



CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights¹

Name of Organisation: Community Legal Education Centre Cambodia, 1996

Website of Organisation: <http://www.clec.org.kh/default.php>

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

Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes

Community Legal Education Centre was founded in 1996 as a legal resource centre with the aim of promoting the rule of law, justice and democracy in Cambodia. From 1996 to 2001, CLEC operated as an arm of the University of San Francisco School of law, funded by USAID. In 2011, it became a locally registered NGO.

CLEC has made a profound impact on society. It has taught over 5000 Cambodians in different areas of law through its “certificate in law” program. CLEC has also produced a legal text-book series, which represent some of the only Cambodian legal texts on a wide range of subjects. Since 2004, CLEC has also embarked on a major project of high impact public interest legal advocacy, particularly in the areas of land and natural resources. CLEC has five main areas and programs: land and natural resources, the labour program unit, access to justice, good governance and the ICT Unit.

Vision

The Cambodian People live in a society under the rule of law, in peace and social harmony.

Mission

CLEC builds legal capacity and provides legal aid and other appropriate supports to empower Cambodian citizens, communities and their members vulnerable to and victims of rights violation and to demand respect of human rights and justice, and to promote good governance, democracy, equitable development, peace and social harmony.

Values

CLEC believes:

- In the value and dignity of all people and that every individual deserves respect and fundamental rights;
- That all people have the capacity to learn and to participate in activities for improving democracy and social harmony;
- The good governance is the most important instrument to promote development and eradicating poverty.

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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 2800 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 human rights more broadly.

