

Advocacy and Policy Institute (API)

API is one of Cambodia’s leading advocacy capacity building institutions while also heading the campaign for a law on public access to information and information disclosure. The organisation earns its reputation by: delivering effective advocacy training courses for civil society, community based organisations and local government; promoting access to public information; strengthening local governance and supporting civil society networks to successfully collaborate and influence the Government and Parliament to be more accountable and to take action on critical issues. The organisation is increasingly involved in direct advocacy and policy activities.

How API has been involved in road safety?

Every day, at least 6 lives are lost and 17 more seriously injured due to road crashes in Cambodia. Traffic accidents are a leading issue in Cambodia causing death, injury, disability and loss of property. They have a serious negative impact on the Cambodian economy. This can be done only through effective legislation, law enforcement, integrating road safety in the sub-national development plans, and public education. API, as it has outstanding experience in supporting and promoting the quality of policy and law development and enforcement in Cambodia, begun to work on road safety since 2013 with the financial support from the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP).

Recently, API has worked and contributed to increasing understanding of local councils and sub-national government, integration of the conceptual initiative of road safety in the sub-national development plans, and awareness raising through information, communication and education materials and forums about some key contents of the Road Safety Law (RTL) and sub-decrees. There was also a conduction of survey to identify the policy gaps and generate recommendations for more effective RTL implementation.



Public Awareness Raising Campaign on “Road Safety and Law Enforcement”
Chongkal District, Oddar Meanchey Province,

In 2015, API has advocated for integrating road safety issues and law enforcement into the all 10 target districts of five provinces where API has been working in. The integrating road safety and law enforcement as part of the Development Plan of District has a positive step toward addressing road crashes in Cambodia. API continues to provide a platform for dialogue on related policies and advocate for better road safety strategies development and implementation at the sub-national government.