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Vision: To increase the capacity of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and their families to lead active, fulfilling lives.

Mission: To support PWDs in Cambodia, who are victims of war and among the poorest of the poor and marginalized in society and to empower them to build better lives for themselves and their families through Community Based Rehabilitation.

Goal: Persons with Disabilities and their families can lead a quality of life and are equal member of the community with equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities.

Project Purpose: The target group utilizes offered services and then uses, adapts and applies products and services to enhance their lives.

VIC Core Values: Integrity, Humanity, Quality, Equity, Independence, Partnership

• **CENTER STATISTICS:**

Devices/Services description	Total numbers/sessions		
	KK	PV	KT
Patients screened	275	94	62
Prostheses produced and delivered	14	10	10
Prostheses repaired	16	18	9
Orthotic braces produced and delivered	43	13	11
Orthotic braces repaired	17	14	4
Plaster applications produced	31	14	1
Ponseti braces produced (in pair)	4	0	2
Cosmetic Hands produced	12	0	0
Shoes for leprosy patients	11	0	0
Feet produced	168	0	0
Wheelchairs/walkers delivered	25	17	3
Wheelchairs/walkers repaired	7	4	3
Patient treatments	378	80	14
Patient assessments	74	22	28
Patient consultations	103	30	17
Patient rounds done	8	6	4
Number of patients referred to hospital for surgery and medication	18	13	0
Site children informal education	23	114	41
	16 sessions)	(26 sessions)	(30sessions)
Recreational and Sport Activities	92	256	147
	(17sessions)	(24sessions)	(36sessions)

- **WHEELCHAIR PRODUCTION:**

- Wheelchairs: 57 wheelchair frames were cut, bent, welded, and painted; 70 wheels were assembled; 110 axles were lathed; 67 pairs of brakes were made; 30 pairs of front wheel supportors were cut, bent, welded, and painted; 70 push-rims were cut, bent, and welded; 29 seats and 15 cushions were sewn; and 28 wheelchairs were assembled.
- Tricycles/special: 13 tricycle frames were cut, bent, welded, and painted; 39 wheels were assembled; 10 axles were lathed; and 5 tricycles were assembled.
- Walkers/standing frames: 11 walker seats were sewn; 4 walker frames were cut and bent; and 6 walkers were assembled.
- Injection: 600 plugs, 100 brake-handles, 90 foot-rests, 340 hubs, and 20 seat-sides were injected.

This month all project centers prescribed 45 wheelchairs to 45 PWDs and repaired 14 wheelchairs for 14 PWDs.

- **CBR ACTIVITIES:**

SHGs

This month VIC monitored and strengthened 18 SHGs out of Kien Khleang, Prey Veng and Kratie Centers (5 out of Kien Khleang, 10 out of Prey Veng, and 3 out of Kratie) and 5 DPOs (3 out of Kien Khleang and 2 out of Prey Veng). The groups received assistance with group meetings, savings, loan, cow bank, pig bank, bookkeeping activities, action plan implementation, and communication with local authorities. Most of the groups were shown to be able to perform these activities and some SHGs need more strengthening from VIC so that the groups can become more self-sufficient. The DPO out of Kien Khleang in SaAng district, Kandal province was assisted in Board reselection and 5 board members were elected, 3 of who were female. The DPO out of Prey Veng in Svay Rieng province was assisted in communication with PoSVY on its action plan for the second semester.

Small Grants

This month, VIC monitored the provision of 12 small grants (4 out of Kien Khleang, 4 out of Prey Veng, and 4 out of Kratie Centers). The small grants involved the provision of 2 sewing machines with tools and materials, 2 fishing boats and nets, 1 air compressor machine, 1 set of tools and materials for motor repair, 1 bicycle with the materials for making cake for selling, 1 cart with sugar cane machine, 1 seed fund to buy and sell used materials, and 3 groceries. All of these grants were shown to be effectively providing income to the PWDs' families on a daily basis and all families were shown to have a better standard of living after the dispersal of the grants. One direct assistance out of Prey Veng Center was also monitored. The direct assistance involved in the provision of house repair and was shown to have effectively provided shelter for the PWD and their children.

