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New DAC Partnership and Communication Team

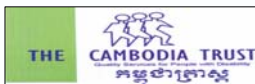
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Welcome to issue 2 of DAC's new Newsletter. The period covered by this newsletter has been a particularly busy one for DAC.

It has resulted in:

A review of the organization's strategy being undertaken and subsequently the development of the Service Action Plans-Full information on this will available at the next members Information Day (programmed for January 2007).

A new division of Partnership and Communication being set up, the primary focus of which is to provide a coordinated approach to DAC's communication and to generate effective partnerships with both the private and public sectors.

Attendance at a number of national and international conferences/training courses at such diverse locations as Korea, Singapore and Geneva.

From which feedback will be available in the next edition and more..... (see inside)

Evaluation of the Physical Rehabilitation Sector in Cambodia Report

The report (Evaluation of the Physical Rehabilitation Sector) (PRS) recently completed by a team of consultants was commissioned by a steering group that comprised Cambodia Trust, Handicap International (Belgian French Sectors) The International Committee of the Red Cross, Veteran International, Cambodian Government- Ministry of Social Affairs, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation and funded jointly by Ausaid and Unicef. The report aims to:

- ❖ Deliver a realistic picture of the physical rehab sector in Cambodia.
- ❖ Identify approaches to the current institution at management structures in the Sector; and
- ❖ Estimate the financial requirement of the sector and prepare sustainable financing options.

Some of the Key issues that the report highlights are:

The need for an effective and coordinated data collecting system across the sector.

The majority of the clients accessing PRCs (Physical Rehabilitation Centers) are aged 18 years or less, with road accidents and disease and illness being of increase significance.

The lack effective quality control through-out the PRCs affects the quality of services provided. (INGOs are the principle service provider although there are some government

and private service providers).

The report explores alternative options for delivering physical rehabilitation services and debates the relative merits and difficulties associated with each. Assessment of these options is considered particularly important given the recent evidence of decrease in donor funding.

The options explored include retaining the status quo, amalgamated management, government provision, contracting out and private sector led.

Based on the evidence, the report recommends that contracting out of services and/or aspect of services-be explored as a medium/long term option for the sector. In addition, in consideration of finance the report recommends the gradual introduction of a standard co-payment system with exemptions granted to clearly defined group of clients: to children, first time clients and to those accessing outreach services:

It was considered that a payment-system would not only aid financial sustainability, but would also provide clients with a louder voice to demand services that met with their requirement.

NOTE: At the time of going to press the steering committee has commissioned an extension to the report, details of which are not available.

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Physical Rehabilitation Committee Update

- ❖ Following a review of staffing structures at rehab centers-structures have moved significantly toward standardization.
- ❖ The HIB Siem Reap Physical Rehab Center has been recognized by MoSVY as a regional center.
- ❖ A volunteer is required to chair the PRC, in the interim Mary Scott from CT will act.

P.O Subcommittee, CSPO & KHAPO:

- ❖ MoSVY will work with CSPO on training of staff. The requirement for entry is age 18-25 years holding a Bachelor Degree.
- ❖ Upgrade training from Cat II to Cat I-P.O is in process.

PT Subcommittee, TSMC & CPA

- ❖ Revision of ToR for the subcommittee is completed.
- ❖ Action Plan (06-07) development is underway.
- ❖ MoH plans to recruit 40 students for PT training in the new school year. 15 scholarships are available.
- ❖ This year 18 students completed the training successfully.

Physiotherapy Congress- Singapore 16-20 August 2006

Cambodia was represented by PTs from various agencies-they included HIB-CIOMAL-CT and VI.

The visit covered three events a pre-congress workshop followed by a services of platform presentations and visits to three hospital clinics. The congress was attended by physiotherapists from many countries in the Asia Pacific Region and provided significant capacity building activity.

Vocational Training for People with Disability

The Vocational Training, Income Generation and Job Placement Committee was formed to coordinate, support and improve the income generation of people with disability and their families. To lead to more productive lives through training, skills development and job access.

The committee meet regularly and have developed Quality Standards for Vocational Training Centres; identified priority courses and prepared the training curriculum. All these outputs will be discussed to

get acceptance from the members in the workshop which will be conducted on December 20-21, 2006. The next monthly meeting of VTC committee which will be held on November 17, 2006, will discuss how to operate the workshop. This workshop will include the roles and responsibilities of all members in each organization.

