commune councils. At the end of training, they could understand each topic better to be able share with the target group.

3. Network Unit (NEU)

3.1. Training for provincial network

COMFREL conducted a two-day training on 25th -26th June 2014 with 20 provincial secretaries (9 females) on different topics, as follows: Political Corruption, Youth Platform (Senior Officer,) Social Media and Voter Registration (Media/Legal Officer), Parliamentary Watch and Ask Your MPs” platform (Monitoring Officer), Observation of Women commune councillors and MPs (

A round-table discussion with provincial secretariats in COMFREL’s office on 25th -26th June 2014.



3.2 Monitoring of Misuse of State Resource and Political Corruption

To monitor the misuse of state resource and political corruption, COMFREL's staff set up a working group for developing a manual, concept for corruption, methodology for data collection and flow of information. This group consists of seven members with different tasks. Three people monitor social media, two monitor TVK and Bayon News Channel and two monitor five newspapers, including Moneaksekar, Koh Santepheap, Reaksmeay Kampuchea, Phnom Penh Post and Cambodian Daily Newspaper. This observation is based on seven themes: misuse of state resources, abuse of power, Nepotism, Corrupted by a political official, corrupted by general official serving in political, and vote-buying. This working group quite often meets each other to update as well as to discuss the existing problems. On 25th June 2014, COMFREL's staff shared the experiences of 20 provincial secretaries related to misuse of state resource and political corruption.

Media monitoring

- The Media Monitoring working group continued to collect information about the misuse of state resources by civil servants, military police, and armed forces from TV stations (CTN, TVK, Bayon News), radio broadcasting (Radio FM 105 MHz) and other websites.
- Continued to monitor and analyze the political trends/messages of each political party and speeches of main politicians, political news on the election, government's fulfilment and PM's speech,
- Government's neutrality, coverage of political parties and the National Assembly was then produced and uploaded on COMFREL's website: Cambodianvoterveice.org.

3.3. Research and Evaluation

Senior Database and Research Officer planned to conduct a survey on "Participation and Democratic Governance" to study the various views of voters and the people's understanding of the

implementation that the elected candidates and commune councillors have promised during the campaign. After developing the questionnaires, he also developed a new tool, using android system to do analysis, to apply for the survey.

On 26th June 2014, he provided training to COMFREL provincial secretaries demonstrating guidelines, selection methods and samples format of questionnaires and how to interview target group, and to use android system to do a survey. At the end of the training participants understood well the process of conducting the survey.

COMFREL produced a 2014 annual report on result of citizen's score card on elected officials to respond to the priority needs in remote or indigenous communes.

Reflection workshop on observation of the 2013 National Assembly election

From 17 to 18 October 2013 COMFREL held a two-day reflection workshop on the implementation of the organizational action plan and result on 2013 National Assembly election observation. Thirty three participants were present, including 4 executive commission members, 23 (12 female) provincial secretaries and 6 central staff members. The workshop was aimed at discussion of 2013 election-related reports, sharing experiences in election observation, discussion on midterm project evaluation with a focus on results and organizational development, and identifying of organizational future direction.

Annual organizational review meeting

28/10/2013: COMFREL held an annual review meeting with its central staff, including the Executive Commission, at the head office to discuss and reflect what had been achieved, what had been learnt and what the challenges were since the implementation of the annual project from October 01, 2012 to September 30, 2013. The meeting gave the floor to all COMFREL units to share and review their project results, challenges and lessons learnt.

Annual reflection meeting with provincial secretaries

27/12/2013: COMFREL held a staff reflection meeting with its central staff, Executive commission, volunteers and provincial secretaries for a total of 47 participants (female 21) in Lei Lak hotel, Phnom Penh. The meeting aimed to find out the strength and weakness of organization for sustainable development, organizational strategic plan for 2014, and updated the situation of fund and plan for the 2014 fiscal year.

4. Monitoring Unit (MU)

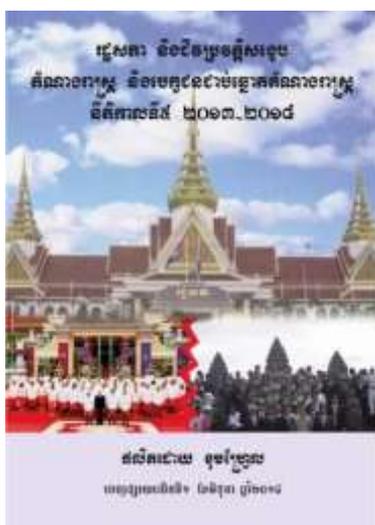
4.1. Government Watch

COMFREL continues to monitor government's fulfillment of their political platform promises by collecting information from all available sources, such as newspaper, TV, social media and other institutions in an effort to compare with actual government policy.

