Sex workers are often left for more than 12 hours. The police authority do not offer food. Arrested sex workers are often held for more than 4 hours, 127 were never offered anything to eat.

Marital status
- Single- 21%
- Widow- 22%
- Married- 57%

Income
- Food
  - Need 245$  
  - Income 1505$  
  - Debt 95$  

Clothing
A sex worker makes roughly US$150 a month. Her professional expenditure on clothes is about US$25

Accessories
A sex worker spends US$5 a month on jewelry, accessories and make-up

Debt Repayment
A sex worker makes approximately US$150 a month and her monthly expenditure comes to US$245. So, sex workers borrow money to stay afloat, often at very high rates of interest. Every time a sex worker is arrested, she loses a day’s earnings and has to pay to be released.

Violated
HIV is a constant risk in their line of work. Regular tests and health checks are essential. HOW MUCH IS ONE HEALTH? TESTING SERVICES?

Medication
Sex workers arrested by the police during arrest and detention often are gangraped by the police. They even cut their hair, chain their legs and are forced into unwanted sex. About 31% of them are also forced to give their thumb prints.

Raped
At times, during the detention period a sex worker gets raped on an average of 3 times. They are gang raped by the police. They even cut their hair, chain their legs and are forced into unwanted sex. About 31% of them are also forced to give their thumb prints.

Arrest
Sex workers arrested by the police report that during arrest and detention their money and mobile phones are forcibly taken from them. Police also extort money in exchange for being released from arrest.

Detained
Arrested sex workers are often held for more than 12 hours without any food, water or contact with a lawyer, NGO or anyone else who can help. Among 143 sex workers interviewed by WNU and who were arrested and held for more than 4 hours, 127 were never offered anything to eat.

Extortion
Sex workers arrested by the police have experienced being beaten and insulted by the police. Once they cut my hair and chained my legs and forced me into having sex. Sometimes I would try filing complaints on being discriminated or for violence during work, but would be ignored and dismissed by the police on the grounds of being a sex worker.

Violated
88% are poor
89% are in debt
87% are supportless

Shelter
About 89% of them live on rent and can’t afford their own property. Some may live on the charity of others or in public spaces.

Stay with other-
- 3%
- Public Space- 2%
- Home- 6%
- Rental- 89%

Meditated
Sex workers in Cambodia have lived in fear of arrest under the Anti Trafficking Law since it came into force in 2008. According to the law, they are charged under the offense of human trafficking even though most people arrested under the law are usually just trying to earn a living doing sex work, not trafficking. When a sex worker is arrested, it is up to those who managed to escape arrest to find a lawyer, NGO or someone else who can help her get out of police custody.

The Women's Network For Unity is a grassroot representative collective of Phnom Penh based Sex Workers

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