

Story Card CAMB 013

Story title	A woman just giving a birth				
Story-teller	Khoeuk Keosineam	Sex	F	Age	27
Recording time/date	20 October 2014				
Recording place	At her house in Pocha Village, Bousra, Pichreada, Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia				
Length	About 2:00 minutes				
Language(s) used	Bunong, Khmer				
Data available	<input type="checkbox"/> video	audio	<input type="checkbox"/> picture	<input type="checkbox"/> notes	other ()
Topic/key words	Delivery, woman				
Category	Taboo				
<p>Summary</p> <p>A woman who has just delivered a baby is not allowed to go outside home for a month. During this time, she is not allowed to walk near a well, a pond, and a rice field. If she breaks any of these rules, she must gratify (<i>leas leang</i>) spirits by offering them a dog, a duck, and a pig. She must also cut a branch from a <i>rongeng</i> tree and make it into the shape of the number 4, paint it with the blood of the sacrificed animals, and place it where she has broken a rule, for example at a well.</p> <p>If a bad incident happens to her relatives, she must <i>leas leang</i>, too. She invites villagers to join a <i>leas leang</i> ceremony.</p>					