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National Centre of Disabled Persons Community Based Rehabilitation Program Case Study of Son Thon

Program	CBR	Date: 29 th December 2014
Name	Son Thon (Mrs.)	
Group's Name	N/A	
Family Information	My name's Son Thon, 48 year-old with seeing difficulty (my left eye totally blind since I am 13 year-old by a nut of un-husked rice jump into my eye. I married and have 1 son. I am from Prey Veng province but I moved to live in Anlong Kngan village, Sangkat Khmuonh, Khan Sen Sok, Phnom Penh City, where is my husband's hometown in 1996. My husband passed away in 2008 by disease.	
What was your life like before being involved with the project?	Before involved with CBR program, I lived with hopelessness since my husband left me with my 14 year-old boy and my elderly father who is blind 1 side aged 80. My neighbour never comes to visit my family. I want to have business but the community people afraid to give me loan as they think that I am not possible to repay back. So I decided to sale labour to give help to sale fishes with my neighbour at the market in the morning and she gave me 6,000 riels. In the afternoon, I collected vegetable from the small lack and/or canal where is 3-4 Km from home. Those vegetable such as morning glory, lotus rhizome which I can get extra income 3-4,000 riels per time. Sometime I washed clothes of other villagers and/or washing plates, clean house etc.... When I get sick or tired, just take rest few days at home and afraid to buy tablet or go to clinic. All income just prepares for food 2 times per day and buys school materials for my son only.	
How are you involved with the project? (details of any IGAs, group projects, training undertaken etc...)	After becoming NCDP-CBR's client by middle of 2014, I was often visited by CBR staff and CDC-PwD member of Sangkat Khmounh. They gave me counselling in order to encourage me to struggle in the life included a lot of knowledge related to the Right of Persons with Disability, and vital of education. I also got advantages from CBR program and CDC-PwD member such as referred my father to ROSE organization for treatment his eye problem with tear always come out from his blind, and program also provided me a bicycle and a steelyard because of I suggested to have my own occupation as selling fishes. I used this bicycle to carry 10 kilogram of fishes and sale in the village and able to get 15,000-20,000 riels per day. I also used to collect vegetables from the lake/canal.	
How has your life changed with the	Since that my life has changed a lot. I live with hope. I have my own business which getting more incomes. I can save some for my son future	

project?	study. Now I have 3 meals per day and I want to attend all social events related to Person with Disability.
How do these changes and the project make you feel and why?	Because of CBR program set up a CDC-PwD in my commune especially CDC-PwD members and program staff often visited me and conducting awareness on Right of Persons with Disabilities, gave me and my family counseling and good advice included knowledge related to the Right of Persons with Disabilities, especially gave me a lot of opportunities. So now I am so happy with my living. My neighbor now came to visit my family and check about my father health and my business.
Comments	I would like to thank to all staff of NCDP-CBR program, all CDCs' members, especially my village leader who introduced NCDP-CBR staff to me and made my life hopeful.
What else would you like to see changed in your community? Or, what do you want for your (and your children's) future?	I want to see all people living in my community not to look down the Persons with disability and suggest to authority to take care of PwDs and give them a equal opportunities with persons without disability. I also request NCDP-CBR to continue helping me with giving support to my son to be able to complete studying in UNIVERSITY.
Comments observations from interviewer	Through our interview with her, her face looks happy and fresh. Her family now living with hope and she is able to support her family by having 3 meals per day. Her neighbour also happy with program which is supporting her family. The committee member will continue to follow up and give help to her in preparing her living standard.

