



Media Announcement

National Peace Walk Campaign on Don Sahong Dam

The Don Sahong dam will be the second mainstream dams on the Mekong River, if built. The dam, if proceed as planned, will condemn the Mekong's fisheries and destroy the downstream livelihoods, felt by the Cambodian people. The dam has caused serious concerns on environment (i.e. fisheries), socio-economic impacts and livelihoods of the poor. The concerns have been raised by non-governmental organizations and scientists over the Don Sahong and other proposed mainstream dams.

In this light, we organize this national peace walk which aimed at raising awareness about the dam and its potential impacts as well as informing the 4 lower Mekong governments, public, development partners and other relevant stakeholders about the Mekong mainstream dams. Our position is “no mainstream dam” on the Mekong. We have the following objectives:

1. To improve understandings and inform general public of the progress of Mekong Mainstream dam projects that create huge negative impacts on livelihood, environment, biodiversity and socio-economic, starting from Xayaburi and Don Sahong Dams in Lao PDR.
2. To come to a consensus of opinions among civil society and communities living and working actively on the Mekong mainstream issues on “No Mekong Mainstream Dams”. Mainly, we are focusing on two controversial mainstream hydropower dams, Xayaburi and Don Sahong.
3. To make request to the four Mekong governments and other development partners to put pressure on Lao PDR's government to immediately stop the construction of these mainstream hydropower dams.

WHAT: National Peace Walk Campaign on Don Sahong Dam

WHEN: March 28 - 31, 2014

WHERE: Kratie, Steung Treng and Kompong Cham Provinces

WHO: 650-750 participants, around 30% women, including civil society, communities, government officials, media practitioners, students, teachers, monks and donors.



Agenda:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
28th March, 2014	Travel of media and RCC to attend this event in Kratie
07:30-15:00	Arrival of some participants from Phnom Penh
29th March, 2014	Peace Walk in Kratie
07:30-08:30	Registration
08:30-10:30	Meeting at Sambor district(<i>detail session will be attached in methodology as annex later</i>)
10:30-12:00	Starting the match by boat from Sambor district to dolphin deep pool and vice versus.
12:00-13:30	Lunch provided by organizers
13:30-15:00	Press conference at Sambo district. Venue?
30th March, 2014	Peace Walk in Stung Treng Province
07:30-08:00	Registration
08:30-10:30	Meeting at Wat Prash Romkel, Kroum village(<i>detail session will be attached in methodology as annex later</i>)
08:00-8:15	Interesting of Prash Rom Kel community council.
8:15-8:35	Welcome and opening from Thalaborivath District Governor.
8:35-8:50	Speech of Dolphin authorities.
8:50-9:10	Interesting of CEPA representative on Don Sa Hong dam.
9:10-9:40	Presenting on transnational impact by NGOF.
9:40-10:30	Community concerning on Don Sa Hong dam (Turn Song, Krom village, and Koh L'ngor)
10:30-12:00	Starting the match by boat from Wat Prash Romkel to dolphin deep pool and vice versus, AnLong Svay village.



12:00-13:30	Lunch provided by organizers
13:30-15:00	Press conference at AnLong Svay village
31th March, 2014	Peace Walk in Kampong Cham
06:30-7:10	Breakfast provided by organizers
07:10-07:30	Registration
07:30-09:30	Meeting and starting the marches by walking from Nokor Bachey Temple to Wat Dei Dos(<i>detail session will be attached in methodology as annex later</i>)
09:30-09:40	Take break at Wat Dei Dos
09:40-12:00	Starting the march from Wat Dei Dos to Wat Kien Chrey
12:00-13:30	Lunch provided by organizers
13:30-15:00	Press conference at Wat Kien Chrey
15:00-	Participants back home

Organized by:

1. Oxfam Australia
2. International Rivers
3. The NGO Forum on Cambodia

Co-Organized by:

1. The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF)
2. Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT)
3. North-eastern Rural Development (NRD)
4. Culture and Environment Preservation Association (CEPA)
5. My Village Organization (MVi)
6. 3S Rivers Protection Network (3SPN)
7. Buddhist Association for Environmental Development (BAED)
8. Neak Aphiwat Sahokom (NAS)
9. Cambodian Rural Development Team (CRDT)
10. Community Economic Development (CED)
11. Kampuchea Women Welfare Action (KWWA)
12. Kratie Fishery Cantonment

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