

# Cambodia Criminal Justice Assistance Project Phase III Case Study

<b>Project Focus</b>		Crime Prevention and Community Safety
<b>Date</b>		April, 2011
<b>Interviewer</b>	Name	Vorn Sophorn, Kampong Thom District Facilitator
<b>Interviewee</b>	Name	Kim Soken
	Age	25
	Sex	Male
	Location	Chi Meas Village, Msear Krang Commune, Staung District, Kampong Province

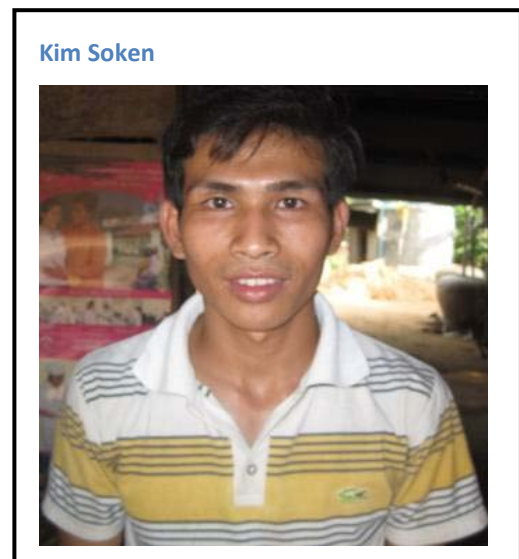
One of the six strategic objectives of the Cambodia Criminal Justice Assistance Project (CCJAP) is to work collaboratively with the Royal Government of Cambodia to jointly establish a sustainable Crime Prevention and Community Safety (CPCS) program. One of the four approaches of this program is to promote the welfare of citizens and encourage positive behavior through the provision of social services, economic services, and educational services. Particular focus is placed on high risk youths who display adverse behaviors associated with crime and victimisation. The following case study is an example of how CCJAP support has contributed to a prosperous, safe and secure community environment.

### **The Situation**

Kim Soken, 25, is the eighth child in a 10 member family, including his widowed mother, her younger sister, and brother.

In 2004, Soken dropped out of 6th grade and became unemployed. He began associating with a youth gang, drinking, and causing conflict, resulting in serious security concerns from villagers.

Local authorities regularly questioned Soken and tried to educate him regarding his disruptive activity.



**Kim Soken**



### **The Intervention**

In 2010, CCJAPIII funded a vocational training program to the target group receiving legal education in barber skills; to use the skills to earn money and support their family.

The working group met Soken and provided him with information about a small-scale vocational training in which he agreed to participate. Soken was selected as one of the ten candidates.

Soken was trained for five months. Upon the course completion, he received a set of equipment from the project and a booth inside the market in Chi Meas where he is currently living.

### **The Behavior Change**

Since November 2010, Soken has not associated with the youth gang or participated in drunken or disruptive behavior. He is now very busy working in his barber booth. His new skills enable him to earn enough money to support his family.

A village chief says that the community no longer fears Soken, adding that he has become a new person.

Sar Pak, Second Lieutenant at the Commune Police Post said that he is surprised to see Soken change his life after participating in the training course.

Soken is a role model for the community's youth members. The change in Soken indicates that the CCJAPIII funded program has had a positive impact on reducing risk related behaviors.

