

Victim Participation Information Sheet

VICTIM PARTICIPATION

By filling out the Victim Participation form, survivors of the Democratic Kampuchea regime may request to participate actively in ECCC proceedings in three ways: by volunteering to be **witnesses**, by filing **complaints**, and by applying to be joined as “victims” in a **civil party action**.

You should be aware that most survivors will not be picked to be witnesses. Moreover, most complaints and civil party applications are likely to be rejected. This does not mean that the information you provide or the harm you suffered is not important. It also does not mean that the Court does not believe or value your story. It only means that, due to the Court’s limited resources, time frame, and focus on senior Khmer Rouge leaders and those most responsible for crimes from 1975-1979, the person who committed the crime against you may not be charged by the Court and your specific harm may not be discussed by the Court.

Nevertheless, your request to participate will become part of the historical record and contribute to our understanding of what happened in Cambodia during this time. Also, you can further contribute to reconciliation by voicing your views about what type of collective or symbolic reparation you would like the Court to provide to victims at the end of the process.

CONTACTING THE VICTIMS UNIT

The ECCC Victims Unit is the sole contact for victims filing to participate in proceedings. The Victim’s Unit may be contacted at:

ECCC Victims Unit
National Road 4
Chaom Chau, Dangkao, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Email: victimsunit@eccc.gov.kh

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DC-Cam can assist survivors in learning about their about their participation rights and helping them to register with the ECCC Victims Unit. **DC-Cam will not provide legal representation or ongoing assistance throughout the proceedings.**

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