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I. Executive Summary

During the 2019 period, COMFREL, its staff members, its board members, and member organizations at all levels carried out activities based on the project title in COMFREL's annual work. COMFREL has achieved the following:

Program 1. Education for Democracy and Elections Program

To create an opportunity for people to learn about the principles of democracy and genuine elections and to discuss the recommendations regarding genuine elections, at least seven debates were organized on the topic of "Principles of Democracy and Genuine Elections" in seven provinces including Battambang, Kandal, Siem Reap, Banteay Meachey, Kompot, Kampong Chhnang, and Kampong Cham province. The debates were attended by 460 participants (230 female) ranging from university students, CSOs, in its network, farmers and community people. To find the participants for the debates, COMFREL cooperated with other CSOs including PDP, YRDP, ADHOC, CPO, CEDAW, CWCD, Khmer Kampuchea Krom (KKK), AEC, KYA and the communities. The participants learned more about the principle of democracy and genuine elections and also understood their role in a democratic society. There were 125 recommendations regarding elections collected from the participants. These debates were videotaped for VOC radio programming.

365 (227 live and 138 rebroadcast) sessions of "VOC" radio programs were hosted with a total of 431 speakers (24% female), facilitating outreach and public awareness on a multitude of issues. Also, 383 people (4.17% female) called into the program to express opinions, make requests, and direct questions to the speakers.

During the radio program broadcasting, COMFREL was live on Facebook for two times per day. They got 910,003 views, 37,852 Likes, 13,726 shares and 1,298 comments. After broadcasting and uploading to the website, there were 25,415 downloads of the radio programs from COMFREL's website. COMFREL radio program was included in the RadioKhmer app for smartphone access.

In addition to radio programming, COMFREL has a Facebook page to disseminate information regarding society, politics, and economics. There were 4,736 articles on democracy, elections, and good governance released, 8 press releases and 21 video animation spots (4 videos regarding gender equality produced and uploaded on COMFREL's Facebook page. 21 Video animation spots got 165,491 views, 10,785 likes, 3,502 shares and 340 comments. At least 62 articles were written about COMFREL's work by media including RFA, VOA, and VOD News. There were 37,079 page views of COMFREL's website www.COMFREL.org, and 2,171 page views of COMFREL's Election Campaign Website "CVV". COMFREL's Facebook page reached 27,186 'likes'. 52 electoral digest segments were released to its network through the mailing list. COMFREL also produced at least 7 video clips on "Principle of Democracy and Genuine Elections".

At least 8 online surveys were conducted through COMFREL Facebook page to assess the quality of its radio program, satisfaction on COMFREL video animation, the importance of radio program, the importance of women's participation in politics and decision-making level, demanding the restoration of pluralistic democracy in Cambodia today, and demanding

the restoration of a free and fair election in Cambodia. These online surveys were responded to by 1,911 people/accounts that provided answers to the questions.

Program 2: Strengthening Genuine Democratic Elections Program

During the reporting period, COMFREL had 14 meetings with key stakeholders including the NEC, ambassadors, CSOs and MoI. These meetings were conducted to advocate for legal reform, solicit support from key stakeholders, and discuss LANGO and make revisions for recommendation to the government.

At least 6 training sessions were conducted on 'Voter List Auditing in 2019' in 6 provinces; Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Chhang, Kompot, Kandal, Rattanakiri and Prey Veng. Sessions were attended by 69 participants (23 female) including COMFREL provincial secretaries and observers. Participants were trained on voter list audition method (list-to-person (L2P), the query format, how to send information and how to conduct interviews with target group representatives to collect reliable data. COMFREL staff is in the process of compiling the report on the voter list audit.

Program 3. Women's Empowerment in Politics Program

During the reporting period, the Education and Gender Unit finished their study of articles on Law on Elections of Members of the National Assembly (LEMNA) and Law on Elections of Members of the Commune Council (LEMCC) to ensure gender equality for NA and CC candidates following the Constitution in Cambodia. However, the unit still analysing the relevant law from other countries.

COMFREL staff in cooperation with SACD, GADC, SILAKA, WIC, WNU, WPM, CCHR,

RoCK, Focus on the Global South, and The Messenger Band organized an event called "My Body, My Choice! Together To End All Forms of Violence" at The Factory Phnom Penh. The objective was to build public awareness on all forms of violence, to call for an end to all forms of violence, and to be reminded of the struggle of women from different sectors.

At least 52 sessions (25 live and 27 rebroadcast) of the "Women Can Do it" radio program were hosted on FM 105, and 39 speakers (30 female) facilitated. 77 (6 female) people called-in to express their opinions, ask questions to the speakers, and make requests to the government. This unit produced 4 video animation spots to mainstream gender equality and women's participation in politics. These videos were uploaded on the COMFREL Facebook page.

2018 annual report on Gender Political Watch "Women's Political Empowerment and Elections for the Sixth Mandate of the National Assembly for 2018" was produced and uploaded on the website.

Program 4. Democratic Governance Reform Program

2018 annual reports on Government Watch and Parliamentary Watch were produced and uploaded on the website.

Program 5: Organizational Capacity Development Program

6 monthly meetings, weekly meetings of each unit and weekly management team meetings (Excom), two board of director's meetings, and a mid-term review were conducted to share updates, coordinate work, set a plan, review the work plan and strategy, and to assess achievements of project implementation.

II. About COMFREL

1. Vision

A democratic society that brings benefits to citizens.

2. Mission

COMFREL, as a neutral non-governmental organization, empowers Cambodian citizens to exercise their rights in politics and decision-making, through civic education, and constructive engagement with government and elected officials, for policy reforms, free and fair elections, and increased accountabilities in service delivery.

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 organizational development. COMFREL has an 11 board committee.

III. Completed Activities

Program 1. Education for Democracy and Elections Program

1.1 Debates on Democratic Rights and Civic Duties

There were seven debates conducted in provinces:

On 28 November 2019, COMFREL organized a debate on “Principle of Democracy and Genuine Elections” held in Kampong Cham province to give a chance to participants to learn about the principles of democracy and genuine elections, discuss the recommendations regarding genuine elections in order to submit to the government, political parties, CSOs and other relevant stakeholders. It was attended by 76 participants (41 female) from university students, CSOs, its network, farmers and community people. The participants understood the principle of democracy and genuine election and also understood their role in democratic society. There were 28 recommendations regarding elections collected from the participants. This debate was taken a video to serve for VOC radio program.

On 17 October 2019, COMFREL organized a debate on “Principle of Democracy and Genuine Elections” held in Battambang province to give a chance to participants to learn about the principles of democracy and genuine elections, discuss the recommendations regarding genuine elections in order to submit to the government, political parties, CSOs and other relevant stakeholders. It was attended by 75 participants (28 female) from university students, CSOs, its network, farmers and community people. The participants understood the principle of democracy and genuine election and also understood their role in democratic society. There were 20 recommendations regarding elections collected from the participants. This debate was taken a video to serve for VOC radio program.

On 20 September 2019, COMFREL organized a debate on “Principle of Democracy and Genuine

Elections” held in Kandal province to give a chance to participants to learn about the principles of democracy and genuine elections, discuss the recommendations regarding genuine elections in order to submit to the government, political parties, CSOs and other relevant stakeholders. It was attended by 34 participants (16 female) from university students, CSOs, its network, farmers and community people. The participants understood the principle of democracy and genuine election and also understood their role in a democratic society. There were 8 recommendations regarding elections collected from the participants. This debate was taken a video to serve for VOC radio program.

On 22 August 2019, COMFREL organized a debate on “Principle of Democracy and Genuine Elections” held in Siem Reap province to give a chance to participants to learn about the principles of democracy and genuine elections, discuss the recommendations regarding genuine elections in order to submit to the government, political parties, CSOs and other relevant stakeholders. It was attended by 56 participants (18 female) from university students, CSOs, its network, farmers and community people. The participants understood the principle of democracy and genuine election and also understood their role in a democratic society. There were 12 recommendations regarding elections collected from the participants. This debate was taken a video to serve for VOC radio program.

On 26 June 2019, COMFREL organized a debate on “Principle of Democracy and Genuine Elections” held in Banteay Meachey province to give a chance to participants to learn about the principles of democracy and genuine elections, discuss the recommendations regarding genuine elections in order to submit to the government, political parties, CSOs and other relevant stakeholders. It was attended by 75 participants

(45 female) from university students, CSOs, its network, farmers and community people. The participants understood the principle of democracy and genuine election and also understood their role in a democratic society. There were 16 recommendations regarding elections collected from the participants. This debate was taken a video to serve for VOC radio program.

On 01 May 2019, COMFREL organized a debate on “Principle of Democracy and Genuine Elections” held in Kompot province to give participants a chance to learn about the principles of democracy and genuine elections, discuss the recommendations regarding genuine elections in order to submit to the government, political parties, CSOs and other relevant stakeholders. It was attended by 79 participants (50 female) from university students, CSOs, its network, farmers and community people. The participants understood the principle of democracy and

a democratic society. There were 18 recommendations regarding elections collected from the participants. This debate videotaped for VOC radio programing.

On 07 April 2019, COMFREL organized a debate on “Principle of Democracy and Genuine Elections” held in Kampong Chhnang province to give participants a chance to learn about the principles of democracy and genuine elections and to discuss the recommendations regarding genuine elections in order to submit to them to the government, political parties, CSOs and other relevant stakeholders. It was attended by 65 participants (32 female) from university students, CSOs, its network, farmers and community people. The participants understood the principle of democracy and genuine election and also understood their role in a democratic society. There were 23 recommendations regarding elections collected from the participants. This debate was videotaped for VOC radio



Debates on “Principle of Democracy and Genuine Elections” were held in some provinces

1.2 Broadcast Radio Program

Radio Broadcasts

COMFREL media unit activities are as follows:

- Live broadcasting of COMFREL’s radio programme the *Voice of Civil Society (VoC)* via FM105 Radio station ensued every day from 7:30 to 8:30 am, Monday to Friday. The *Voice of Civil Society* consists of daily programmes on differing topics:
- Monday : *Voter’s Voice*
- Tuesday : *Congress, Government and Governance*
- Wednesday : *Human Rights and Democracy*
- Thursday : *Women Can Do It*
- Friday : *Weekly Watch*
- Saturday : *To go to vote or not*
- Sunday : Re-broadcast of *Kloam Meul Prarcham Sapada (Weekly Watch)* and *Youth Public Forum*.

