

Minute of Workshop on Social Accountability
Pannasastra University of Cambodia (PUC)
March 22, 2009, 2:00-5.30pm

ANSA in cooperation with Outstanding Youth Group of Cambodia (OYG-CAM), organized a workshop on ***Social Accountability 101*** to Cambodian youth in order to raise more awareness on youth and their involvement in social accountability.

The workshop was coordinated by Mr. Don Don Parafina, ANSA network, with the assistance of Board of Advisor, Mr. Preap kol, and Executive Committee members of OYG-CAM. There were 35 participants presenting at the workshop including YCDP students and members of OYG Executive Committee. To be started, each participant had to introduce their name and responded one question—that was ‘What is your dream for Cambodia’? Each of participants came up with many diverse ideas regarding their dream for Cambodia.

After that, the whole group was divided up into smaller group that enabled for group discussion. The question displayed this time was that, ‘What are the problems in my country and society today?’. As result, problems which considered to be very challenging Cambodia today could be summarized as below:

- Environmental problem
- Corruption
- Education
- Human Rights

A long with challenging issues have been found, participants were asked to consider of possible solution to the raised problems. The question existed in such a way that, ‘How can we address the problems?’. Consequently, each group came up with some common solutions as below:

- Education system improvement
- Nurture (children)
- Increase more participation in decision making
- Improve agricultural system
- Save energy
- Law Enforcement (eliminate culture of impunity)
- Being accountable and transparently to individual’s actions

After such quite long discussion about challenges and solutions that can be addressed to respond back to the issues, Mr. Don Don presented all participants the concepts of social accountability and steps to reach Social Accountability which involve not only Government, but each citizen of the society also plays very crucial role to be accountable for their actions and determination .

The workshop was wrapped up with useful result that youth can start to understand about Social Accountability and what each can do to follow up the Government commitment and individual’s accountability.