



### I. Objectives of the Survey:

In our attempt to contribute to a genuine national reconciliation, KID conducted a survey on the experiences of ordinary Cambodians during the Khmer Rouge Regime and their expectations of the upcoming Khmer Rouge Tribunal with **two objectives**:

1. To familiarize six young Program Officers of KID with the experiences, feelings and needs of survivors of the Khmer Rouge regime. Similar to more than 50% of the Cambodian population, all six were born after 1979 and know little of their country’s recent history. Facing members of the older generation in a face-to-face interview gave them the opportunity to develop a better understanding of what happened during the 1975 – 1979 period and enabled them to build relationships as one first step towards reconciliation. These six Program Officers – five of them are law graduates and one is a social science graduate – are trained to be monitors of the upcoming KR trial.
2. To familiarize with the survivors’ hopes and expectations for the upcoming Khmer Rouge trial in order to prepare an outreach project on the tribunal aiming at building up peoples’ awareness of the trial and strengthening the rule of law.

The survey was not conducted by interview experts and did not use professional scientific methods. Therefore the survey and its findings **should not be taken as representative of the Cambodian population as such**, but as limited to the opinions of the respondents.

### II. Implementation of the Survey:

**536 interviews** were conducted in **Phnom Penh** and **ten provinces** between the **16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2004**. The provinces were:

- Kampong Cham
- Kampong Speu
- Kampong Thom
- Kampot
- Kandal
- Kratie
- Prey Veng
- Stung Treng
- Svay Rieng and
- Takeo