The total number of aired live and rebroadcast radio programs during this period was 365 (230

live and 135 rebroadcast). The table below shows the number of times VoC programs were broadcast, both live and re-broadcast, each month, via FM 105 station in Phnom Penh. Here is a list of the topic of the radio program

(shorturl.at/aGWX0). The radio program is also in cooperation with ADHOC in “Human Right” radio program and Multi-sectors organization in “Multi-sectors” radio program

Daily radio programmes broadcast on FM105 radio station.

	Sub Total	
	Live	Re-br. ¹
<i>Voter Voice</i>	42	10
<i>Congress, Government and Governance</i>	31	22
<i>Human Rights and Democracy</i>	40	12
<i>Women Can Do It</i>	25	27
<i>Weekly Watch</i>	27	25
<i>To Go Or Not to Go</i>	44	8
<i>Sunday</i>	18	34
TOTAL	227	138

The VoC Programme table and broadcast 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
			Re-Broadcast	Live		104	322	0	5	98	123	16	367
1	FM 105	PNH	138 Times	227 Times	365 Hrs								
2	FM 95.5	Siem Reap											
3	FM 91.5	PNH Penh											
Total			77 Times	104 Times	181 Hours	426 Persons		5 Persons		221 Persons		383 Callers	

¹ Re-br. is an abbreviation of Rebroadcast.



COMFREL Radio programs are broadcasted every day from 7:30 to 8:30 am

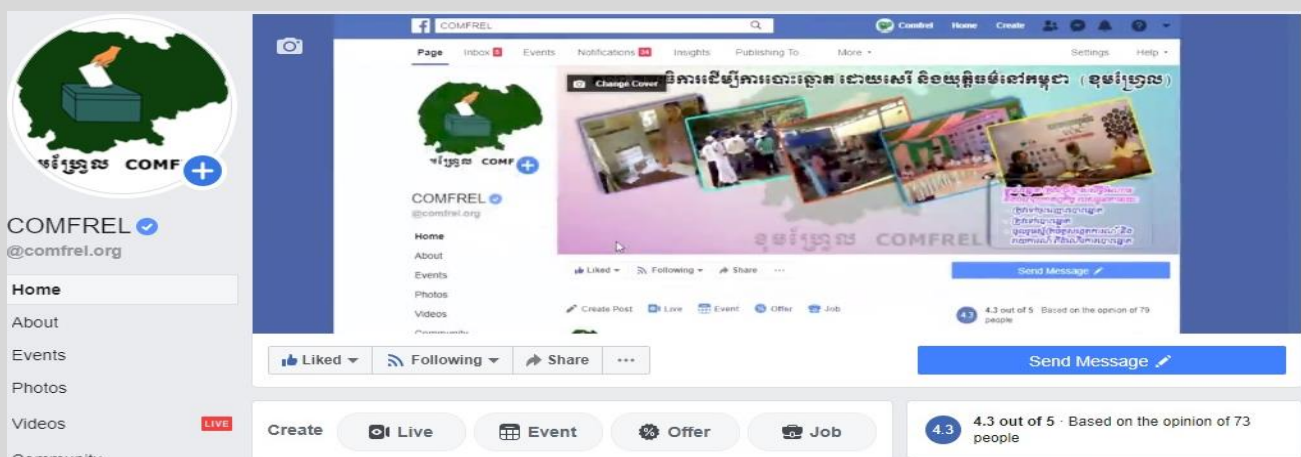


During broadcasting the radio program, COMFREL also live in its Facebook page twice per day. They got 910,003 views, 37,852 Likes, 13,726 shares and 1,298 comments. Within the reporting period, there were 25,415 downloads of the radio programs from COMFREL's website including 5,141 downloads from "Voter's Voice", 3,816 from "Congress, Government and Governance", 4,650 from "Human Rights and Democracy", 3,062 from "Women Can Do It", 3,280 from "Weekly Watch" and 5,466 from "To Go to Vote or Not". There were 37,079 page views of COMFREL's website www.COMFREL.org, and 2,171 page views of COMFREL's Election Campaign Website "CVV". COMFREL's Facebook page reached 27,186 'likes'. At least 62 articles were written about COMFREL's work by media including RFA, VOA and VOD

News.

1.3 Education for democracy and elections through social media

In addition to the radio program, COMFREL has a Facebook page to disseminate information regarding society, politics and economics. There were 4,736 articles on democracy, elections and good governance released and 21 video animation spots (4 video regarding gender equality) produced and uploaded on COMFREL its Facebook page. 21 Video animation spots got 165,491 views, 10,785 likes, 3,502 shares and 340 comments. 52 electoral digest was released to its network through the mailing list. COMFREL also produced at least 7 video clips on "Principle of Democracy and Genuine Elections".



