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NARRATIVE REPORT OF NCDP Social Security for Landmine Survivor (SSLS) Period of June-December 2008

I- NCDP BACKGROUND

The National Centre of Disabled Persons (NCDP) grew out of a series of workshops organized by Ministry of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MSAVY). The workshops, involving representatives of the Government, NGO sector and disabled people themselves. The outcome was identified economic security, employment opportunities, access to rehabilitation services, training, information and landmine as key issues affecting disabled people.

In order to help address these issues a steering group was established to lead the development of the National Centre of Disabled Persons (NCDP). The in May 5, 1997, NCDP was fully launching under presided by The Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia. NCDP manage to grew up step by step and develop it's own differently activities throughout the programs and projects. Nowadays, 6 programs were proactively running to support NCDP Mission, Vision and Goal such as:

- Information and Referral Services (IRS) Program,
- Training and Information for Business Development (TIBD) Program,
- Community Based Rehabilitation Program (CBR),
- Income-generation Project (Retail Outlet Shop),
- Disabled People Forum (DPF, TV program), and
- **Social Security for Landmine Survivor (SSLS).**

II- REPORT PURPOSE

It is important to acknowledge that more than 600 million people in the world live with some form of disability. More than 400 million of them live in developing countries such as Cambodia. Those people with disability are mostly living in poverty, isolation and despair. Not only are they, typically, the poorest of the poor, but they also need more support and help than able-bodied to overcome their handicaps, and attempt to live normal lives. In Asia, "Close to 200 million (5 percent) have severe or moderate disabilities and would thus need specific services, assistant or assistive devices in order to participate in the life of their communities".

It is estimated that more than 600,000 people with disability live in Cambodia. Disabilities result from poor economic conditions, inadequate nutrition, lack of education/awareness of methods for prevention, three decades of war and post-war disaster no adequate accommodation (house or land).

In Cambodia at every month more than 8 people are killed or injured by mines and unexplored ordnance (UXO).

Most of people with disability who effected by landmine could limited access to services, including medical, social, educational, housing and vocational, as well as opportunities to contribute to the society are extremely limited. Prejudice runs deeply through families, in rural and urban areas, at every social level, hindering social inclusion and interdependence. As a result, people with disability tend to be poorly integrated into their communities, which make them one of the most vulnerable groups in the society.

Therefore National Centre of Disabled Persons (NCDP) is working with ICCO and EO (broadcasting TV program in Netherlands) to make sure the minimum service provided to people with disability who survivor from landmine and try to prevent of accidentally by the landmine which agreed to the specific action such as:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AIM:

- 1. Emergency:** In collaboration CMAC and Cambodia Red Cross to cooperate on Mine Risk Education at the remote area which most of the landmine effective to community member. The other hand support the hospital or any emergency action to those who immediately accident.
- 2. Counseling:** After the injury and became persons with disability, many of them lack of confident and hopeless. Many of people accident by landmine do not want to stay a life and really want to kill them selves. One of the other difficulties is the discrimination from neighboring people and community, this reason very pressure to the family and the children as well so that we found out some was move the house and divorce. The SSLS is the project which meeting directly and sharing experience of those having the same case and provide the lesson learn to make sure that everyone is a human. The project conducts a counseling session to make sure the survivor confident enough to live in their community.
- 3. Housing :** As many of them are very poor, the reason of accident by landmine because they also want to earn money for their living, one of the most difficulty those people have no house before and after the accident by land mind. Many of them living under threaten from the climate and environment, the house without roof without strong support some time collapse and some time easy to welcome decease. The project aim to research properly and provide the housing equipment or construction.
- 4. Create business group for increase the standard living:** for earning and overcome the situation after the accident, the landmine survivor need to provide enough assistive divide such as wheelchair and crutches, beside that they need to build accessibility environment house to make sure their disability not an obstacle of participation and also create a small business which they should earn enough to living.

This report show the progress of activities since it was initiative and started implementing since June 2008 till December 2008.