The workshop has attracted the attention of a number of organizations-not currently members of DAC, who wish to be involved.

Education Hotline

Global Campaign for Education

DAC education staff Mr Vorn Samphors has been elected as a GCE Leading Committee Member for 2007. The Global Campaign for Education (GCE) is a coalition of development Organizations, civil society networks and teachers' unions active in the promotion of EFA goals. For GCE 2007, an initiative for a national awareness campaign involving NGO in education was held in 23rd - 29th April 2007.

The Global Campaign for Education promotes education as a basic human right, and mobilizes public pressure on governments and the international community to fulfill their promises to provide free, compulsory public basic education for all people; in particular for children, women and all disadvantaged, deprived sections of society. The theme for the 2007 campaign is:

Education as Human Rights

A basic education is a right inherent to being human, each child's birthright and thus constitutes an end in itself. ...all children, young people and adults have the human right to benefit from an education that will meet their basic learning needs...Ensuring that by 2015 all children...have access to and complete free and compulsory primary education of good quality'.

Educational Policy for People with Disability

The workshop for preparing the draft of educational policy for children with disability was conducted from 17- 19 July 2006 at Sihanoukville. The event was organized by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport in collaboration with DAC and Related NGOs with Sponsorship from UNICEF.

In-Service Training Course on "Children with Special Needs in the Normal Classroom" in Kampot Province

In-Service Training Course on "Children with Special Needs in the Normal Classroom" was conducted at Provincial Pedagogy School in Kampot Province. There were 48 trainees from 8 districts of Kampot province. This event was organized by VSO in collaboration with SEO and DAC.

The Parent Association of Children with Cerebral Palsy

Under the initiative from Cambodia Trust, the Parent Association of children with CP was established and conducted its regular meeting in CT office.

The Purpose of establishing a CP Association- a parent group the objectives are:

- 1- To assist parents who have children with cerebral palsy to understand their rights: the rights of their children to attend school, to access health care, to access built environments, and the right to assistive aids
- 2- To ensure parents have access to expert rehabilitation and medical advice, information and research
- 3- To promote within the group confidence to lobby, to network and to campaign for their rights
- 4- To encourage parents to come together to support one and other and to learn from each other.

Inclusive Development: Tools for Operationalization East Asia

On 12 July 2006, World Bank had conducted the Regional Video Training Conference on Inclusive Education Development Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Philippines Thailand and Vietnam. In Phnom Penh We have the representative from World Bank Cambodia office, DAC and VSO

This workshop is intended to:

- ✦ Provide an overview of inclusive development ("Why" and "How" including disability in the development agenda)
- ✦ Provide an overview of Disability and development work in the East Asia and Pacific region
- ✦ Provide an overview of the New Disability and development Knowledge kit
- ✦ Provide participants with hands-on application of the knowledge kit.

In-Service Training Course on "Children with Special Needs in the Normal Classroom" in Battambang Province

In-Service Training Course on "Children with Special Needs in the Normal Classroom" was conducted at Chrey Cluster School of Battambang Province, There were 120 trainees from all school in Chrey Cluster School, Thmar Koal District, Battambang Province. The events was organized by Hi-F in cooperate with SEO and DAC.

Education Congress

On 24-26 October 2006, The Ministry of Education Youth and Sport has conducted the Annual Congress 2005-2006 and Set Objective for 2006-2007

The event was held at the Institute of Technology of Cambodia with 700 participations.

The main objective was to present: 1-Summary Report for Academic Year 2005-2006. 2- Set objective for Academic Year 2006-2007 3-Solving key issues to achieve the objective for 2006-2007.

Would you have any information to share???

Contact DAC-We will include it in the next issue



Disability Sector News

Up Coming Events

New Chairman of PT Subcommittee

New chairman and co-chair person of the subcommittee has been selected. They are Mr. Chap Sarun chair from VI-KK and Mr. Suy Sarith who is a co-chairperson from ICRC Kampong Spue.

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DAC New Staff

Mr. Sopheak joined the secretariat from USG where he was Assistant Project Manager. Mrs. Oun Sotin volunteer program office, she joined DAC from ILO where she was a Garment Sector Monitor and Mr. Ham Hak Partnership and Communication Manager, who joined DAC from his post as Information and Documentation Program Coordinator and Mr. James Clarke, VSO volunteer from the UK, who has joined the DAC to work on Inclusive Education.