VIC, out of Kien Khleang and Prey Veng Centers, provided 3 small grants to 3 PWDs (1 out of Kien Khleang and 2 out of Prey Veng) in the form of a revolving fund for income generating activities, funded by CBM. One of the revolving funds out of Kien Khleang was used in cultivation of corn planting, and 2 others out of Prey Veng were used in the income generating activities of motorbike repair and chickens for raising.

VIC, out of Kien Khleang Center, provided a direct assistance to a Polio PWD in SaAng district, Kandal province. The direct assistance involved the provision of a special toilet to improve the PWD's sanitation and self-care, funded by CBM.

VIC, out of Prey Veng Center, also assessed 16 PWDs for small grant and direct assistance provision. The PWDs were placed on a waiting list for the grant committee selection when funding becomes available.

School Integration and Vocational Trainings

This month VIC, out of Kien Khleang, Prey Veng, and Kratie Centers, monitored 26 ChWDs (13 out of Kien Khleang, 10 out of Prey Veng, and 3 out of Kratie Centers) and the results showed that most of the ChWDs' studying was going well. Among of them 14 ChWDs were good, 8 ChWDs were fair, 2 were marginal, and 2 dropped out.

VIC, out of Kien Khleang Center, provided financial support for extra classes to 13 ChWDs in Kandal province and Phnom Penh city, funded by Liliane Fonds.

VIC, out of Prey Veng Center, assessed 5 ChWDs in PeamChor, PeaReang and PrehaSdach districts, Prey Veng province for school supply provision.

Device and Treatment Plan Follow-Up

This month VIC followed up the application of devices to ensure the proper service provision to 67 PWDs out of the 3 Centers (26 out of Kien Khleang, 35 out of Prey Veng, and 6 out of Kratie) including 24 prosthetics, 20 orthotics, 19 wheelchairs, 2 trolleys, and 2 crutches. Of these 67 devices, 36 devices were shown to be broken and the PWDs with the broken devices were instructed to come to the Centers to renew their devices. The other devices were still properly functioning and continue to be in use.

VIC also monitored and followed up with 18 PWDs on treatment plans (4 out of KienKhleang, 6 out of Prey Veng, and 8 out of Kratie Centers) including 3 CP, 1 dislocated knee joint, 1 osteoarthritis, 5 amputations, 1 polio, 3 muscle dystrophies, 1 clubfoot, 1 fractured bone, 1 shoulder drop, and 1 stroke. The PWDs had been placed in treatment plans after their treatments at the Centers in the last quarter of 2013 and the monitoring showed that 8 PWDs reached short term and long term goals, 9 PWDs reached only short term goals, and 1 PWD died.

VIC, out of Kien Khleang and Prey Veng Centers, continued to provide home based rehabilitation to 3 PWDs in LeukDerk and BaPhnom districts, Kandal and Prey Veng provinces with 2 CP and 1 stroke. The 2 CP children and 1 stroke PWD are in work plans for visits 2 times per month. The CP child out of Kien Khleang Center improved in daily living activities and was instructed to continue stretching to strengthen muscles and trained for standing balance. The CP child out of Prey Veng Center was given exercise to improve his neck muscle and trained to stand with a holding assistance. The PWD who had a stroke was improved in daily living activities and was instructed to continue muscle exercises and gait training on parallel bars.

Disability Awareness

This month VIC, out of Kratie Center, communicated with local authorities and a school director in SamBo district, Kratie province about conducting a disability awareness campaign scheduled for May 29, 2014, and invited them to participate in the campaign. The authorities and school director agreed to allow VIC to conduct the campaign. The awareness campaign was held successfully

as scheduled with the participation of villagers, students, teachers, local authorities, and persons with disabilities, reaching 172 people. During the campaign 188 leaflets and 16 posters about VIC rehabilitation services and disability prevention were distributed to participants. Channa, PRC Manager, was also interviewed by Kratie Women Radio Station to talk about VIC rehabilitation services for broadcast on the radio.