III PROGRESS ACTIVITIES REPORT:

As NCDP be a partner with ICCO since 1997, ICCO have been recommend NCDP to EO which was the program TV broadcasting in Netherlands to raise funding and support the vulnerable victim especially like landmine survivor in Cambodia, since initiative EO management and ICCO had been assigned Mr. Egbert Fokkema to visit and make a proper research of the need by visiting many location and mine field area by visiting directly and meeting those survivor from landmine such as a few story below:

Personal Information	Attached Photo
Mr. Khem Sophal, 47 years old has two wives, first wife divorced and second wife stays with him. They have two boys and one girl. He is living around 60km from Phnom Penh in a small house in Odong District, Kompong Speu Province. Khem Sophal lost one leg during his soldier time in 1979. Currently, his live is in needed as he is now earn the living by anima raising and growth vegetable. He was challenging with his prosthetics leg in order to survive daily living. He happy to meet with the Mr. Egbert and wish that the research could help to support him and his family also his friend who are involve with NCDP project.	
Mr. Khat Tha, living with 8 children and wife. Under the small and leaking house almost 20 years in Kompong Speu Province. During the research he inform us that he was x-soldier from Khmer rouge in 1979 and he stepped on mine during his fighting at Malay mountain where is still a lot of landmine at this stage. After he was stepped on mind, the colleague sent him to Louk Seng Hospital and his leg was cut. In the hospital he commit to kill himself many time because of the hopeless and understand the difficulty of amputee situation. The life was found very hardship and difficulty to survive due to 8 children in the family without any business which mostly supported food by community. He is now a bit grow with small shop and when he saw the research team he thinking that throughout the support he may increase the business activities and hope will having more stable and sustainability on economic if he could getting more capital.	 
Ms. Dim Nhive, 57 years old living alone. She was arm amputate by landmine during joint the Khmer Rouge Solder in 1975. She received a week treatment because no choice during the war. She was divorced with 5 children. Presently, she is a farmer and was helped by NCDP/TIBD to form a small business. She feeling isolated and the community put all blames to her when they having a problem. This matter due to the community superstition belief that she bring bad luck because her disability.	

8 members of landmine survivor living in a group in Svay Dongkom Commune, Salakom roek Watsvay Village, Siem Reap Provine.

- Mr. Moy Seu, he is 22 years old. He is amputee; he stepped on mine since 7 years old and village people sent him to Health Center. Now he use only crutch. The parent brother and sister are living in Thailand and he didn't know where they are.

Ms. Kim Leng, 17 years old. She got accident since she was 5 years old in the mountain for finding wood. She is amputee. During her accident time, her parent and brother bring her to hospital around that village. Presently she is studying in grade 7 in the government public school and she also takes course in English at Life and Hope Association. When we ask the question about her personal life, why the family not support her, she did not reply and keep quiet with sad face and tear.

Mr. Ein Poy, he was born in 1987. He was effected by playing mine because during his young he didn't realizes clearly about varieties of boom, so he took boom play as toy that is why his arm is cut off and his right eye is blind. He is now a student at Kor Sey Premary School at grade 6. He also learns English at Best Future School. He remembers the place and his cloth during the accident in Anlong Veng area. He told that the broken cloth still hang on the tree.

- Young Boy of 14 years old accident by UXO since he was 8 years old. His parents are farmer and they live in Svay Leu. He have 4 siblings and because of his family is poor, parent can't support children so he decided to leave home to stay with the group.

He expects his challenging at education and the support from NCDP could help him to finish school and find a good job.



Mr. Eng Tnot, married with Ms. Seng Sokvan and has 3 children. He is living in a small house which is flooded during raining season, in Po Bos commune. Svay Dongkom village, Siem Reap Province. He is amputee; he got accident since 1990 during his soldier time in Srei Noy, Anglong Veng. His leg is cut off to hip and he use crutch. In the past, he use to be a Reumok Driver after accident by mine, he use to be bicycle repairer; Currently he is not employed; In the future, if he has enough money, he wanted to work as bicycle repairer because he used to attend the Bicycle Repair Training for 2 times already.



Emergency Hospital Mr. Paolo, has been guide around the center. He told that Emergency Hospital has recieved 1 people in 5 day accident by landmine. He is very happy to cooperation. He wish NCDP could support some urgent equipment which could help during emergency accident by landmine arrival. The purpose of equipment could help and make sure the life are survive for those very severely accident.