COMFREL Facebook page releases news/articles every day for the public



1.4 Online survey on the key issues that interest the general public

COMFREL conducted 8 online surveys during the reporting period:

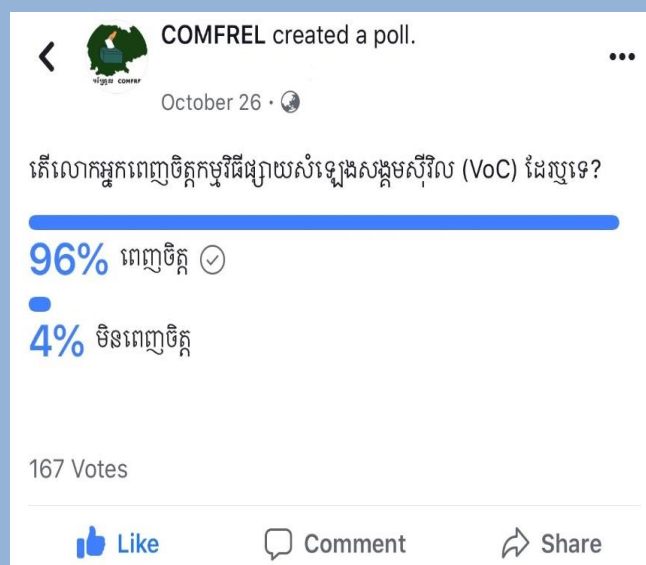
In April 2019: COMFREL conducted an online survey on quality and effectiveness of COMFREL radio programing with 5 questions including “Have you ever listened to VOC radio program?”, “If you have ever listened, which program have you listened to?”, “What made you satisfied with the program”, “How important was each program to you?” and “What comments do you have for improvements?”. It was attended by 45 people/accounts in the survey. As a result, 77.78% of people/accounts have listened to COMFREL radio programs. Monday program called “Voter Voice” was a top choice in the list because they were interested in topics discussed

and the Saturday program called “Multi-Sector” was the lowest-ranked because the topics were not of interest.

On 14th-20th July 2019: COMFREL conducted an online survey on ‘Are people satisfied with COMFREL video animation spots?’ on its Facebook page. There were 146 responses. 140 people/accounts (96%) indicated they were ‘satisfied’ with COMFREL video animations and 6 people/accounts (4%) were not satisfied with them.

On 21st-27th July 2019: COMFREL conducted an online survey on ‘The survey importance of video animation spot’ had 156 responses. 149 people/account users (95%) indicated video animation spots were ‘important’, and 7 people/account users (5%) indicated they were not important.

On 26th October-01st November 2019: COMFREL conducted an online survey on “Do you satisfy the VOC radio program?” on its Facebook page. There were 167 responses. 161 people/account users (96%) indicated satisfaction on COMFREL radio program and 6 people/account users (4%) indicated they didn’t satisfy.



On 02th-07 November 2019: COMFREL conducted an online survey on “Do you think whether the VOC radio program is important or not?” on its Facebook page. There were 156 responses. 148 people/account users (95%) indicated importance of program for people and 8 people/account users (5%) indicated they didn’t satisfy.

On 03th-09th December 2019: COMFREL conducted an online survey on “Do you demand the restoration of pluralistic democracy in Cambodia today?” on its Facebook page. There were 777 responses on this question. 752 people/account users (97%) indicated demanding the restoration of pluralistic democracy in Cambodia today and only 25 people/account users (3%) indicated they didn’t demand.

On 10th December 2019: COMFREL conducted an online survey on “Do you demand the restoration of a free and fair election in Cambodia?” on its Facebook page. There were 346 responses on this question. 335 people/account users (97%) indicated demanding the restoration of a free and fair election in Cambodia and only 11 people/account users (3%) indicated they didn’t demand.

On 17th-23 December 2019: COMFREL conducted an online survey on “Do you think whether the women’s participation in politics and decision making level is important or not” on its Facebook page. There were 161 responses. 161 people/account users (99%) indicated the importance of women’s participation and 1 people/account users (1%) indicated they didn’t satisfy.

Program 2: Strengthening Genuine Democratic Elections Program

2.1 Advocacy

On 27 June 2019, COMFREL staff participated in NEC meeting at the NEC office to discuss the display of a primary voter list to give an opportunity for eligible voters to check and verify their names. As a result, there were 102,180 new registrations. 37,904 names were removed from voter lists, 1,913 names were reviewed and verified and 17,568 people changed the address. On 24 May 2019,

COMFREL staff participated in an NEC meeting at the NEC office to sum up events on the election campaign, election process, voter ballot counting, and disclose the result of the election campaign of Capital, provincial/municipal and district/Khan councils of 3rd mandate. As a result, the election process was conducted smoothly. The election result would be prepared to disseminate through the national television of Cambodia. On 30 April 2019, COMFREL staff participated in a NEC’s meeting on Commencing Voter Lists Revision and Voter Registration at Commune/Sangkat and Voter Registration Procedure at Commune/Sangkat and Data Transfer to PEC. On 25 April 2019, COMFREL staff participated in a NEC’s meeting on the dissemination of Calendar of Voter List Revision and Voter Registration 2019 and Estimated Record Number of Citizens and Polling station took place at the Conference Hall of the NEC headquarter. According to the estimated record of the number of the citizen, 10,178,809 people are at least 18 years old and NEC was planning to register 372,628 new voters while the name of 88,628 people would be removed from voter lists. These names were already on the 2018 voter list and in polling stations in 2019.