VIC, out of Kratie Center, also visited 3 health centers in Kratie town, ChetBorey and Snoul districts, Kratie province to raise disability awareness and distributed 6 posters about VIC rehabilitation services, 30 leaflets about disability prevention on clubfoot, 20 leaflets on torticollis, and 11 booklets of disability law to the health center.

Other CBR activities

This month VIC's Kien Khleang Project Site Managers did an impact indicator analyses with 10 PWDs out of Kien Khleang Center. These impact indicator analyses are vital internal reporting documents that are included in the reports to USAID each semester. The results of these analyses are being calculated and will be available in detail in the quarterly report. At first glance, however, the results appear to be positive.

From May 5-6, 2014, Thoura, Program Assistant, went to communities out of Kien Khleang Center to monitored CBR activities and achievements against outputs for DFAT/CDF funding. Nine ChWDs in SaAng and KohThom districts, Kandal province were monitored and checked at their homes to ensure the proper services provision and their progress in studying. The results showed that the ChWDs' studying was going well and regularly attended schools. One PWD who received a small grant in the form of a sewing machine with tools and materials was also monitored. The results showed that the PWD's income generating activities were still weak because of the PWD's illness.

Song Sit, Senior Program Manager, visited Kratie and Prey Veng Centers from May 26-29, 2014. He did a monitoring visit to 2 PWDs on home based rehabilitation and 2 PWDs on small grant provision. He also monitored one SHG to see the progress of the group. He did random checks to 5 cases in the centers, reviewed 2 cases studies, and provided in-house training to PT and PO staff on internet search for relevant articles to support the case studies.

Sokunthy, Technical Coordinator of Kien Khleang Center, did a survey on the new wheelchair design to the 3 PWDs who received the wheelchairs a few months ago. The results will be presented in the next wheelchair technical meeting.

• GENERAL INFORMATION:

- This month Rithy, CR, and Sophorny, Finance Manager, had a meeting with Sciaroni & Associates law firm to discuss on the LNGO registration documentation, Board members, statutes, employment contract, termination notice, and information about VIC employees. All documents were discussed and under development to conform to law for registration. VIC and Sciaroni communicated and worked on the VIC statutes, Board member biographies, and other related documents for registration with the Ministry of Interior. VIC and Sciaroni also continued to finalize documents for registration as a local NGO. The letter of office use authorization was submitted to PWDF and approved by the PWDF Director. Statutes will be finalized in the next month.
- Rithy, CR, and Song Sit, Senior Program Manager, attended a round table discussion workshop conducted by Cambodia Mine Action and Victim assistance Authority (CMAA) and the Cambodia Campaign to Ban Landmines & Cluster

Munitions (CCBL) on the topic of completing the Challenge of the Mine Ban Treaty on May 6, 2014. The objective of the meeting was to hear creative ideas and the commitment of groups and government to complete challenges and contribute to Cambodia's declaration at Maputo, Mozambique.

