

2. Activities

The activities of this project are mainly focused at the grass-roots level, i.e. the provinces where the victims of the Khmer Rouge live, such as *Kompong Speu, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, Takeo*, and other provinces.

In order to properly implement this project, an Executive Committee led by Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, President of The University of Cambodia, was established. Committee members include (1) Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Chairman; (2) H.E. Neang Phath, Secretary of State, Ministry of National Defense, Member; (3) H.E. Samraing Kamsan, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, Member; (4) Mr. Phuorng Sith, Vigilant NGO, Member; and (5) Ms. Hout Rattanak, Executive Director, NGOs Forum, Member. The roles of the Executive Committee are to identify and manage all tasks and resolve every issue related to this project. These include the distribution of the application forms, deciding criteria for applicants and the evaluation of the outcomes.

Subsequently, a research group was created. This research group comprises 12 people and was divided into four small teams of three. Before undertaking research, these group members were trained in research methodology, rules of procedure and selection criteria, professional codes of conduct, interviewing methods and questionnaire construction.

With direct instructions and the advice of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the research teams established their plans and schedules and are eager to get to the provinces to accomplish the goals determined by the UC Executive Committee.

The First Phase of distributing the *Dr. Handa Compensation and Memorial Fund for the Victims of the Khmer Rouge Genocide* project (2006 – 2007) focused on the following provinces: *Kompong Speu, Kandal, Kampong Chham, Kampong Thom, and Takeo*.