Mr. Daro is a former KAPE scholarship student and is currently working as the Manager at Hanchey Bamboo Resort in Kampong Cham.

Beside full time job, he has volunteered for Kampuchean Young Leaders’ Action in KAPE organization. He was selected and served as chairman of the youth group. He reviewed and updated the project’s policies and activities.

In addition, he shared leadership knowledge to members. He really enjoys volunteering as part of helping students become active and courageous young people to speak or advocate for social development. “No need to be perfect just become a better person” he said.

Beneficiaries

- 9 Alumni leaders/secretariat facilitate their attendance of periodic meetings, building capacity and occasional field visits during scheduled programming.
- TVET, NEA, and D/POE attend the reflection meeting.
- More than 6,000 people, reached the KYLA Facebook page.
- Around 2,500 youth attend career counseling training.
- 7 high schools in Kampong Cham and Tbaung Khmum benefit from the project.

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Cambodia has one of the largest youth populations in Southeast Asia with 59% to 65% of its population below 30 years of age, depending on the source of the estimate. Against this backdrop, one sees inadequate investment in the youth population even though it forms to the largest segment of the population. Only about a third of the youth population ever enrolls in secondary education and only a small fraction of this number enroll in tertiary institutions.

Kampuchea Young Leaders’ Action (KYLA) project will be implemented in the third year of 2021, funded by the Oaktree Foundation and is implemented by the KAPE organization based in Kampong Cham city. The long-term goal is to increase opportunities for young people to realize their potential by empowering youth leaders to share knowledge and advocate and benefit young people at all levels of society, including educational institutions, local governments and within Society in general.

KYLA hopes to become a registered organization, there is a need to strengthen internal processes for greater KYLA autonomy from KAPE.

### Key achievements

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- Participatory Research Unit (PRU)

### Structure of Kampuchean Young Leaders’ Action (KYLA)

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- **Advisors:** Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Battambang
- **Visiting Advisors:** Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Battambang
- **Executive Director:** Ms. Sopheap
- **Deputy Executive Director:** Mr. Alex
- **Program Officer:** Ms. Channy
- **Finance and Admin:** Ms. My
- **Program Officer:** Mr. Tith
- **Communications:** Mr. Chhay
- **Program Officer:** Mr. Hor
- **Program Officer:** Mr. Vith
- **Program Officer:** Ms. Yi
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