Sinead and Chetra leave

Two highly regarded DAC Secretariat colleagues have come to the end of their time at the secretariat in recent months. Ms. Sinead Quinn, Special Needs Advisor and Mr. Kong Vichetra Program Officer, have both left a significant legacy. Both Sinead and Chetra have been very much valued colleagues at the DAC secretariat. We continue to wish them both every success and happiness in their next posts.

Edith, Jan & Virginia Leave

HI(B) has recently announced that three valued members of staff are leaving. Edith Van Wijngarden-Rehab Department Coordinator is to take up the post of Country Director-HI-F (Madagascar), Jean Van Weyerer Coordinator of Operations will become Country Director for HI(B) China and his wife Virginea Finance Coordinator will accompany him and work for the European Union.

International Human Rights Days

✦DAC attended the NGOs Forum monthly meeting and also a International Human Rights Day Dec. 10, 2006 Secretariat. The IHRD organizing committee is a group of representatives from civil society including NGOs, Union Federations and Rural Communities who are working together to organize the IHRD campaign and event which will be conducted from Dec. 01 to Dec. 10, 2006. As in the plan this event also includes "Blue Kramar campaign" it is expected that at around 10,000 people attended.

Joint Training Between PT and P&O

It will be conducted by ICRC rehabilitation center at Kampong Spue on 22-24 November 2006 about CP Orthopedic management. There will be at least one PT and P&O from each rehab center attending.

P&O National Congress

The congress will be conducted at Sihanook Ville on 22-23 December 2006.

PT National Congress

PT is going to hold it National Congress at Technical School for Medical Care on 8-9 December 2006.

DAG Action Plan Development Workshop

Disability Awareness Working Group is going to conduct a workshop to develop its Action Plan for the year 2007- 2008. The event will be conducted at Villa Miria Yodfee in Takmoa district, Kandal Province. The main objectives of the event are:

1. To review the Existing Strategic Planning of DAG
2. Based on DAG Strategic Planning, to develop a further one-Year Plan of Action for DAG
3. To determine possible inputs/resources available for carrying out the DAG activities planned.

BAC Show Case 2006

The Business Advisory Group (BAC) is a voluntary group of representatives from business, industry, and labor that has a primary purpose of facilitating training and job placement of people with disabilities in Cambodia. The BAC also promotes increased awareness amongst the business community of the value of employing disabled people in their workplaces. Its activities are supported by The World Rehabilitation Fund (WRF).

The BAC also has members from non-government organizations (NGOs) who provide support to its activities. Specifically, the BAC works through the National Council of Disabled Persons (NCDP) to assist with the integration of people with disabilities into the workplace, and with governmental, non-government, educational, and private voluntary organizations engaged in the training and employment of people with disabilities to act as a link between those agencies and organizations and the business community. Since then it has been successful in obtaining employment and training opportunities as well as providing business support for people with disabilities. They are continuing to seek out more employment, training and business opportunity for the disabled people.

Thus the concept of The BAC Showcase was mooted to achieve the following objectives:

- ✦ To show all BAC activities and promote public awareness of the role and responsibility of BAC for the people with disability.
- ✦ To raise public awareness of the rights and abilities of disabled people for equal employment and business opportunities.
- ✦ To promote participative role of all BAC members for the project.

The BAC Showcase promises a stimulating program activities that will be organized includes; Employer Recognition Award, Job Fair, Display of Products and Performance Arts.

Awareness Raising Hotline

International Deaf Day

International Deaf Day for 2006 has been conducted on September 20, 2006 by Deaf Development Program (DDP) in Collaboration with Landmine Disability Support (LMDS) Kampong Chhnang.

The event was celebrating in three locations:

Kampong Chhnang Province: Conducted at National Level with participation from the leadership of the Local Authority, representatives from NGOs and many disabled people.

In Phnom Penh, DDP invited the individuals to have lunch and play games together at DDP office.

In Kampot Province, DDP in collaboration with Epicarts conducted the event.

World Sight Day

Helen Keller International will conduct the World Sight Day on 12 November 2006. Banners will be hung and posters sited throughout the city. The eye care buildings and will conduct eye test for the public and students free of charge.

Disability Awareness Raising Workshop by Veterans

International

VI had conducted two awareness raising workshop in Khsach Kandal district and Saang District, Kandal Province.

In Saang district, the event was conduct on July 07 2006 with over 100 participants.

And in Khsach Kandal district, the event was conducted on 20 October 2006 with 200 participations.

