



CSOs and NGOs working for the rights of Indigenous People ¹

Name of Organisation: The Cambodia Youth Association (CIYA), Cambodia, 2005

Website of Organisation: <http://www.ciyonet.org>

Facebook of Organisation: <https://www.facebook.com/CIYAPage/>

Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes

Cambodia Indigenous Youth Association (CIYA) is a country-wide association of Indigenous youths and the first national Indigenous peoples organisation, which began in 2005. CIYA plays a key role in the Cambodian civil society among the organisations working with Indigenous communities and organisations. It is registered with the Ministry of Interior in Cambodia. CIYA's vision is to empower and enable Indigenous people to grow stronger, prosper and protect their natural resources, traditions, cultures and rights. Their two main missions are to build up the quality of Indigenous youth through education, careers/professions and empowerment, and the second mission is to use these Indigenous youth as resources to address broader issues in Indigenous communities, particularly issues regarding land, natural resources and Indigenous identity preservation. The organisation works with multiple other national, regional and international Indigenous peoples organisations to meet their goals.

Current activities and engagements CIYA provides are training and abroad visits. They provide trainings, consultations and capacity building to Indigenous members of the youth, in regards to national and international law that protect the rights of Indigenous people, and provides them the skill to advocate for their rights. Furthermore, they work alongside and support grassroots and NGO networks on regional and national events. CIYA publish reports on their work throughout the year, which can be accessed through the organisation's website. Under their community support program, CIYA currently run six projects: Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Defenders, Advocacy and Documentation (IPHRDA), UN-woman, The Christian Found, Strengthening Defense of Human Rights (SDHR), Indigenous Community Alliance for Rights and Resources, Culture and Biodiversity in Cambodia (ICARB) and Reed Plus. They also have received funding from Oxfam Novib to implement their "Promoting Youth Resources to Protect Indigenous Land and Natural Resources Rights" project, under their Education Support & Youth Networking Program.

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¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, It has provided training to over 2600 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of Indigenous people more broadly.

