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Indigenous Community Support Organization
(I.C.S.O)

Strategic Concept

I. Background:

ICSO is a local Cambodian not-for-profit, non-governmental, non-partisan association established to serve the public benefit. It was established on 1st July 2006 through the initiative of a group of Governance Board. ICSO was registered with the Ministry of Interior (MoI) on 13 July 2006 #840-MoI and commenced its operation in Ratanakiri province since 1st January 2007 up to the present. The history of its strategic mandates;

1.1 2007-2009:

ICSO had actively engaged in building trust and confidence among all stakeholders, in particular, the Indigenous People (IPs) in Cambodia. Built the capacity of the indigenous community (ICs) leaders, focused on community organizing, natural resource protection, women’s empowerment, and community media outreach.

1.2 2010-2012:

ICSO expanded the IP’s rights empowerment, focused on cultural identification, land and natural resource rights protection. These included the support of the Indigenous Rights Active Members’ (IRAM), the nationwide network for organizing, mobilizing and advocacy on their rights to land. Currently IRAM become the Indigenous Peoples Association in Cambodia (IPAC) registered with MoI and working independently as of a Civil Society Organization in country.

1.3 2013-2015:

ICSO had strengthened the capacity of the Indigenous Peoples Organization (IPOs) or Community Based Organization (CBOs) as of the grassroots organizations. Supported the communal land title registration processes and empowered the community economic enhancement.

1.4 2016-2020:

ICSO had promoted the holistic development approaches for the environmental, social, economic, and cultural rights development. ICSO had implemented the Indigenous Community Rights Empowerment Program **(ICREP)** at grassroots and linked the advocacy effort at provincial, national and regional levels with the focus on;

- Strengthening the capacities of the IPs' leaders and members. Building the grass-roots Indigenous Peoples Organizations. Connection the IPs network across the country for networking, mobilizing and advocacy on their rights to land and natural resources protection, in particular, with the duty bearers.
- Supporting the Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) such as, radio talk-show, TV feature, TV talk show, Facebook, Newsletters, and other publications as a part of IPs networking and communication.
- Indigenous Community-Communal Land Titling (CLT) registration to support the key steps of (i). IPs' identification in order to get the recognition by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD). (ii). IPs' Legal entity registration with the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and (iii) IPs' Communal Land Title (CLT) registration under Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction (MoLMUPC).
- Strengthened and Developed the Indigenous People Organizations (IPOs-CBOs) to work for sustainability on land and forest protection and livelihoods.
- Supported the Economic Empowerment through the establishment of the saving groups and saving associations. Capacity building on health and nutrition awareness raising. WASH support and formulation the Agriculture Cooperatives (ACs).
- Assisted the IPs representatives to engage with multi-stakeholders for the promotion of voice, concerns of the IPs at the national and regional levels. ICSO organized the Policy Dialogue and strengthened the capacity of IPs to advocate for their land and natural resource rights through IP's network, CSO's network, development partners, duty bearers and private sectors for the laws/policies and related legal framework enforcement and changes.

II. 2021-2025 Strategy:

ICSO had been appraised by the external evaluation firm and formulated the new strategies for every 3-year period, except for the last two strategies, ICSO sets for a 5-year strategic timeframe. At the ended of 2020; the external

consultant had conducted the evaluation of the ICSO fourth strategy of 2016-2020 that had been implemented for a 5-year period.

Under the facilitation by the external consultant; ICSO team had formulated a new strategy for 2021-2025 (fifth strategic plan). All strategic plans of ICSO were consulted with donors and approved by ICSO Governance Board. ICSO have also been conducting its financial auditing calendar year basis under the external auditors. ICSO has been implementing its rolling year planning annually basis.

2.1 Scope of Work:

Vision:

- The indigenous communities enjoy full economic, social, cultural, political, and natural resource rights to live with dignity and harmony.

Mission:

- To empower the indigenous community's peoples to preserve and benefit from their land and natural resources, secure their welfare and decent livelihoods, and celebrate their identity and culture.

Core Value:

- Teamwork and Solidarity,
- Mutual Respect and Respect for IPs' rights,
- Honesty and Integrity,
- Transparency and Accountability,

Goal:

- IPs increase capacity and representations to lead their own development,
- IPs secured land tenure and ownership of natural resources, and
- IPs preserved identity, for their common well-being.

Objectives:

- IPs communities have increased ability to represent their own needs, claim their rights, and ensure the sustainability of their cultural identity.
- IPs communities have secured their land ownership and access to natural resources, upgraded their economic condition, and improved their health and quality of life.
- ICSO have strengthened its internal capacities.

2.2 Key Programs:

- The Indigenous People Voice Program (IPVP).
- The Socio-Economic Rights Empowerment Program (SEREP).

Through the key program and strategic objectives; ICSO has initiated the following 4 projects:

- The Indigenous Community Led-Policy Dialogue Project (ICL-PDP). (Ongoing)
- The Indigenous Community Led-Communal Land Title Registration Project (ICL-CLTRP). (Ongoing)
- The Indigenous Community Led-Institutional and Constituency Development Project (ICL-ICDP). (Ongoing)
- The Indigenous Community Led-Economic Empowerment Project (ICL-EEP). (Ended 2021)

2.3 Target Groups/Areas:

ICSO is working with the Indigenous People (IPs) leaders and members in Ratanakiri, Mondulakiri, Kratie and Stung Treng the northeast provinces of Cambodia.