

Cambodia

Million Signature Campaign

Anti-Corruption Effort

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Objectives

- Increase public education on the impact of corruption
- Provide public opportunity to express ideas and voice concerns on corruption
- Advocate for an international standard anti-corruption law

Concept

- Collect signatures/ thumbprints from citizens
- Conducted by 11 civil society organizations working simultaneously in different parts of the country (19 provinces)
- Supported by development partners
- Linked to Cambodia's development plan (Rectangular Strategy)

Implementation

- More than one million signatures collected between December 2007 and May 2008
- Signatures presented to the National Assembly on May 16, 2008
- Over 150 civil society representatives participated in the event

Results

- Good media/ press coverage
- Original objectives achieved
- Anti-Corruption law passed in 2010

Next Steps

- Continue public education on the impact of anti-corruption
- Encourage civil society and government cooperation in combating corruption
- Support government efforts to fully establish the Anti-Corruption Unit and implement the new Anti-Corruption Law