

- *media programs*. CIHR runs a number of TV and radio programs on human rights and democracy (eg, a daily radio quiz show, and a human rights game show aimed at soldiers and police);

- *publications*. CIHR has a particularly large program of publishing and distribution of materials (over 600,000 materials distributed by 1996).

The Centre for Social Development (CSD), headed by Pok Than, with a staff of 15, was founded in 1995 to promote good governance and transparency. It is active in Phnom Penh and 2 provinces. In addition to its election-related project, CSD's areas of activity include: the Cambodian public accountability and transparency project, under which conferences have focussed on corruption (including one that resulted in a draft bill on corruption for presentation to the government), and public opinion research on corruption has been carried out; a technical assistance project, to improve the management of public affairs by training ngos and ministries; and a monthly research bulletin.

Human Rights Vigilance of Cambodia (VIGILANCE), headed by Phoung Sith, was founded in 1992. Present in 11 provinces, in addition to its election-related activity, VIGILANCE monitors human rights cases (in 1995-96, it handled 161 cases, including torture, rape, and land disputes), has organized a team to carry out investigations on human trafficking, and has organized training sessions for police (155 sessions for 4667 participants in 4 day-long programs).

The human rights ngos meet to coordinate their activities in the **Cambodian Human Rights Coordination Committee**.

### c) Multilateral Bodies

UNCHR's existence was implied in the Paris Accords which spoke of establishing a "special rapporteur" once UNTAC left the scene. The creation of the office was pressed for by both (then Prince, now King) Sihanouk and ASEAN. Originally a creature of the General Assembly, it became an office of the Human Rights Commission. Of 10 such centres worldwide, the Cambodian, Rwandan and Burundian are the only sizeable ones. The Cambodian office is not permanent, but designed for the period of Cambodia's "transition"; however, it seems likely that it will remain for a year or so after the next elections. UNCHR has a Phnom Penh headquarters and six provincial offices, employing about 50, of whom 20 are international staff. Its \$1.2 - 1.5 mn budget is from the regular budget of the UN Secretariat, but it also receives funding for its education and training programs through the UN Trust Fund for Human Rights Education in Cambodia (which receives \$1 - 1.5mn in bilateral contributions).

The Centre reports to the SRSR (HR), who is Geneva-based but pays 4 visits a year to Cambodia (the last in January, 1998 with Human Rights Commission head Mary Robinson). The officer-in-charge is David Hawk.