

MOM Phireak



With the 11MSP, the Convention is returning to a place where the mine ban movement started two decades ago. It is an opportunity for the international community to recall how far this movement has come and how much work still remains to be done. It is also an opportunity to remember that there are many faces of the landmine movement in Cambodia. MOM Phireak is one of these faces.



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Mom Phireak is a Phnom Penh native who has worked for the Cambodian Red Cross, or CRC, since 1993. Today he is the CRC's Coordinator for Mine Risk Education.

Through his work, Phireak has witnessed that the victims of mines and other explosive remnants of war are largely individuals forced to take life-threatening risks in order to survive. "Providing people with alternative sources of income and food security in order to prevent them from engaging in activities in hazardous zones is essential."

The Cambodian Red Cross, established in 1955, has, for decades, provided medical care to landmine survivors and devoted itself to improving the lives of the survivors by promoting social rehabilitation and income-generating activities. The CRC's initiatives include a micro-credit project, which benefits more than 500 women and men, including landmine survivors.

Her Majesty Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk serves as the Honorary President of the Cambodian Red Cross.

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