

## The International Migrant's Day 2006

**Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility (CARAM Cambodia)** in cooperation with **National AIDS Authority (NAA)** organized a *Round Table Discussion on "Safe Migration" on December 13, 2006 at Khmer Television Channel 9*. The guest speakers who were present at the Discussion are representatives from **CARAM Cambodia, NAA, Licadho, CLS and Phillimore Co. Ltd.** *The objective of the Round Table Discussion on Safe Migration is to give the opportunity to all key stakeholders to raise issues/concerns encountered by migrant workers and encourage migrant workers who wish to work in destination countries to seek safe migration information before their decision making to departure for better living standard.*

Furthermore, *a Press Conference on "International Migrant's Day"* was organized on December 15, 2006 by CARAM Cambodia in cooperation with National AIDS Authority (NAA) at Cambodiana hotel. The guest speakers who were present at the Press Conference are representatives from **CARAM Cambodia, National AIDS Authority (NAA), Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training (MoLVT)** and donor. *The objective of the Press Conference is to promote safe migration message, inform the public of number of participants and objective of the International Migrant's Day to be held on 18 December 2006 so that the national and international press media can broadcast the information on International Migrant's Day celebration to the public.*

After the press conference, the **International Migrant's Day (IMD)** was organized by CARAM Cambodia on 18 December 2006 in cooperation with National AIDS Authority (NAA) with a parade from Wat Langka to Wat Botum (pagoda) where the IMD was celebrated. *The objective of the International Migrant's Day (IMD) is to acknowledge the many brave men, women and children who have migrated in search of better lives and to promote safe migration for the creation of an enabling and empowering environment to reduce HIV/AIDS and other vulnerabilities related to migrant workers and mobile population.* There were over 1,000 participants (migrant workers, their family members, garment factory workers, local and international NGOs' staff and reporters) attending the ceremony. The guest speakers who were present are representatives from **CARAM Cambodia, NAA, MoLVT, Donors and honorable guests from concerned ministries and institutions.**

In terms of the three events (Round Table Discussion, Press Conference and IMD) mentioned above are organized with the *overall objective to raise public awareness on migrant workers' issues/concerns, and their needs and promote migrant workers' rights, especially to facilitate and advocate policy makers, decision makers and other key stakeholders for the creation of an enabling and empowering environment to reduce the HIV/AIDS and other vulnerabilities of migrant workers and mobile population.*