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## **USAID Announces Project to Promote Healing and Reconciliation for Victims of Torture of the Khmer Rouge**

The U.S. government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), announced a new award to Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Cambodia (TPO) to provide innovative mental health therapies and healing methods for individuals and communities in 15 provinces who continue to face trauma from their experiences during the Khmer Rouge regime. The work will be carried out in collaboration with the Kdei Karuna Organization.

This new project underscores the U.S. Government’s ongoing commitment to support transitional justice and peace and reconciliation in Cambodia. “The effects of the Khmer Rouge regime still linger for many Cambodians who lived through that terrible period,” said U.S. Ambassador William Heidt. “This project will help thousands of Cambodians who continue to suffer from the memory of that era to have access to essential mental health services that will help them to live happier and more productive lives.”

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### **About the U.S. Agency for International Development**

USAID was founded in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy and serves as the lead agency of the U.S. Government for foreign assistance. Since 1992, USAID has invested approximately \$1 billion towards Cambodia’s development.