

Membership Application : Entry # 38185

Are you a...

- National Association of Social Workers

Name of organisation

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Year of foundation

2014

Name of organisation in English

Association of Professional Social Workers of Cambodia

Organisation overview

History of APSWC:

Since the establishment of the Department of Social Work (DSW) of Royal University of Phnom Penh in 2008, its founders or pioneers, namely, Tracy Harachi, Ung Kimkanika, Chun Bora, Leang Lo, Ngoun Kanika, Meng Dalin, Phal Oudam Sambath, began to introduce professional social work education in Cambodia and they have revealed that Cambodia didn't have:

- A common understanding of social work;
- Agreement of competencies upon graduation across all BSW programs or clarity on how MSW links to BSW;
- Job classification within government; and,
- Recognition of minimum standards of knowledge and skills to hold the title of "professional social worker"

These had enabled the formation of APSWC, with its first official Executive Board of Director meeting held on 29th November, 2014. The APSWC registered officially with the Ministry of Interior on May 05, 2015.

Legal status: The APSWC registered officially with the Ministry of Interior on May 05, 2015.

Aims: To see social work become a profession in Cambodia with a high code of conduct, a strong support network and a commitment to excellence in practice.

Program Objectives:

- Strengthening networking and collaboration among social workers through APSWC coordinations.
- Supporting the development or maintaining of other social work professional groups or networks.
- Developing standards and researches to inform good practice models in social work profession.
- Contributing to the development of national policies development.
- Promoting learning and dialogues for social workers leading to acquiring new knowledge and skills.
- Promoting information sharing of resources related to learning and professional development opportunities.
- Raising awareness to the Cambodian public about the social work profession.
- Participating in the dialogues with relevant partners to promote awareness and resource mobilisation of APSWC works.

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[Map It](#)

How many professional Social Workers does your organisation represent?

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How many para professional social service workers does your organisation represent?

22

What is the minimum qualification to become a member of your organisation?

- Bachelor

Are there any other requirements to become a member of your organisation?

- Cambodian national who is living and working in Cambodia
- Having Graduated bachelor's degree
- Working full-time in a field of social work for at least 1 year
- Whose work serves or benefits directly or indirectly to vulnerable people
- Performing at least one social worker role: Enabler, Mediator, Integrator and Co-ordinator, Manager, Educator, Analyst and evaluator, Broker, Facilitator, Negotiator, Advocate (Saima Latif, Ph.D. (2021). Social Work vs Psychology, Counseling, & Occupational Therapy, Positive Psychology). Social workers also play the role as Case manager, and researcher.
- Planning to continue this field in the future
- And other criteria as defined by the executive board of directors.

Please name any publications that your organisation produces

Name	Description
video promotion 'Who is a social worker?'	we developed a video promoting the title above in order to produce more education materials that are friendly to the public about the definition and importance of the social work profession. The production has completed, and we have posted the video successfully.
Brochure of APSWC	The design and printed a brochure of the APSWC on 31 May 2023. The team has taken the initiative to develop the brochure design of the association's information in order to be specific and as a basis for the APSWC to disseminate.

State of the Industry in Your Region

Is there a government mandated registration and / or licensing process for Social Workers in your country?

No

1.

Poverty

2.

Violence against children

3.

Violence against Women

4.

Human rights

5.

Migration and Human Trafficking

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Are there other national organisations or unions representing Social Workers in your country?

Yes

If yes, what is your relationship with them?

Currently, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation is the national organization in charge of social work, and the Association of Professional Social Workers of Cambodia is the only independent organization.

MoSVY and APSWC has cooperated such as:

- Contribute to the development of national policies or guidelines with the technical or financial support from APSWC
 - Maintain connection with the technical working group under MoSVY leadership
 - Support in developing social workers' licensing system and other social policies (which is in planning progress at the moment)
 - Organize the social work conference
 - Organize the World Social Work Day in Cambodia
 - Raise awareness to the Cambodian public about the social work profession
 - Promote learning and dialogue for social workers leading to acquiring new knowledge and skills
- Research in social work and social welfare practice

Supporting Documentation

Uploads

- [APSWC-Membership-Guideline.docx.pdf](#)
- [APSWC-membership-code-of-Conduct-EN.docx.pdf](#)

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06/10/2023

Compliance statement: Ethical Principles

- We comply with IFSW Global Social Work Statement of Ethical Principles

Compliance statement: IFSW Policies

We comply with IFSW Policies