On 26 June 2019, COMFREL staff participated in a meeting with the Learning Forum for Peace and Development (LFPD) team at the office of Unite Home. The objective was to talk about building the capacity of the network and unite activities of CSOs in the future. As a result of the meeting, all participants supported the review of LANGO. On 07 June 2019, COMFREL staff organized a meeting with CCC at COMFREL headquarter office. This meeting reviewed LANGO law in order to find possible recommendations to advocate future amendments to the government.

As the result of this meeting, COMFREL would be responsible for reviewing LANGO law. On 14 June 2019, there was a meeting with CHRAAC and ADHOC staff at ADHOC office to talk about LANGO advocacy. On 4th-5th September 2019, COMFREL had a meeting with CSOs groups including YRDP, PDP Centre, ADHOC and independent legal experts, aimed at reviewing the draft Law on Associations and Non-Governmental

Organizations Official analysis and recommendations. On 9th September 2019, COMFREL sent a letter to the Ministry of Interior in conjunction with the recommendations and analysis of the Law on Associations, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as the list of Associations and Organizations that supported them. On September 16th, COMFREL had a meeting with the President of the Association and Civil Society, Storm Tiv, at OHCHR. The meeting focused on the procedure for recommending and analyzing LANGO issue. On 17 September 2019, COMFREL staff had a meeting with a group of associations and civil society organizations. During the meeting, there were four agendas: 1/political status and activities related to LANGO; The end result of

the team, the association and the organization has been to CHRAC to prepare the letter and to direct the team to meet the state body regarding the summoning of the spokesman's body. On 18 September 2019, COMFREL staff attended a meeting held by the CCC on the formation of working groups to talk about LANGOs. On 02 December 2019: COMFREL staff had a meeting with CCC, NGO Forum and API/CPDD to collect the recommendations regarding law on Association and Non-profit Organization. As a result, the findings would be sent to the Ministry of Interior. COMFREL staff had a meeting with UNOHCHR to update the political situation in Cambodia. On that day, COMFREL staff updated the political situation and its work activities including advocacy on LANGO.



Activities of discussion about LANGO with key stakeholders

On 18 April 2019, COMFREL participated in an NEC's meeting on official results of registration of political parties and candidate lists standing for the council election in 3rd Mandate 2019. After PEC of 25 provinces/capital received the official result of the registration of political parties and candidate lists in 25 constituencies and Municipal/District/Khan councils of 203 constituencies, the NEC consolidated the number of constituencies and political parties registered and produced a result as follow:

1. Cambodian People's Party standing for 25 Capital/Provincial Constituencies, Standing for 203 Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political parties and standing for 228 capital/provincial Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political Parties
2. Cambodian National Party standing for 25 Capital/Provincial Constituencies, Standing for 109 Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political parties and standing for 134 capital/provincial Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political Parties
3. FUNCINPEC party standing for 12 Capital/Provincial Constituencies, Standing for 71 Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political parties and standing for 83 capital/provincial Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political Parties
4. Khmer National United Party standing for 11 Capital/Provincial Constituencies, Standing for 54 Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political parties and standing for 65 capital/provincial Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political Parties
5. Cambodian Youth Party standing for 11 Capital/Provincial Constituencies, Standing for 23 Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political parties and standing for 33 capital/provincial Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political Parties
6. Khmer Will Party standing for 16 Capital/Provincial Constituencies, Standing for 1 Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political parties and standing for 17 capital/provincial Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political Parties

7. Khmer Republican Party standing for 1 Capital/Provincial Constituencies, Standing for 1 Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political parties and standing for 2 capital/provincial Municipal/District/Khan constituencies political Parties

On 29 March 2019, COMFREL staff participated in an NEC meeting on the dissemination of the calendar of voter list revisions and voter registration 2019 and the estimated record number of citizens and polling stations. This meeting took place at the Conference Hall of the NEC. NEC's disclosure noted that according to the estimated record of the number of citizens, 10,178,809 people are at least 18 years old and the NEC is planning to register 372,628 new voters while the names of 88,628 people will be removed from voter lists. The number of persons whose names appear on the 2018 voter list is 8,544,885 and there are 23,364 polling stations in 2019.

On 18 March 2019, COMFREL staff participated in a NEC meeting on registration of political Parties and Candidate Lists Standing for the Election and Filing and Resolving Complaints Regarding Registration of Political Parties and Candidate Lists Standing for the Election at the conference hall of the NEC headquarters. Participants of the meeting included representatives of the Constitutional Council, representatives of the senate and the NA, line Ministries, representatives of political parties, representatives of local and international NGOs, representatives of Embassy of Japan and national and international journalists.

