



## EDUCATION IN PRISON PROGRAM



Since 1982

Sipar's mission in prisons began in 2012 under the name "Prison Library Program". In partnership with the Directorate General of Prisons of the Ministry of Interior, the project contributed to the education and rehabilitation of detainees across 28 prisons in Cambodia until 2022. Now with a fresh start, the "Education in Prison" program continues to sustain its impacts through strengthening library services, new literacy class curriculums and digital offline resources.



### Library Services

With libraries in prisons, detainees can access books and have the opportunity to learn, to raise tension and better prepare their reintegration. The prison officers, guards and prisoner librarian assistants are trained in prison library management by computers, and receive around 9,000 readers per month.



### Literacy Classes

Around 40% of detainees in Cambodia lack basic literacy and numeracy skills. In partnership with the Provincial Offices of Education, literacy classes are organized to help detainees acquire reading, writing and calculation skills and helping them to increase their capacities.



### Offline Digital Education in Prison Libraries

To strengthen detainees' learning and support their reintegration, offline digital resources, which are provided by NGO Passerelles numériques, are being included into the prison libraries following the national policy on lifelong learning of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

28   
libraries  
for 38 000  
detainees

9 000  
readers  
per month

400  
participants  
in literacy  
classes 