- Rithy and Song Sit attended a meeting conducted by Ms. Pauline Kleinitz, WHO Technical Officer for Disability and Rehabilitation, at the WHO office with ICRC, HI, and Exceed (CT) on May 8, 2014. The meeting discussed the Priority Rehabilitation Service Scheme (PRSS) of the WHO joint initiative program with the DFAT-UN Disability Rights Initiative Cambodia (DRIC) on PRCs, as the annual \$200,000 ear-marked for the four large INGOs and PWDF engaging in rehabilitation. The meeting program included: overview of WHO approach and detailed discussion and comments from INGOS, brief overview of each INGO approach, key activities and plans for the coming years, discussion of rehabilitation needs and priorities in Cambodia, discussion regarding priorities and comparative advantage of 4 INGOS mapped against needs in Cambodia, and identification of mutually agreed approach for PRSS in year 1, including priority topic areas, location, approximate split of money and more. After this meeting, the INGO'S engaging in the PRSS (which could be all 4 or may be less if an INGO decides in an engagement with PRSS) will be asked to develop more detailed proposals and submit to WHO for funding. VIC submitted a proposal to WHO in late May for the Priority Rehabilitation Service Scheme (PRSS) to support transitioning rehabilitation services for the time that the government cannot identify necessary funds to prevent further service decreases. The proposal submitted covered support for food and transportation for PWDs and caregivers while the government support is meager.
- Song Sit attended a consultative workshop on the National Disability Strategic Plan (NDSP) for 2014-18 at MoSVY. The workshop was conducted by DAC to present the final draft of NDSP, to discuss, and adopt the NDSP.
- Thoura, Program Assistant, attended a Global Action Week 2014 Awareness Raising Workshop on "Rights of Children with Disabilities to Access Quality Education" in Phnom Penh organized by NGO Education Partnership (NEP) on May 9, 2014. The topic of the workshop was focused on inclusive education, UNCRPD convention, policy for children with disabilities education, and special education for children with disabilities.
- VIC, at Kien Khleang Center, conducted an in-house training on Lumbar and Thoracic management to PTs and POs on May 9, 2014.
- Rithy, CR, signed a grant agreement with DFAT/CDF for the year two proposal for CBR work from May 12, 2014 to May 30, 2015.
- Sophorny, Finance Manager, attended a national consultation workshop conducted by Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) on May 23, 2014. The workshop objectives were to strengthen mechanisms between the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and the civil society to promote transparency, accountability, and dialogue throughout the post-2015 development agenda, and to enhance multi-stakeholder partnerships. The outcome of the workshop was to develop document used as input to the global meeting of the RGC in quarter 3 of 2014.
- VIC Program Manager, Song Sit, communicated with an Occupational Therapy Lecturer at Curtin University on the timetable of the training on Occupational Therapy Management on Upper Limb Functional of Stroke and Cerebral Palsy scheduled for July 7-8, 2014 at VIC. He has also communicated with General Hospital in Singapore to conduct the training on Bobath Management and Stroke scheduled for July 14-18, 2014 at VIC.
- Rithy and Song Sit had a meeting with Ms. Claudie Ung, a former Technical Coordinator of VIC and Advisor to the Ministry of Women Affairs, to discuss her voluntary work to help VIC on the quality control of service provision at PRCs on May 19, 2014. Claudie agreed to volunteer work for VIC one day per week as a Clinical Mentor of VIC who will monitor and control the quality of services provision at VIC. She started her work this month.

- VIC Country Representative, Rithy, and Program Manager, Song Sit, had a meeting with PWDF and 3 IOs (CT, HI, and ICRC). The meeting focused on the approved national budget to support PRCs, update PWDF of the procurement process and achievements, HR concerns, contractual staff for PRCs, communication between PRC, IOs, and PWDF branches in provinces, and the supplies of local materials to PRCs that so far are still not available.
- VIC Kien Khleang Project Site Manager attended a graduation ceremony of a vocational training Center (JCIA), where VIC referred PWDs for skill training.
- VIC and Exceed (CT) PTs provided joint assessment sessions to Lavalla Special School. Eight ChWDs were assessed and given appointments to come to the centers to renew and repair devices.
- A Social Worker student from Royal University of Phnom Penh finished his placement with VIC on CBR work this month and he presented his knowledge on Value and Ethnical to the CBR committee team at Kien Khleang Center.
- A PT volunteer from Project Abroad, Ms. Lea Guise, finished her three month voluntary work with VIC this week. She also presented her knowledge on wheelchair skills to PTs and POs at Kien Khleang Center.

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