On 10 January 2019, COMFREL staff participated in a NEC meeting on kick-off of

the conduct of the election of Capital, Provincial, Municipal, District and Khan Councils, so-called "The Council Election" in the 3rd mandate 2019. The objective was to ensure a successful council's election. NEC, political parties, and concerned authorities would attentively undertake their roles and duties at all stages of the election by complying with the code of conduct firmly. The primary states of the election are as follows: 1) Voter Registration: According to NEC Calendar, it starts from 4th to 27th March 2019. Voter for the Council Election are members of the Commune/Sangkat Councils in the current position, accounted for 11,572 members in total across the country. The registration would be carried out in the form of recording names in Communes/Sangkat, and sending the names of the records to NEC hierarchal 2) Registration of Political Parties and Candidate List Standing for the Election: It is undertaken for only 5 days from 7th to 11th March 2019. The political party that is registered in accordance with the Law on Political Parties at the Ministry of Interior, has the right to register its political party and the lists of candidates standing for the Councils Election 3) Election Campaign is from 17th to 24 May 2019. It lasts 8 days which has been shortened as the campaign period of 1st mandate and 2th mandated standing for the Councils Election was 15 days, 4) Polling, ballot counting and election result consolidation and 5) Announcement of the result. This meeting also indicated numbers related to the Councils Election in the 3rd mandate 2019 is Councils Election would be held on 26 May 2019 with 1646 Communes/Sangkats of 203 municipalities/district/Khan of 25 capital/province.



Activities of meeting with the NEC

2.2 Monitoring and Auditing Voter Registration/Voter

COMFREL conducted 6 training sessions on 'Voter List Auditing in 2019'. Sessions were held in 6 provinces; Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Chhang, Kompot, Kandal, Rattanakiri and Prey Veng. Sessions were attended by 69 participants (23 female) including COMFREL provincial secretaries and

observers. Participants learnt how to find people by way of a list-to-person (L2P) method, explaining the query format, how to send information and how to conduct interviews with target group representatives to collect reliable data. COMFREL staff is in process of compiling the report on voter list audition.



Activities of training on 'Voter List Auditing in 2019' in some provinces

Program 3. Women's Empowerment in Politics Program

3.1. Campaigning and Lobbying to Demand for Gender Equality

Education and Gender Unit finished studying existing articles of Law on Elections of Members of the National Assembly (LEMNA) and Law on Elections of Members of the Commune Council (LEMCC) to ensure the gender equality as NA and CC candidates in accord with the Constitution in Cambodia.

On 13th December 2019: COMFREL attended a consultation meeting on the Draft of National Policy on Gender Equality. The purpose was to gather the important inputs from partner organizations and civil society to document the draft national policy comprehensive and could be implemented effectively specifically to responded and considered the needs and measures of all stakeholders.

On 19th October 2019: COMFREL staff attended the discussion Gender Learning Group on the topic of "Human Trafficking and Labor Migration Cambodian Women to China

and Malaysia" at Henrich Boll Foundation (HBF) Office. The main purpose of the discussion was to share and discuss the issues of human trafficking and migration, not only in how lives of those people are terrible, but also how dirty interest, politics, greed and power play in using the victims/survivors live as their source of gain, joy and pride.

16th September 2019: COMFREL staff attended a consultation workshop on "A Final Draft of CEDAW Shadow Report" at Samnang Laor hotel. This workshop more focused on talk and ask the questions related to a final draft of CEDAW shadow report.

On 30th August 2019: COMFREL staff was attended the 3rd quarterly technical working group meeting on "Women in leadership and good governance" at the office of the Ministry of Women's Affairs. The main objective was to review and reflect on previous activities, provide information on Joint Monitoring Indicators (JMI), especially on women in leadership and governance, share work progress, challenges on promoting women's

participation and leadership, a report on empowerment of women in politics and the 6th Legislature National Assembly Elections 2018

and the results of a study on citizens' perceptions of women's leadership by GADC.



Activities of gender unit joined a meeting with a women group to talk about women's issues

On 30th July 2019: COMFREL staff was invited for radio show at WMC on topic “Women's leader barrier” Under the purpose (1) Listeners are aware of the challenges that prevent women from fully engaging in social development, (2) Find appropriate and practical solutions to increase the number of women in leadership at both national and local levels and; (3) Encourage government, partner organizations to provide opportunities and support to women, empower young women, especially youth, to take leadership roles at both community and national levels.

On 7th June 2019, COMFREL staff attended quarterly technical working group meetings about “Women in leadership and good governance” at the office of the Ministry of Women's Affairs. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen relationships with the network of technical working group members on women and leadership and good governance. It was also to share progress, challenges and next action on the promotion of women's participation in decision-making and gender mainstreaming in good governance and to update and request additional inputs on gender estimates in Cambodia, the chapter on women in the public sector, politics and leadership.