4.2. Parliament Watch

- **Directory of Members of Parliament:**

In order to create a new directory, the Monitoring Officer developed the previous directory based upon the 123 members of parliament of the fifth mandate.



One hundred and twenty three letters containing background data were sent to MPs. Fifty letters to CNRP and 68 CPP, for approval and/or correction For CNRP, we sent to its head office and for the rest, we sent a letter to the secretary of NA requesting

delivery of the letters to CPP MPs. Monitoring officers are following up on MPs and elected candidates responses. After collecting all biographies of MPs, Senior Monitoring Officer with his Assistant drafted the 1st version of the directory. Sixty eight letters were sent to MPs' office to confirm their data which would be used in the directory. The first directory edition for the fifth mandate of NA when finalized will be published COMFREL's website.



Picture 6: A meeting between the ruling party and CNRP on electoral reform at the Senate on 03 March 2014

- **Parliamentarians Watch:**

Monitoring Assistant along with volunteers, observed the 2nd plenary parliamentary session which discussed and approved 5 and 8 agendas. On 19th June 2014, Minister of Mines and power, Soy Sem was summoned to answer questions related to the effects of construction of Seisan hydropower dam in the parliament and 20th-23rd May 2014. The laws on court were adopted at the session in which only CPP MPs attended. There were

three sensitive laws to be approved: 1, law on the organization of court, 2, law on the general status of judge and prosecutor and 3, law on the supreme majesty.

Field visit data of MPs are being collected from provincial secretaries to file every month. A Monitoring Assistant is also collecting data from media, including radio and websites. Because the data from provincial secretaries was not enough, the Monitoring Assistant contacted the CNRP to request a 3-month report of their mission. He is now producing a semester report of the parliamentary watch.

A senior monitoring officer revised and developed a report on National Assembly Reform. It has been sent to the Executive Committee for approval and is ready for analysis by situation room CSOs.

The report on the parliamentary watch for the first six-month of the fifth mandate of the NA was finalized. It was launched at the Khmer Surin Restaurant on 31st March 2014. Thirty participants e CSOs and NGOs, and an analyst and representative of CNRP, were present. The report contained recommendations related to National report has been publicized on the COMFREL's website and its social media.

Picture 7: Launching and roundtable discussion of parliamentary watch for the 1st six-month report at Khmer Sourin Restaurant and



On the 10th October 2013, two monitoring assistants observed the first session of the new National Assembly. The session was intended to provide a vote of confidence for members of nine NA expert commissions. Members of the nine t commissions were voted in with majority vote. It was noted that only 65 parliamentarians of the ruling CPP were present during the session.

12th November 2013: Two Monitoring assistants observed the NA plenary session. The session was to debate and adopt two agendas as follows:

- Law on Establishment of Ministry of Mines and Power with majority vote. This newly created ministry is separated from the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, which is now renamed as Ministry of Industry and Craft.
- National budget with 65 votes over 65. All votes came from CPP parliamentarians.

Observation of parliamentarian field visits

- COMFREL continued collecting data and information related to the activities of parliamentarians and the National Assembly from print and electronic sources. The information mainly concerns t parliamentarian's field visits to constituencies and their performance during NA sessions.
- Provincial secretaries continue to observe the activities/missions of the MPs in their constituencies throughout the capital and 23 provinces. Provincial secretaries are assigned to communicate with and contact the branch offices of political parties and MPs' offices in their constituencies, or directly contact the MPs and conduct national assembly filed visit observation. Then they have to complete the Mission Observation Checklist in a monthly report to COMFREL headquarters.

4.3. Radio Call-in Show on Voter Voice

In cooperation with the Media Unit, the Monitoring Unit Coordinator, two Monitoring Assistants and a Monitoring Officer, attended COMFREL's radio talk show program 21 times to discuss and share information

relevant to youth, their rights and challenges as well as election-related information as follows:

- Voter registration and verification 2013.
- Updated information about the progress of voter registration, verification and challenges.
- Improvement of the Public Transportation for 2014.
- The importance of truth finding in election irregularities.
- Progress of negotiation between CPP and CNRP.
- Relationship between member of parliament and voters in democratic society.
- Cambodian Politics in its International Context.
- Perspective of Cambodian Migrant Worker from Thailand.
- Management of Electoral Campaign.
- Measures to prevent corruption in the contest Diploma.
- Sanitary and environment at schools.
- The Provincial, District Council Election in 2014.
- The Campaign of Youth Organizations for the Second Mandate of Provincial and District Election.
- The Mechanism of Electoral Dispute Resolution.
- Current Cambodia Political Situation.

4.4. "Ask Your MPs" platform (Members of Parliament)

The *Ask your MPs* platform works with MPs to encourage them to participate in social media and SMS.

Regular activities and results include:

-Platform redevelopment with technical support from "One World": The operating system was changed from modem based on smart phone to receive voice messages. Pre-release testing revealed several 'bugs' these were successfully fixed.

-Project Promotion: Official launching of the platform was held on 1st July 2014. Promotion materials (T-shirt = 500, Poster = 100, Brochure =5000, Sticker = 5000) have been distributed to youth forums of NGO partners to promote the project. Voice sports

have been played twice per day in the three radio stations: FM 102, FM105 and FM106.5. By now, around 20 forums have been conducted by the provincial secretaries to promote the platform after orientating them on 26th June 2014.

On the 31st march 2014, COMFREL staff used the launching of the *Parliamentary Watch Report at Khmer Sorim Restaurant to promote the "Ask Your MPs"* initiative. The platform is regularly updated on Facebook where the public is able to share their thoughts on political issues, which draws more attention to the platform. By the end of September, the platform received about 149 questions from citizens and these were forwarded to the MPs and responses were sent back to the citizens. Most questions were from the people who joined the forum in 22 provinces. Approximately 51 forums have been conducted with around 15 participants in each forum in the 22 provinces. Twenty nine elected candidates, 28 candidates from the CNRP and 1 from the CPP, participated in the platform.

MPs participation: Letters were prepared and sent to 123 MPs, both CPP and CNRP. Twenty eight CNRP MPs have participated in the platform while a new ruling party MP agreed to be involved after a previous MP had quit his position.

1. There were two meetings with "OneWorld" to test the platform and to resolve any remaining bugs. The project will be extended for three months until the platform is ready for release.
2. The monitoring officer regularly met with representative of One World in Cambodia and the InsteDD Company to deal with technical issues.

5. Education and Gender Unit (EGU)

5.1. Radio Call-in Show on Women Can Do It (RCS)

In cooperation with the media unit, the civic education unit hosted 29 sessions of the 60 minute radio call-'in show, *Woman Can Do It*,

six live and three pre-recorded sessions, on FM 105. The program discussed women in the elections, politics and the promotion of women in politics:

- The opinion of arresting elected lawmakers.
- The importance of women as judge and prosecutor.
- Perspective of new generations of women in politics.
- The importance of women's role in social development.
- Women's rights to political expression.
- Subnational women's empowerment.
- 1 Billion Rising: Ending violence against women and girls for love and justice.
- Solidarity across all generations of women in Cambodia.
- Women and law on prevention of violence against women.

The objective of the discussions was to strengthen women's confidence in their job performance, promote their participation of in politics, enhance gender equality, and motivate all political parties to consider placing women on their candidate lists. The radio shows featured a talk-back discussion which allowed callers, both men and women, to call in and share their ideas, experiences and/or to raise questions. There were 165 (43 female) callers and 32 (25 female) guest speakers.

5.2. Training and Local Action

-The Education and Gender Office organised discussions in the five provinces of Kompong Chhnang, Takeo, Kompong Cham, Kompong Thom and Preah Vihear, each with at least 50 participants. The main objective was to increase the number of women participating in the sub-national council elections and lobby political parties to achieve 50% women candidate levels.

13th August 2014: Education and Gender Unit (EGU) organized a round-table discussion with 13 participants (7 female) to make recommendations related women issues from civil society organizations on

proposed amendment of the constitution and electoral laws: and to promote women to be more active in politics in accordance with the Cambodian constitution.

