



ICC Beyond

One of the current trends in the development sector is increased requirements from supporting partners, together with stronger demands from the Cambodian government on law-enforcement and reporting. At the same time social and technology opportunities arise, giving new opportunities for the development sector to utilise. As an international NGO, ICC sees it as an obligation and possibility to assist e.g. local NGOs and local churches to respond accordingly. Also, ICC has almost 30 years of experience in the development sector to draw from to share to local civil society organisations. Therefore, a new program has been setup called ICC Beyond, which is a consultancy program with the purpose to strengthen the civil society through training, mentoring and coaching.

So far, ICC has gained its first experiences with ICC Beyond program by providing consultancy and training to clients. ICC Beyond assisted one client in setting up a new financial management system. For another client ICC Beyond gave comments on their drafted fund-application, before they sent it to their supporting partner. Currently, ICC Beyond is providing both training and consultancy to a client on project design, monitoring & evaluation and reporting. Through these ICC Beyond consultancy tasks ICC as an organisation is gaining new knowledge and gets to network with civil society organisations, whom ICC has not previously worked with. Hence, synergy from working with ICC Beyond clients is a valuable benefit for ICC. ICC is using this learning and collaboration to strengthen its own development work, which contributes to ICC's strategic focuses and mission in Cambodia.

ICC believes that, a developed and democratic nation needs a civil society sector, which can support and collaborate with both the state sector and private sector in a transparent manner. However, the Cambodian civil society sector still needs assistance to become a strong, well-equipped, and robust civil society sector promoting human rights and legal justice. Hence, the ICC Beyond program seeks to support the civil society sector to become an important key-actor in Cambodia by offering its consultancy and training service to any civil society organisations, such as local NGOs, associations, religious institutions, networks and movements.

During 2018 and 2019 ICC Beyond is offering three kinds of one-day courses, which are relevant for most civil society organisations. These courses are: "gender equality", "rights-based approach" and "policy design". ICC Beyond is looking forward to conducting these courses, and to work with local civil society organisations in developing Cambodia, in order to see increased economic growth, legal justice for all, and fulfilment of citizens' given rights.