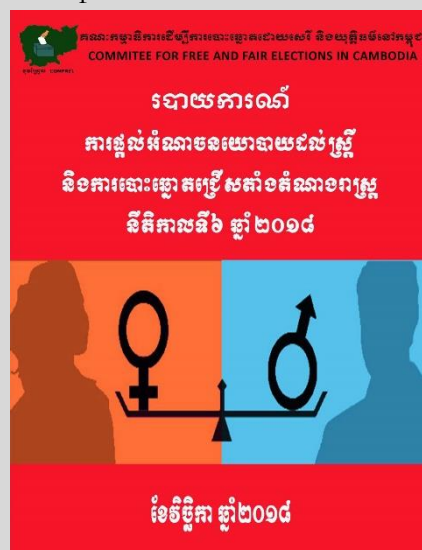
3.2. Political Gender Watch

Education and Gender Unit in cooperation with Monitoring Unit and COMFREL provincial secretaries monitored the NA session and commune councillors' performance

in the community. This monitoring was served for producing an annual political gender report.

On 24th March 2019, COMFREL staff in cooperation with SACD, GADC, SILAKA, WIC (Worker's Information Center), WNU, WPM (Women Peace Maker), CCHR, RoCK, Focus on the Global South, and The Messenger Band organized an event called “My Body, My Choice! Together To End All Forms of Violence” at The Factory Phnom Penh. The objective was to build public awareness on all forms of violence, to call for an end of all form of violence, and to highlight the struggle of women from different sectors.

COMFREL staff produced an annual report on Gender Political Watch “Women's Political Empowerment and Elections for the Sixth Mandate of the National Assembly for 2018” and uploaded on its Website.



3.3 Radio call-in show on Women Can Do it and social media

In cooperation with the media unit, the civic education unit hosted 52 sessions (25 live and 27 rebroadcast) of the 60 minutes radio call-in show, 'Woman Can Do It', on FM 105. The programme discussed women in elections and politics, and the promotion of women in processes of decision-making.

The objectives of the discussions were to strengthen women's confidence in their job performance, enhance gender equality, and motivate all political parties to consider placing women on their candidate lists. The radio shows featured feedback and interaction by allowing listeners to call-in and share their ideas, experiences, and/or to raise the questions. There were 77 (6 female) callers and 39 (30 female) speakers. These topics were:

- ✓ Work safety of Women in the Field of Entertainment and Sexual Services
- ✓ Female leader in Cambodia
- ✓ 16-day campaign to rip of domestic violence against women and children
- ✓ Women Right Day

- ✓ Indigenous women's views on gender
- ✓ Negative Effect of Social Mindset on Women's Right and Freedom
- ✓ Women and campaigns on "One billion Voice"
- ✓ Gender balance at Leadership
- ✓ Finish all forms of Violence against women and girls
- ✓ New Generation of Women
- ✓ Women and Advocacy with Social Mindset
- ✓ Potential of Women in good governance
- ✓ Women's participation in politics at the Future
- ✓ Women and Immigration
- ✓ Political policy related to women's and children's issues in commune/Sangkat
- ✓ The importance of gender equality in politics
- ✓ The importance of the involvement of youth and community facilitators to strengthen public services and promote gender equality
- ✓ A Report on Women's Empowerment in Politics and the 2018 National Assembly Elections



“Women Can Do It” Radio Programme

Program 4. Democratic Governance Reform Program

4.1. Government Watch

COMFREL produced the 2018 annual report on Government Watch and uploaded it on its Website.

4.2. Parliamentary Watch

On 4th, 7th, 8th October 2019: the NA reviewed the draft laws including the draft law on construction, the draft e-commerce law, the draft Consumer Protection Law and the draft social security regime. All were approved.

On 23rd December 2019: COMFREL staff monitored the session of the NA with 7 agenda to be discussed:

- ✓ A draft law on the Approval for the Kingdom of Cambodia to be a Member of the Agreement for the Implementation of the provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, dated 10 August 1982, regarding the management and conservation of fish stocks.
- ✓ Discussion and Draft Law on Approval of Guarantee for the Royal Government of Cambodia to Green Energy Networks (Cambodia) Co., Ltd. for the construction of a 20-megawatt solar power station in Svay Rieng Province.
- ✓ Discussion and approval of the Royal Government of Cambodia approval for Wright Power Tower for the project for the construction of a 30MW solar power station in Banteay Meanchey province.
- ✓ Discussion and Approval of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) Consolidated Payment Approval Scheme for Wright Electricity (Cambodia), Battambang, for the project for the construction of a 60-megawatt solar power station Banteay Meanchey Province.
- ✓ A draft law on the Approval of the Royal Government of Cambodia to SnaTech Infinit Electricity for the

construction of a 30-megawatt solar power station in Pursat province.

- ✓ A draft law on Approval of Government Guarantee for the Royal Government of Cambodia to TSBC Seikong Powder Company Limited of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- ✓ Draft Law on the Approval of the Guarantee of the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Seikong Semel Powder Company Limited of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

As a result, the third session of the 6th National Assembly was approved by the National Assembly.