4th June 2014, the Education and Gender Unit prepared a round-table discussion with 14 participants in the *courts, women and childhood*, which focused on the first draft of the *statute of judges and prosecutors* at COMFREL's head office. The discussion focused on whether it was necessary to have women as judges and prosecutors in accordance with the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

-26 March 2014, the Education and Gender Unit prepared a roundtable discussion at COMFREL's head office on *electoral reform and women and the election of councilors to municipalities, provinces, capitals, districts and communes in the 2nd mandate*. The main goal was to discuss the importance of women in the sub-national election council and electoral reform by focusing on special mechanisms attempting to increase the number of women representatives at the national level to at least 50% in accordance with the Cambodian constitution.

5.3 Monitoring of Female Councillor Situation and Women's Political Participation in Elections

The Education and Gender Unit produced an analytical report on Empowerment of women in politics for the fifth Legislature National Assembly Election 2013 along with three case studies about elected female parliamentarians in Khmer and English. 1,000 copies were distributed to NGOs partners, government agencies, parliamentarians and journalists. The report was also uploaded on COMFREL's website for public access.

6. Elections (COT)

- Election reports

During this period, COMFREL produced the following reports:

- 300 copies of a report on Final Assessment of National Assembly Election 2013 and five special reports on vulnerable people, including women, youths, forced evictees, indigenous and people with disability, participating in the National Assembly Election. These reports highlighted key themes related to election preparation process, misuse of state resources, violation of media usage by political parties, indelible ink, election result and participation of vulnerable people in the 2013 election process.
- Report on election results in 100 remote communes where COMFREL had held voter voice workshops to see if there was any impact on the election because of fulfilment of local leaders toward priority needs to be proposed by commune residents.
- Report on PVT election observation with focus on irregularities during cooling day and Election Day, election result analysis, comparison of election results for five mandates, and NA seat allocation formula.
- Report on indelible ink test. This report was produced with the aim of responding to the speech of CPP Parliamentarian Mr. Chheang Vun proposing the NA to invite COMFREL's Executive Director Mr. Koul Panha, to answer the questions at the National Assembly hall.
- Report on financial electoral campaign. This report aimed to see how much each political party spent during their electoral campaign from 27 June to 26 July.

- **Report launching**

26th December 2013: COMFREL organized a half-day launching workshop on the Final Assessment Election Report at Eden Park with 51 (18 female) participants from US and Japanese Embassies, local and international NGOs, COMFREL central staff, provincial secretaries and journalists. The workshop aimed at presenting a final assessment report on National Assembly Election 2013, five special finding reports on vulnerable people participating in the election process and opening the floor for discussion.. The reports were then distributed to political parties, United Nations Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights in Cambodia, e US and Japanese Embassies and provincial secretaries and journalists.

- **Observation on CNRP's massive Demonstration**

The Situation room, COMFREL joined a meeting with CHRAC to conduct monitoring for CNRP's massive demonstration. Within the period of demonstration, COMFREL assigned some core staff members to observe the demonstration at Freedom Park for CNRP event. COMFREL developed a research checklist to find out the real purposes of voters/demonstrators joining the CNRP-led demonstration. At least 500 protesters were randomly selected to respond to the checklist questions. The data from the checklist was then incorporated into the database and analysed. COMFREL also produce 'hot news' about these situations and posted it on a website for public view.

IV. International Seminars and Missions

5th-6th September 2014: COMFREL's executive director attended the 9th ANFREL's Board of Director meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

24th-27th August 2014: Education and gender coordinators attended a regional conference at the Raya Pantai Kuta, in Bali Indonesia on women in political leadership in Southeast Asia 2014. The overall aim was to share experiences, challenges and strategies between s partners. Representatives from five countries participated: Indonesia, Cambodia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Timor Leste. The Women's Caucus is available to further empower women in Cambodia's National Assembly, through unity. They formed to work on women's issues; the application of this would be of significant value to Cambodian women.

30th June to 02nd July 2014 COMFREL'S Executive Director attended an Asia-Middle East Civil Society Exchange event in Delhi co-hosted Lokniti-CSDS and NDI. This event brought together civil society leaders from across India with participants from Asia and the Middle East who focused on civil society's role in promoting post-election accountability. On behalf of ANFREL the executive Director joined an introductory open remarks session with (NDI-Bangladesh country director), the director of co-host Lokniti-CSDS (Sanjay Kumar) and NDI,

15th to 18th May 2014: The executive director attended he "Gwangju Asia Forum 2014" in South Korea which was hosted by the May 18 Memorial Foundation. Through this event we hope to create a platform for activists to share their experiences and discuss ways to strengthen the solidarity amongst people working for human rights, peace and the improvement of Democracy in Asia. The executive Director joined

discussions in a workshop on International Human Rights Standards on Elections; advocating for and monitoring Their Implementation.

