

# PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

## Pathway to Gender Equality: Safeguarding Women and Young Girls in Cambodia against Gender-Based Violence

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# A QUARTER'S OVERVIEW

Reporting period:  
1st April to 30th June 2022

## 1. Completion of the needs assessment

Interviews and focus group discussions were conducted from April to June with a total of 55 participants. Interviewees consisted of female garment factory workers, university students and GBV survivors who will be the users of the App, as well as stakeholders who provide support to women and GBV survivors including NGOs, UN agencies, related ministries, district and commune focal points and health care facilities. We discussed the sexual harassment and violence experienced by women, information and service needs among young women at risk, the comparison and analysis of the existing Apps related to GBV in Cambodia and abroad, and the use of technology among users to identify the potential function and information in the App. It is revealed that women are experiencing various types of sexual harassment such as verbal harassment, inappropriate touching, sexual demands from employers or managers, use of pornography to harass women, taking photos of women without consent in public bathrooms or other public places and sharing it on-line.

Importantly, a lack of understanding of what constitutes sexual harassment was widely reported and women are just putting up with it. It is found that women need information on the definitions and types of sexual harassment, the laws related to sexual harassment and GBV, available services on protection and the system to link survivors with supporting resources.

Most garment factories and university students reported that they have access to or own a smartphone. However, many did not have adequate memory and balance to download the new Apps. See the fact sheet for further information.



*Interview with garment factory workers*

## 2. Consultation workshop on the needs assessment results

Based on the assessment results, a consultation workshop was conducted in June with around 30 people from three Ministries, NGOs, and Youth groups.



For designing and developing the App, it is recommended to put the needs of women and survivors in the centre, keeping the app light but putting all information raised in the assessment, linking with existing resources and services, and protecting survivors' safety, privacy and confidentiality including reinforcing communication strategy to ensure reaching out and inclusion. Stakeholders showed high interest in this project which could contribute to the National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women, we also discussed partnership and communication strategies to expand the App.



Group discussion and presentation by key stakeholders



Workshop participants from Ministries, NGOs, Youth group

## Key Activity for next quarter

1. IT company and Gender-Based Violence Specialist to develop the Mobile App will be on board

GBV specialists and an IT company will be on board to develop the App. GBV specialists are expected to ensure the safety of survivors and data, develop content and other materials for both the App, and support MoWA and stakeholders to link referral and supporting system. The IT company which develops the App is expected to start working from August.