

Annex 1: Board members of Bunong Indigenous People Association (BIPA) (June 2017)

- Mr. Neth Prak, Executive Director, responsible for initiating and directing the main activities of the association / Director Student Dorm Phnom Penh



Portrait

I'm Neth Prak, I was born in 1980 in Busra Commune, Mondulkiri province. Currently, I'm the executive director of the Bunong Indigenous People Association (BIPA). I'm pursuing an MA in social work at the Royal University of Phnom Penh.

From 2001-2005, I lived in the John Baptist Center in Phnom Penh to study at secondary school and high school at 'Pour Un Sourire 'Un Enfant' (PSE). In 2005-2007 I received a training in administration and networking at the Center Information System Training (CIST) (today it is called PNC). From 2007-2009 I worked with Bunong Children for the New Humanity Organization's program 'Early Childhood Care and Education'. In 2009-2013 I pursued a BA in Sociology at the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP). At the same time, from 2009-2015, I worked independently for Bunong communities on the issues of land concessions and protection of community forests, where I organized local forest patrols to stop settlers and logging and rubber companies. I closely worked with media, research institutions, and cooperated with related national and international organizations. Moreover, I set up an exchange program for Bunong villagers to visit farms of Bunong in Vietnam to enhance their capacity and knowledge for sustainable agriculture on their remaining land. I also created a study center and accommodation in Sean Monorom for poor Bunong students (grade 7 to grade 12). From 2009-2012 I received several trainings by the Minority Rights Group in media, Indigenous Rights and Global Advocacy. From June-August 2015 I could join the UN indigenous fellowship program on International Human Rights and Business in Switzerland as well as the UNITAR course on Enhancing Conflict Resolution & Conflict Prevention. From October-December 2015 I worked as national indigenous fellow at the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights in Cambodia. In February 2016, I successfully registered the Bunong Indigenous People Association (BIPA) with the Ministry of Interior.

Part-time working team

- Mr. Tourng Rin, Accountant (Sean Monorom)
- Mr. Chouy Maeing, Coordinator of activities taking place in Bousra and responsible for Agriculture (Bousra)
- Mr. Bunnhong Prak, responsible for Agriculture (Bousra)
- Mrs. Klerk Keo Singeeb, Bousra community facilitator (Bousra)

- Mr. Maly Kim, Bousra community facilitator(Bousra)
- Mr. Por Sally, Assistant (Dak Dam)
- Mrs. Rina Tre, Assistant (Sean Monorom)
- Mr. Sonea Kim, Assistant on IT (Sean Monorom)

Members advisory board

- Mr. Todd Bequette, specialist for Mother Tongue-based Multilingual Education (MTME) from the USA, living in Phnom Penh
- Fr. Mario Ghezzi, Catholic Priest living in Phnom Penh
- Mrs. Dr. Esther Leemann, Social Anthropologist, living in Switzerland
- Mrs. Anne-Laure Porée, Journalist from France, living in Phnom Penh
- Mrs. Dr. Catherine Scheer, Social Anthropologist living in Luxemburg
- Mrs. Monika Leemann, Social Worker, living in Switzerland