3rd-8th May 2014: A monitoring officer participated in Open Government Partnership Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Bali, Indonesia. ". The conference aimed to reinvigorate commitments and tap the potentials from countries and communities to support wider application of openness, good governance and civic participation.

28 April - 1 May 2014: Comfrel's Network Assistance participated on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the Asia-Pacific Region Seogwipo City, Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, organized by CIFAL Jeju and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and UNISDR Office for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute (UNISDR ONEA/GETI), with 23 participants (6 Female) from organizations and government officials in countries and cities in the Asia-Pacific region.

21 to 23 November 2013: A Legal and Advocacy Officer attended as a speaker in the regional consultation workshop on Freedom of Expression for Civil Liberties held in Bangkok, Thailand. There were around 160 participants representing CSOs, Journalist, Lawyers, and UN's special rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and freedom access to information, Mr. Frank La Rue. During the workshop, the legal officer made a presentation on Regulation on Political Communication in Cambodia, Political-Electoral Communication, Digital Surveillance and Access to the Internet.

2nd-12th October 2013: Senior Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer had a 10-day overseas mission to Uganda, Africa, for the Exchange

Program supported by HRNJ. The objectives of the program are to create a platform for sharing traditional Media activism strategies between Ugandan and South East Asian media practitioners and to equip South East Asian Media Activists with integrated human rights monitoring and reporting scenarios strategies with a view to strengthening Freedom of Expression and Human Rights.

COMFREL's co-organised a joint workshop on 'ASEAN, Democracy in crisis of ACSC-APF in Yangon, Myanmar on 21-23, March. COMFREL's director participated as a speaker.

COMFREL's Executive Director participated as a speaker at the Regional Forum and workshop on Media Ethics and Elections in Southeast Asia, 22-26 February conducted in Jakarta, Indonesia, by the Southeast Asian Press Alliance (SEAPA).

As you may be aware the 2nd Feb elections is confirmed, and it just 4 days. This obviously would not be an ideal election, as we easily predicted elections disruption will be likely happened in Bangkok and most of South Provinces. However, as ANFREL based in the City, we could not avoid taking part to monitor the elections situation.

We are calling for an unofficial study mission, consisting of staff and leadership, and possibly expatriate volunteers living in Thailand. We also in coordination with other INGOs in Thailand and engage with UN officials to tailor coordination during the day observation.

The Executive Director joined ANFREL's mission of unofficial election observation in Thailand from 1- 4 February and also participated as a speaker to in a Thai post-elections diplomatic briefing, hosted by the Swiss embassy on the 3rd of February 2014.

V. Staff Development and Training

To strengthen central staff's capacity to perform roles and duties more effectively in the workplace, COMFREL fully encourages and motivates them to upgrade their skills and knowledge through workshops, training, coaching, and mentoring sessions both inside and outside the organization. During this reporting period, COMFREL central staff participated in seven workshops to improve their knowledge about Training of Trainer (TOT), climate change, report writing, election complaints and Google drive and map.

1. Training for central office staff

12th September 2014: The media assistant attended a half-day workshop organized by IRI on "Communication and Media Technical" at Intercontinental Hotel. The workshop aimed to provide additional technical support on effective communication and media such as public speaking, writing for media, press conferences and examples of case studies. Tips for conducting public speaking including setting the objective, conducting the research, analyzing the data, proved to be invaluable.

10th September 2014: A media assistant attended a full day workshop on "National Budget Transparency and Active Citizenship Experiences" at Himawary Hotel. The workshop organized by NGO forum aimed to raise awareness among partners on how to push the transparency of the government on national budget disclosure and government expenditure, to provide the experiences on how to access information and share experiences to the citizen from other experts. To allow citizens to get involved in demanding how government should respond to its voters. The first step was to enable

citizen access to information and evaluate how it affects their daily life.

13th August 2014: A media assistant acted as master of ceremony at the youth forum on selecting the new NEC, and the criteria of new members at Youth Resources Development Program (YRDP).. The half-day forum aimed to mobilize young voters (university students) to share their opinion and suggestions on the criteria for selection of the new NEC.. It was organized by 7 youth organizations. After the forum ended, the joint statement containing opinion from the youths participants on the criteria was released to the public.

