VOICE INNOVATIVE GRANT FACILITY:

EMPOWERMENT GRANTS

Informal groups or organizations led by rightsholders to raise awareness, develop transformative leadership, build confidence and skills, strengthen capacities, and work on their own empowerment process —at the individual and/or organizational level.



INFLUENCING GRANTS

Organizations and networks led by rightsholders and/or their representatives or allies, using a range of lobby and advocacy tools to influence the policies, programs/services, and/or behaviors of individuals, families, communities, private and public sectors, and decision-makers.

INNOVATE AND LEARN GRANTS

Rightsholder groups who want to work with organizations and social enterprises to test, scale, and share new inclusive approaches. The approaches are more about human-centered design, learning by doing, and Linking & Learning, and less on technology/new applications.

SUDDEN OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

Creating flexibility to undertake collective action to address specific unanticipated opportunities to influence policy or to deal with a threat, such as the reduction of civic space, which impacts one or more of the rightsholders (groups) in one or more of the impact themes.

PARTNERS

Oxfam is proud to support the voices of the following groups:

- Advocacy and Policy Institute
- ARV Users Association
- Bophana Center
- Cambodian Food Service Workers'Federation
- Conserve Indigenous Peoples Language
- Essential Personnel Cambodia
- HelpAge Cambodia
- Impact Hub Phnom Penh
- KHMER NGO for Education
- Khmer Youth Association (host for NEARY)
- Lakhon Komnit Organization
- Live and Learn Cambodia
- Men Health Social Services
- Organization to Promote Kui Culture
- Phare Ponleur Selapak (host for SafeSpace BTB)
- Rabbit School Organization
- Representative Self Help Disabilities Organization Batheay District
- SAORI Organization
- SILAKA (host for LoveIsDiversity)
- Women Peace Makers

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CONTEXT

Voice aims to strengthening the capacity for lobby and advocacy of civil society organizations and representatives of rightsholders and rightsholder groups to empower them and to have their voices heard and respected.

Voice focus on the following target groups:

- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER AND INTERSEX (LGBTQI) PEOPLE
- AGE-DISCRIMINATED VULNERABLE GROUPS, NOTABLY THE YOUNG AND THE ELDERLY
- WOMEN FACING EXPLOITATION, ABUSE AND VIOLENCE
- INDIGENOUS GROUPS AND ETHNIC MINORITIES



Photo: Phare Ponleu Selapak

Oxfam's partner, Phare Ponleu Selpak using performance art to promote inclusion of marginalized group in slum area. This picture is a Theater forum show rehearsal, Battambong theater group.

Within Voice we look at intersecting inequalities or overlapping vulnerabilities, resulting in people feeling doubly discriminated and excluded. Voice considers four dimensions of exclusion: social, spatial, economic and political. To reach the right groups we use innovative outreach methods. The voices of women and girls are prioritized as they are doubly affected by traditional gender stereotypes execerbating exclusion.

APPROACH

Voice provides resources to strengthen the voice and influencing capacity of discriminated and marginalized groups and their representatives. The Voice distinguishes three particular pathways:



1) EMPOWER

A process of coming to or finding one's voice. It is not a given but a process that people need to own and work on. At the same time, ownership leads to confidence building and enhance self-esteem.



2) AMPLIFY

A process of acquiring the means and support to express and raise your voices. The collective amplification of voices can build a critical mass of allies, instrumental for the social change we seek in the Voice impact areas.



3) INFLUENCE

A process where rightsholders and their representative will use a range of lobby and advocacy tools to influence individual, families, communities, private business, religious leaders, (social) media, and other decision makers' policies, and behaviors.

VOICE
has two components

- A grant-making facility to provide financial support to groups and organizations
- A Linking and Learning program, nurting learning across groups and countries

VOICE IMPACT THEMES

Voice has defined the following specific priorities:



IMPROVED ACCESS TO (PRODUCTIVES) RESOURCES (FINANCE, LAND AND WATER) AND EMPLOYMENT



IMPROVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND EDUCAITON IN PARTICULAR



SAPCE FOR POLITICAL AND CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT