

being suppressed and support NGOs who are trying to broaden the discourse.

**Partnerships** Canada should promote civil society partnerships such as those of the Canadian Bar Association. The partnership of the University of Victoria Institute for Dispute Resolution and the Cambodian Dispute Resolution Institute is strong. They are looking at election abuses, training election commissioners and have strong links to the Buddhist community. Strong partnerships between Canadian and Cambodian NGOs, similar to the CIDA funded Indonesia-Canada Forum model, should be supported by Canada.

**Media** Canada should support the development of a freer and better trained media after the election. More specifically, Canada should define how it can work with a state broadcaster to improve radio and TV Cambodia in the long-term. It should look for individuals and work with them to increase the variation of views while being careful not to strengthen a propaganda vehicle. Information and broadcast technology needs to reach a greater number of Cambodians. The technology needs to be improved to bring in news from more regional and international sources and ultimately Canada should work towards the creation of a School of Journalism in Cambodia.

### 3.2e Education and Training

**Formal education** Concentration should be on the younger generation as it is the key to transforming the society.

**Institution-building** Canada should assist building schools and putting teachers back to work. The administration staff and management at the district level need training. Cambodia's long-term solutions lie in education.

**Rural society development** Rural based, gradual education of the next generation is crucial to Cambodia. Resources for education provided by the international community are often concentrated in Phnom Penh. A greater proportion of these funds need to be designated to the rural areas where most of the population resides.

**Leadership training** The isolation of the Cambodian leadership needs to be broken down by exposing them to experiences and other examples of how things can be done elsewhere. A low-key study tour for political leaders to meet counter-parts in their operations was suggested (although similar efforts by the United States have not been highly effective). It was emphasized that training should be at the government management level, not just strengthening of NGOs.