18th July 2014: A COMFREL Media Assistant joined a one-day national consultation and advocacy workshop (Cambodia's post-universal periodic review (UPR). The aim was to raise awareness of the UPR process for Cambodian CSOs and to prioritise existing UPR recommendations in order to apply to Cambodian context and for effectively monitoring the government's implementation. This let me know how to advocate and learn the elements of advocacy plan, including core value and goal, country context, issues identification, research and so on. It is useful for the media unit to enhance the effectiveness of broadcasting.

9th to 11th June 2014: An Education and Gender Officer participated in the training course, gender for social accountability in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior and SILIKA's *local good governance to mainstream gender* project at the Ministry of the Interior.

From 27-29 May 2014: An IT and Technical Officer attended training on "Digital Security" organized by NDI at Sunway Hotel. The topic included walking-through of risk assessment, antivirus and antispyware, passwords, phishing/social engineering

attacks, social media and Skype safety, encryption, browser safety, thunderbird with Enigmail and GPG, secure data storage, Truecrypt, circumvention tools, mobile security, TAILS.

By the end of the training, he could use these tools to make decisions on choosing an antivirus/antispymware for PC, to secure data on PC by using Truecrypt, to send secure email by using thunderbird with encrypt data (GPG) before sending out, to access blocked website by using Thord browser, to send safety message with Skype, to use password management, and to use some important Facebook features.

On 20-23 May 2014: The media assistant attended training on "Social Media Outreach" organized by NDI at Sunway Hotel. The training aimed to talk about audience mapping, message crafting, familiarizing with Facebook and Analytics and Advertising on Facebook. This training was very useful for using the tools in order to attract the audience and including the basic of security and analysis on FB. Moreover, it also provided crucial elements to spread messages and FB campaigns. .

23rd to 25th April 2014: A Senior Monitoring Officer participated in a three-day workshop conducted by Oxfam Novib's World Citizen's Panel on the topic of *conducting impact surveys with smart phones* to measure the impact of CSO missions.

28th April to 1st May 2014, COMFREL's Network Assistant participated, along with 23 other participants (6 Female) from organisations and governments in countries and cities in the Asia-Pacific region, in the Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the Asia-Pacific Region in Seogwipo City, Republic of Korea. It was, organised by CIFAL Jeju and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the UNISDR Office for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute (UNISDR ONEA/GETI).

27th March 2014, the Monitoring Officer attended the workshop on the ICCPR (International Covenant Civil and political Rights). The monitoring officer was trained in the process of reviewing government reports submitted to the ICCPR and producing issue problem reports. COMFREL was asked to write up issue problems as a part of CSOs' shadow report for the UPR.

25th March 2014, the Monitoring Officer participated in a sharing session on monitoring and evaluation conducted by NGO forum and UNICEF. The concepts of M&E were presented to the participants by a UNICEF expert. The monitoring officer also shared information regarding COMFREL's *Government Watch* program where an M&E methodology is being applied.

22nd March 2014, the Education and Gender Unit participated in a workshop on *dialogue with women candidates at subnational level*. The main objective was to provide opportunities for women candidates in provincial, capital, municipality and district council elections to talk about their lives, experiences, knowledge and ideas regarding power, changing attitudes towards and the improvement of the lives of women, provide young women with role models through engaging with women in positions of political power and encourage women to generally participate in politics.

28th February 2014, the Monitoring Officer attended a training session conducted by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Cambodia on the process of passing laws in Sihanoukville.

7th February 2014 the Monitoring Officer had a meeting with the working group of the financial electoral campaign at IFES. TOR, action plans and the meeting schedule of the working group were discussed.

-5th February 2014, the Monitoring Officer attended A e learning session conducted by the NGO Forum on the Cam-database and

was instructed on how to derive indicators of government policy.

-4th February 2014, the Monitoring Officer in charge of developing progress reports for the monitoring unit attended a training session on the COMFREL work plan for 2014 and how to file data in the report.

18th-22nd November 2013: Report Writer and Media Assistant attended an orientation workshop on “Result Report Writing” organized by ForumSyd in Siem Reap province. The aim of the workshop was to mentor FS annual report format, introduce a guideline for four-yearly and annual report format required by FS (new instruction for partners when producing an annual report to FS office) as well as the most significant change/case studies writing.

