Sexual harassment is one of the most common forms of abuse experienced by women in Cambodia. CARE’s research revealed that, until men understand the impact that sexual harassment has on women, their behaviour won’t change. In 2016, CARE Cambodia’s #WhyStop Short Film Competition asked young men to talk with their female friends and family about sexual harassment, then make a short film to explain to their peers why it must stop.

Sixteen of these films now sit at the heart of the ‘#WhyStop in Schools’ sexual harassment prevention package — a pilot package developed in collaboration with Cambodia’s Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, with funding from Australian Aid.

What is the ‘#WhyStop in Schools’ prevention package?

A 4-part multi-media classroom kit for mixed groups of Grade 9-12 students. It includes:

- A teacher’s manual containing 4 lesson plans with activities and student discussion guides
- A flash drive and DVD containing 16 #WhyStop short films, featuring discussions with the filmmakers, played at key points in the lesson plans
- Classroom resources to support activities and discussions throughout the lesson plans, which feature scenes and characters from the films.

#How will ‘#WhyStop in Schools’ be implemented?

CARE Cambodia proposes a phased implementation program that includes:

- A short pilot program across 12 high schools in metro, regional and provincial areas, where all materials will be tested and refined.
- A rollout program to 50 secondary schools across Year 1 targeted provinces, including 13 lower and upper secondary schools in Ratanakiri.
- An induction workshop with the 6 regional teacher training centres.
- A short evaluation exercise before funding is sought for Year 2.
Content Outline of the ‘#WhyStop in Schools’ prevention package

Lesson One — What is sexual harassment?
Learning outcomes:
⇒ Introduce students to the concept of sexual harassment
⇒ Identify behaviours that constitute sexual harassment
Discussion: The definition of sexual harassment and example behaviours
Films: CARE’s ‘What is sexual harassment?’ video
Activity: ‘What do we know?’ - exploring a new understanding

Lesson Two — How does sexual harassment feel?
Learning outcomes:
⇒ To help students understand that sexual harassment must be taken seriously – it’s not a joke
⇒ To help students understand cause and effect of their actions, and how it can make others feel
Discussion: Potential impacts of sexual harassment on the recipient
Films: Four #WhyStop short films
Roundtable discussion with #WhyStop filmmakers
Activity: ‘How did you feel?’ - stepping into a character’s shoes

Lesson Three — Why must we stop sexual harassment?
Learning outcomes:
⇒ To help students understand that sexual harassment behaviours can affect how they are seen by others
⇒ To help students understand how to have fun, healthy friendships with each other
Films: Four #WhyStop short films
Roundtable discussion with #WhyStop filmmakers
Discussion: What’s flirting and what’s sexual harassment?
Building respectful relationships

Lesson Four — How can you help stop sexual harassment?
Learning outcomes:
⇒ To give students tactics for responding to sexual harassment
⇒ To clarify the school’s policy and suggest who students can talk to if they need help.
Films: Four #WhyStop short films
Roundtable discussion with #WhyStop filmmakers
Discussion: What to do if we see sexual harassment happening
What to do and where to go if it happens to you
Activity: ‘What side are you on?’ - a group game to test learnings