

## Cambodia

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*Chea Sokim is in-charge of Inter-Ethnic Peacebuilding Project ACT. The project aims to realize a multi-ethnic society living in peaceful co-existence in Cambodia based on communication, tolerance, and respect for human rights, specifically cultural and political rights through providing an opportunity for sharing and exchanging that enable peace practitioner networks to apply alternative practices in their own context. Sokim was one of the resource persons at nationalism and inter-ethnic relations work in Cambodia.*



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*Sreyphreak is in-charge of developing Inter-Ethnic Peace Education Curriculum at ACT that tries to integrate into the school curriculum for secondary school level at the national scale. The curriculum is intended to provide teachers and students a factual basis for forming their views and seen as an integral foundation for the promotion of cultural and political rights for all Cambodians. During her university days, Sreyphreak was actively involved in youth volunteer club that addressed the domestic violence.*



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*Thornin has been working with the Alliance for Conflict Transformation (ACT) since 2007. He graduated MBA specializing in Management. His major work was to provide the training to commune councilors and local NGOs on multiple approaches to conflict transformation, networking and exchanging, and further building relationships and learning between the networks formed in mobilizing those involved to apply learning into practice. Thornin has great experiences in engaging youth to actively participate in peacebuilding process at his spare time as well as experiences in building trust and relationship with people across ethnic and religious lines in Cambodia also with people of different countries in the region.*



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