



# ADVANCING

# THE RIGHTS & IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF THE HEALTH OF KHMER ROUGE SURVIVORS

Staff of the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam), (far left) Dr. Demy Reyes and (far right) Kim Sovandany, home visit to provide primary health care for the former complainants and civil parties to the Khmer Rouge Tribunal at Lor-lork Sar Thmey Pagoda, Pursat province in April 2018. The home visit is part of DC-Cam's initiative to study the conditions of the health of Khmer Rouge survivors, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), focusing on providing health education and consultation on the physical health to survivors of Khmer Rouge regime nationwide, utilizing well-equipped mobile health informative mini vans. This aims at prolonging their lives to enable them to share their experiences from the Khmer Rouge period with the next generations of Cambodia and the world, fueling the need for genocide education, which prevents such inhumane crimes from reoccurrence. It is important to note that there are five common diseases that the Khmer Rouge survivors encounter, namely 1) Hypertension; 2) Heart Disease; 3) Diabetes Mellitus; 4) COPD and PTB; and 5) Breast Cancer.

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‘ Although two million were killed by the Khmer Rouge, five million more survived to tell their story. ’

— Youk Chhang, Director of Documentation Center of Cambodia