On 04 November 2019, COMFREL staff attended the National and International Legislative Survey:

- ✓ The draft Law on the Adoption of the Treaty of the 1985 State Boundary Treaty and the 2005 Supplementary Treaty between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- ✓ Draft Law on the Approval of the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on Tax Avoidance and the Prevention of Embezzlement.
- ✓ Draft Law on the Approval of the Second Protocol on the Border Crossings of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Coordination of Transit Freight
- ✓ Draft Law on the ASEAN Agreement on E-Commerce
- ✓ Draft Law on the Approval for the Kingdom of Cambodia to be a Member of the Framework Agreement on the Establishment of an International Solar Power Alliance

On 17 June 2019, COMFREL staff attended an observation NA plenary session which was held in National Assembly, Phnom Penh city of

Cambodia. The 6 agendas were taken to discuss and approve including:

1. Voting to give validity for H.E. Sok Peng instead of H.E. Paov Sami, Prey Veng province parliamentarian who died by older. As a result of this agendas, H.E. Sok Peng got 108 voters to become newly Prey Veng parliamentarian.
2. Discuss draft laws on oil and petroleum products. It was approved by 108 quorums.
3. Discuss Agreements between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the Promotion of mutual investment promotion and protection. It was approved by 108 quorums.
4. Draft Law on the Approval of Agreements between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the United Arab Emirates on mutual investment promotion and protection. It was approved by 108 quorums.

5. Draft Law on the Approval of the Agreement between the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Government of the Republic of Turkey on the Promotion and the Protection of the Investment of Foreign Investment. It was approved by 108 quorums.
6. Draft Law on the Approval of the Agreement Concerning the Establishment of International Network for Bamboo and Rattan. It was approved by 108 quorums.

On 01 April 2019, COMFREL staff monitored an NA session to talk about reading the royal letter of the king of Cambodia, NA activities report between the first and second NA session, election conduction on Constitutional Council member (2019-2028), election conduction on NA members. This session was attended by 113 parliamentarians with four agendas.

COMFREL produced the 2018 annual report on Parliamentary Watch and uploaded it on its Website. For the new report, COMFREL staff is in the process of collecting information from NA sessions regularly.

4.3 Democracy Watch

COMFREL produced a 2018 annual report on Democracy, Elections and Reform in Cambodia. This report was uploaded on COMFREL Website. In addition, there was at least 26 Electoral digest news released by mail release to its partners.



IV. Staff Capacity and Organizational Development

On 4-5 November 2019, COMFREL staff attended a training workshop on Gender Mainstreaming at Diakonia Center to refresh the gender mainstreaming tools to Diakonia's partners to get a better understanding and adopting it into their strategic plan/project proposal. After the workshop, COMFREL staff learned gender mainstreaming tools and how to adapt to the strategic plan/project proposal.

On 04 October 2019, COMFREL staff attended a half-day workshop on 'Youth's Participation in Social Work' held at YRDP office to motivate youth to more participate in social and political work.

On 18 April 2019, COMFREL staff participated in a training session held by the NEC on election campaign, voting, counting and consolidating election result for the council election in 3rd mandate 2019 for chiefs of Provincial/Capital Election Commission (PEC), Chief of Provincial/Capital Election Secretariat (PES, Members in charge of training and stakeholders.

On 19-22 March 2019, COMFREL staff participated in a training session on voter lists

revision and voter registration 2019, for PES officials, political parties and NGOs. This training was conducted for 4 days at the NEC conference hall. The agenda of the training program included:

- a. On the morning of 20 March 2019 at am, opening speech for the training program under the presidency of H.E. Mr. Mok Dara, NEC Deputy-General Secretary
- b. Presentation of relevant topics by NEC master trainers
- c. On the afternoon of 22 March 2019 at 3 pm, responding to questions with regard to voter lists revision and voter registration 2019 and closing remarks for the training program under the presidency of H.E. Mr. Tep Nytha, MEC General Secretary

On 07 and 14 February 2019, COMFREL staff organized a training session on "How to Produce Animation and to Use Photoshop" at the central office of COMFREL. The session focused on some tools used to produce video animation and the basics of Photoshop.

V. Summary of Financial Statement

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY Period from January1 to December 2019

Annual Budget \$360,750.00

No	Descriptions	Amount	%
1	Income		
1.1	Openning Balance	\$84,452.00	22%
1.2	Diakonia	\$117,427.72	31%
1.3	NPA	\$70,685.88	19%
1.4	OSI	\$100,000.00	26%
1.5	Canada Embassy	\$1,004.10	0%
1.6	British Embassy	\$24,956.00	7%
1.7	Other/Bank interest	\$1,788.30	0.5%
1.8	Fund returned to donor	-\$22,035.00	-6%
	Total	\$378,279.00	78%
2	Expenditure		
2.1	Core Administration	\$131,410.00	40%
2.2	Progamme Activities	\$184,603.00	56%
2.2.1	Education for Democracy and Elections Program	\$65,467.00	20%
2.2.2	Strengthening Genuine Democratic Elections	\$59,466.00	18%
2.2.3	Women Empowerment in Politics	\$28,787.00	9%
2.2.4	Democratic Governance Reform	\$30,883.00	9%
2.3	Internal Organization (Auditor, Capacity Building...)	\$11,478.00	3.5%
	Total	\$327,491.00	100%
	Fund Balance at ending of 2019	\$50,788.00	