2. Training for provincial secretariats

25th to 26th June 2014, COMFREL conducted two days of training with 20 provincial secretaries (9 female) on the topics of political corruption, youth platform, social media and voter registration, *Parliamentary Watch*, the *Ask your MPs* platform, *observation of women commune councilors and MPs*, the *survey on good governance and*

democracy. Training for each topic was delivered by the key COMFREL specialist for each area. The main goal of this workshop was to build provincial secretaries’ capacity in observing corruption, utilising social media and promoting women’s participation in commune councils.

3. Sensitization on Gender, Youth and HIV/AIDs

25th-27th and 28th-29th November 2013: COMFREL Network Assistant, participated in 4th 3-day CoP LG/CC workshop on advocating for climate change in communities and at national level organized by JCCI and facilitated by Cord. The workshop with 40 (15female) participants, each two of whom are from FORUM Syd partner organizations, aimed to strengthen capacity of partner organizations in mainstreaming climate change and managing climate change project by focusing on three main themes: learning and sharing experience about advocacy and climate change, awareness of advocacy and its linkage with rights based approach (RBA) and participation in planning and monitoring organizational climate change action plans.

VI. Lesson Learnt and Experiences

The followings are the lessons learnt and experiences COMFREL has had after implementing its program activities at both the national and local grassroots levels:

-First outline and table content will benefit each unit to produce quarterly and annual reports.

-COMFREL just have case studies and stories of change in the text, but after attending Impact Survey and Story of Change training with Oxfam Novib, it observed that COMFREL could use those tools to produce story of change in video.

-video projection for sessions of training is very effective in youth forums in the provinces.

-To gain more effective result to produce the directory, an out-of-date operational system must be changed to "InDesign".

-To collect the information of the MPs' field visit, Facebook is likely more effective and a faster tool.

-Collecting data regarding women issues in the provinces by provincial secretariats, COMFREL should remind them often and

collect data every quarter.

-It is more effective to mobilize youth to participate in round-table discussion by sending a formal letter to youth representatives or meeting directly.

-To be more effective in participation, COMFREL needs to work with both youth and older people.

-To encourage audiences to follow COMFREL's Facebook and Twitter pages, COMFREL needs to update its page regularly. It must make sure that this shared information is attractive and short but meaningful. In fact/reality/currently, there are more than 20 accounts regularly tick "like" on COMFREL's Facebook page daily because of regular updates.

Back-up systems from computer drives to online storage (Google Drive or Drop box) will avoid loss of data.

-Narrow topics in small round-table discussion meetings in the province will give more time and space for participants to have more in-depth discussions.

VII. Summary of Financial Statement

This is COMFREL's Financial Report for a period from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

Income			
No	Donor Name	Amount	%
	Fund received during the period		
1	Oxfam Novib	\$75,000.00	20%
2	Forum Syd	\$54,682.00	14%
3	NPA	\$70,000.00	18%
4	Diakonia	\$58,161.10	15%
5	FOSI	\$80,000.00	21%
6	EU	\$13,222.25	3%
7	BRITISH EMBASSY	\$10,543.16	3%
8	NDI	\$9,303.00	2%
9	SWITZERLAND EMBASSY	\$6,891.59	2%
10	IFES	\$1,044.90	0.3%
11	API	\$812.50	0.2%
12	OTHER INCOME	\$2,672.88	1%
	Subtotal Fund received	\$382,333.38	77%
11	Bank interest	\$585.34	0.1%
12	Fund returned to Forum Syd & NPA	-\$2,583.00	-0.5%
13	Opening Balance	\$117,943.50	24%
	Total Income	\$498,279.22	100%

Expenditure			
No	Description	Amount	%
1	Core Administration	\$84,900.56	21%
2	Advocacy	\$30,749.79	8%
3	Media	\$45,648.53	12%
4	Network	\$66,991.29	17%
5	Monitoring	\$46,685.83	12%
6	Gender	\$25,275.92	6%
7	Staff capacity building	\$6,667.72	2%
8	Equipment and furniture	\$2,362.00	1%
9	Quality assurance	\$19,789.14	5%
10	Contingency	\$852.00	0.2%

11	special project	\$65,197.52	17%
	Total Expenditure	\$395,120.30	17%
	Balance at ending of September 2013	\$103,158.92	21%

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