Inclusion of People with Disability Development Program Workshop

On September 28, 2006, CDPO conducted a joint workshop with Ministry of Rural Development, the Purpose of this event was to:

Raise awareness in the Ministry of Rural Development, of the problems of people with disabilities and to progress the inclusive of disabled people into development programs. All NGOs, companies and stakeholder should provide opportunities to people with disabilities for participation in development program.

Send joint statement to Ministry of Rural development.

Promote the rights of disabled people and give them the opportunity for participation in social development activity.

Special Olympics Cambodia

Special Olympics Cambodia is organizing its 2006 Special Olympics National Games from the 20th to 21st December, 2006 in the National Stadium Phnom Penh, Cambodia. In addition to offering special athletes the opportunity to compete at the national level, the Games will also be Cambodia's Selection Trial for the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, CHINA. There will be competitions in 2 sport disciplines: Athletics and Bocce. Rules and Regulations of each sport competition follows Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules.

That the mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympics-type sport for children and adults with intellectual disability. This giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

International Day of Disabled Persons 2006

Promoting and Protecting the Rights of People With Disabilities

The IDDP event is to celebrated throughout the world. This is the 8th year that Cambodia has taken part. The theme for this year event is "Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Disabled".

The event which organized by MoSVY, CDPO, DAC and local and International NGOs is to take place on December 03, 2006 at Hun Sen Park.

The principle objectives of the event are:

- ✦ Promote the adoption and implementation of legislation on the rights of people with disabilities.
- ✦ Promote Awareness Raising.
- ✦ Promote the dignity and rights of disabled people.
- ✦ Promote the integration of disabled people into social, cultural, political and economic activities.

This event will start at 7 am and finish at 9 pm. Highlights of the program includes:

- ✦ Message from the King of Kingdom of Cambodia.
- ✦ Statement of Samdech Hum Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia.
- ✦ Exhibitions, performances art, handi-sport and music.

Children with Disability Committee Members

#	Organization	Representatives	#	Organization	Representative	Other
1	ADD	Mr. Uk Phaikdey	17	LAVALLASCHOOL	Mr. Chhom Sopagna	
2	CAMBOKIDS	Mr. Mao Sokhim	18	MOEYS	Mr. Nhean Saroeun	
3	CARITAS	Mr. Nhip Thy	19	MOH	Ms. Pok ChanSorphea	
4	CCMH	Ms. Vong Channa	20	MOSVY	Mr. Keo Kim Thon	
5	CT/PP	Ms. Choy Sokhorn	21	MITH SAMLANH	Mr. Sann Oudam	
6	WV-C	Mr. Meas Sopagna	22	NCDP	Mr. Ouch Vantha	
7	TOWSON UNIVERSITY	Dr. Maya Kalyanpur	23	NEW HUMANITY	Ms. Em Wanroth	
8	CILC	Mr. Khlang Pichet	24	NC	Mr. Em Chantha	
9	DDP	Mr. Deth Bunthok	25	CDPO	Ms. Heng Chantey	
10	DDSP	Mr. Pheng Samnang	26	OEB	Ms. Tith Davy	
11	HAGAR	Mr. Chan Sarin	27	P A	Ms. Svay Simorn	
12	CABDICO	Mr. Yeang Bun Eang	28	RABBIT SCHOOL	Mr. Hun Touch	
13	HI-F	Ms. Clair Penin	29	TASK/SERVANTS	Ms. Net Chenda	
14	JS-C	Ms. Kim Phalla	30	UNESCO	Mr. Kim Sovannara	
15	ICC	Mr. Yim Dara	31	UNICEF	Mr. Plong Chhaya	
16	KT	Ms. Neang Phalla	32	VI	Ms. Sin Sokunthy	



From left to right: Deth Bunthok-DDP, Sann Oudam-Mith Samlanh, Yim Dara-ICC, Meas Sopagna-WVC, In Titya-OEB, Keo Kimthon-MOSVY, Oun Sotin-DAC, Mrs. Svay Simorn-PA/CCMH, Yin Yi-BHP/WVI, Neang Phalla-KT, Net Chenda-Task, Vong Channa-CCAMH, Choy Sokhorn-CT, Mrs. Em Wanroth-New Humanity, Sin Sokunthy-VI-KK, Kim Phalla-J.S, Vorn Samphors-DAC, Maya Kallyanpuv-Unicef, Hun Touch-RS, Uk Phaikdey-ADD, Ngin Visal-M.M.A

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