



Community-Based Rehabilitation: Cambodia's experience

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Overview

- In Cambodia, most of persons with disabilities and landmine survivors live in rural communities ; therefore, access to services related to physical, psychological, social and economic well-being is often difficult.
- The Royal Government of Cambodia recognizes CBR as an effective strategy to reduce the barriers of persons with disabilities
- CBR plays important roles:
 - Improve the access to services and the enjoyment of the rights of persons with disabilities.
 - Improve the quality of life of victims survivors and other persons with disabilities
 - Change people's behaviour, attitude and views on disability.

Overview (Cont)

- Since 1992, the CBR Programs have been implemented in Cambodia by initiative of non-governmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations with the support and encouragement of the government.
- CBR activities are being implemented in 21 of Cambodia's 24 provinces which are covered approximately 77 of 193 districts.
- Currently, 40 organisations are providing community based rehabilitation services.

MoSVY-National Coordination on CBR

- MoSVY established the national coordination on CBR in 2006 (under technical and financial support of UNICEF)
- Role of CBR National Coordination
 - Coordinate and facilitate with relevant operators
 - Conduct regular field monitoring and evaluation
 - Conduct joint field exchange and study visit
 - Build capacity of MoSVY staff and operators
 - Promote disability awareness raising
 - Develop National CBR Guideline for Cambodia
 - Provide consultation on CBR and other related

The involvement of DAC on CBR

- Disability Action Council also plays the important roles on CBR through its committee, sub-committees and working groups in responsible to work closely with MoSVY in providing:
 - Coordination to the relevant operators
 - Sharing experiences, good practices and information, and
 - Developing other guideline
 - Policy relating to CBR in Cambodia
 - Supporting to relevant operators in development of their plan of action
- As focal point for International CBR network



The Achievement on CBR

- The establishment of National Coordination Working Group on CBR.
- The development of National CBR Guideline for Cambodia (2009)
- Approximately 1900 SHGs have been formed.



The Achievement on CBR (Cont)

- Since 2006, 4 CBR trainings have been conducted for 186 MoSVY staff at provincial and district level.
- Since 2007, 4 exchange visits and one study visit have been conducted with the participation from MoSVY, PoSVY, CBR operators and development partners
- CBR services provision have been improved. More PWDs received quality



The Achievement on CBR (Cont)

- Disability awareness is increased.
- The collaboration between MoSVY, PoSVY and relevant operators on CBR project is strengthened and increased with mutual understanding.
- CBR project has been extended from 19 provinces in 2010 to 21 provinces in October 2011.



Areas for Improvement

- Legal framework and policies development related to disabilities, CBR in particular
- Participation and resources for effective implementation existing law and policies related to disabilities especially at the community level
- Human resource of MoSVY especially at provincial and district levels
- Disabilities awareness raising and mainstreaming at community level
- Access to services for persons with disabilities especially in the rural and remote areas
- Adequate financial support to sustain the services provision.

Future Plans

- Continue the implementation of the National Coordination Project on CBR (UNICEF support)
- Strengthen capacity of MoSVY staff at all levels on the coordination and collaboration with relevant operators
- Continue the development and enforcement of legal framework and policies related to disabilities including CBR
- Continue to monitor on the implementation of disabilities strategic plan, NPA and CBR projects
- Encourage to establish SHGs, DPOs
- Promote the inclusion of disabilities into development plans

Conclusion

- Thanks our implementing partners and donors especially UNICEF and AusAID.
- The ultimate aim of MoSVY is to own and lead the CBR program in the longer term for sustainability CBR services in order to help address some of the gaps in services provision for persons with disabilities, including Landmine/ ERW survivors.
- Coordination and collaboration between all stakeholders, the provision of quality services, and the continued support of donors will be essential to achieve this aim.

Thank You!

