

## GENERAL PROGRAM (GP)

General Program is the governance program responsible for all functions within PADV including administrative tasks, accounting and financial management, external collaboration, capacity building, advocacy and lobby, internal and fund raising.



### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF GENERAL PROGRAM (GP)

#### Cambodia's Demographic and Health Survey 2000

*PADV successfully lobbied the Ministries of Planning and Health, and the donors of the survey to include questions about domestic violence in the 2000 survey. This survey provides information and statistics to which all organizations and people refer to the when discussing domestic violence in Cambodia. To date, this is the only nation-wide survey conducted that includes questions about domestic violence. PADV is lobbying the Ministries to ensure that questions relating to domestic violence are included in the survey planned for 2005.*

#### Drafting the Domestic Violence Law

A specific domestic violence law in Cambodia is imperative. A strong desire has been expressed by all stakeholders for the law to be passed as quickly as possible. Police and local officials, in particular, believe it would give authority and weight to their efforts to combat domestic violence.

Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA), PADV and UNHCR wrote the first draft law on domestic violence in 1996. Since then, PADV and other NGOs have provided consultation in the development on subsequent drafting's led by the MWA. Additionally, in 2000, PADV in collaboration with Cambodia Women's Crisis Centre and Cambodian Defenders Project arranged a conference with 28 NGOs to draft a list of concerns around DV. In 2001, PADV presented the recommendations from the NGOs workshops at a seminar participated by ministry officials, parliamentarians, NGOs and stakeholders. PADV has since run media campaigns to supplement the legal work. The PADV Director, as part of the CAMBOW

committee, has been actively involved in advocacy strategies and lobbying relevant parties about the importance of having an effective legislation on domestic violence.

### **Gaining government support**

PADV has been successful in changing people's views and beliefs, contributing to major developments in Cambodia including recognition from the government on this issue. In 2000, Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen released a statement publicly stating "the presence of domestic violence is the obstacle to the practice of women's basic rights and development process. Domestic violence and trafficking of women and children links with the erosion of democracy and human rights, preserving which is a critical priority for the nation". The public support of Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen for the passing of a domestic violence law was instrumental in ensuring that the law was revived in 2000 after it had been given little priority by the government after the initial draft was submitted in 1996.

### **Gaining support from Her Royal Highness Norodom Monineath Sihanouk**

Her Royal Highness Norodom Monineath Sihanouk has publicly recognized the seriousness of domestic violence and during a speech in December 2005 publicly voiced her support for the Domestic Violence Law to be passed quickly. Since 1998, Her Royal Highness Norodom Monineath Sihanouk has provided public support as well as financial contributions to the annual International 16 Day Campaign for the elimination of violence against women celebrations. PADV is active in organizing events as part of this campaign.