



## **CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights (Indigenous Peoples, Women and Environment) <sup>1</sup>**

**Name of Organisation:** Development and Partnership in Action (DPA), Cambodia

**Website of Organisation:** <http://www.dpacam.org/>

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

**DTP Alumni:** Yes

*“A vision for all Cambodians to enjoy a high quality of life as full citizens, accessing, using and protecting their rights”*

Development and Partnership in Action (DPA) is a Cambodian NGO, localised from an international NGO called CIDSE, which played a significant role in lobbying the international community to support Cambodia’s reconstruction following the rule of the Khmer Rouge. Active in Cambodia for over 30 years, DPA has involved itself in issues from gender equality to food security, and recently, emergent issues such as climate change (within the Cambodian context). DPA endeavours to empower and support vulnerable people, build community resilience, and bridge cooperation between relevant stakeholders in pursuit of sustainable development. Their broad objectives include: increasing vulnerable peoples’ access to rights and resources; the prospering of community livelihood; increasing citizen ownership of land; and the empowerment of women, youth and Indigenous People.

DPA has three main programme areas: Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP); Partnership Programme (PP) and Development Education and Advocacy Programme (DEAP). The ICD programme aims to address the difficulties faced by vulnerable, poorer sections of Cambodia by improving food security and increasing access to health and education. The Partnership Programme supports Community NGOs, Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) and Agricultural Co-operatives by improving their capacity-building as well as providing funds for activities. The DEA Programme fosters gender equality knowledge and advocacy training on multiple thematic issues including: the extractive industry (EI); sustainable societies; and resource-revenue management. Their recent strategic plan focused on climate change resilience, food security, support for grassroots organisations and social enterprises and other initiatives related to livelihood. DPA has built up an impressive network of activists and trainers that operate at the local, national, and international level, and currently runs programmes in 10 provinces of Cambodia.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote human rights more broadly.

