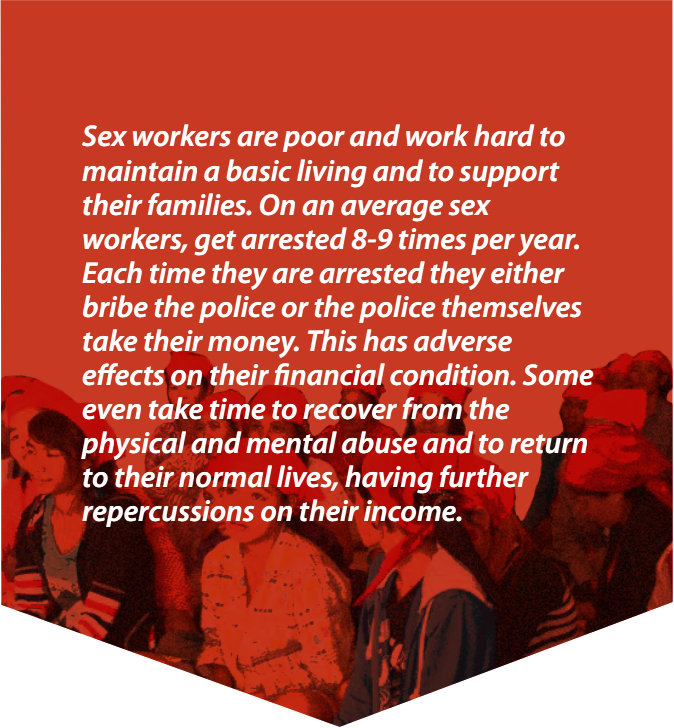


# They sink further into poverty everyday



Sex workers are poor and work hard to maintain a basic living and to support their families. On an average sex workers, get arrested 8-9 times per year. Each time they are arrested they either bribe the police or the police themselves take their money. This has adverse effects on their financial condition. Some even take time to recover from the physical and mental abuse and to return to their normal lives, having further repercussions on their income.



Everyday the difference in her income and needs sinks her further into the darkness of poverty and debt.

## Expenditure when under detention

Cost of release- 2.5\$- 30\$

Loss for not working for 3 days- 15\$

Cost for entertainment /karaoke workers- 30\$- 300\$ (this is a bribe paid by owner of the bar to release the woman)



The Womens Network For Unity is grassroots representative collective of Phnom Penh based Sex Workers.

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