After return of the researcher, ICCO and EO sent TV crew to visit and capture as video for the purpose of display at TV in Netherlands to do fund raising and support the purpose through NCDP/SSLS project. The TV crew directly meeting the de-miner and go directly to the mine field also continue the trip to many part of the mine area and meeting those who accident by landmine.



TV crew visit landmine field and de-miner

TV crew visiting the survivor from Landmine



De-miner commander Explain the coverage area which there team is in the process of clearance. This small area was grows with approximately mine of 300 pc of differently mine type.

TV crew was allow to came close as a special case with very carefully attention and technical supported by the team from CMAC.



During the visiting, the real preparation of exploring the mine which the team could not clearance was introduce to the TV crew. The TV crew could walk in according the point out way which is not free way to walk. CMAC team also explains how the mine structure was place in the ground and why could not clearance. Afterward the Camera could place at the location close by for easy capture the exploring but TV crew has to backward around 700 meters before the action of exploring to make sure the team could stand a way from the dangerous area. TV crew was allow to came close as a special case with very carefully attention and technical supported by the team from CMAC.

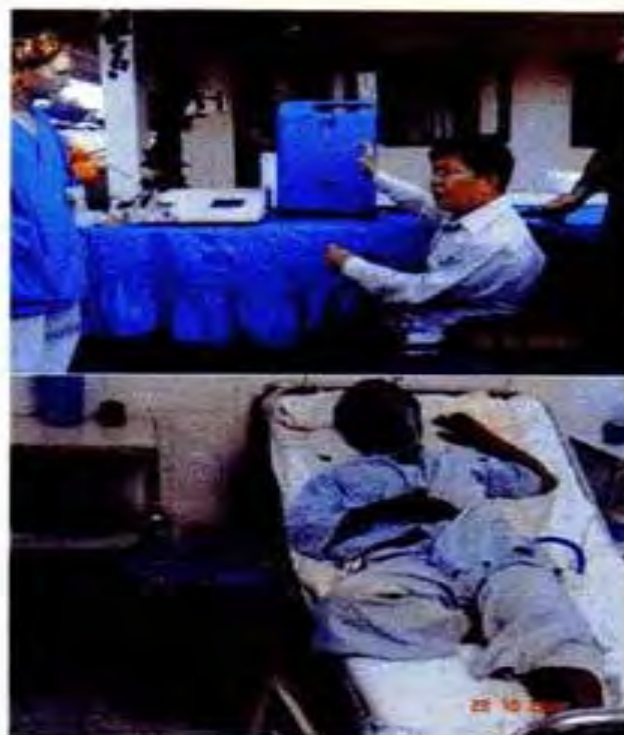
From the work hard of the team and coordinate by ICCO, fund raising was successfully and would be able to start the project on June 2008 as the first stage. The project was pilot by implement directly with the network staff and organization which exist in Battam Bang and Siem Reab provinces.

SSLS had conducted the visit of the commune networking of NCDP from other province to visit the Emergency in Battam Bang lead by the Battam Bang deputy director of Social affair. 27 net working members from NCDP staff, Government staff and commune leader learn the situation of landmine and visit directly people experience after accident by landmine in the hospital. The outcome was commitment of participant to transfer the knowledge and continue to educate their members in community to protect themselves from mine accident.

During the visited, SSLS provided two kinds of machine as priority needed to secure emergency accident person due to landmine which show higher statistic continue in remote area of Battam Bang province.

The machine was hand over to Emergency Hospital in Battam Bang province those two machines namely:

- **Patient's Anesthesia Oxygen Concentrator machine** to be use support the accident first arrival in the hospital. Especially machine very great support during surgery case and help those in bad situation. **Within 6 months time, the team calculates that, 3 persons** in a day using this urgent machine so that the only one important machine moving around and continue the same at every moth. The reporting shows that not only landmine case but many of traffic accident also use the machine Oxygen Concentrator. The statistic show **540 persons used this machine** in this report period. The Emergency Hospital management teams appreciated and thanks to partner and donor keep an eye on it and hope the same support will happened in the nearest future.



- **Lab blood examination machine** to improve the capabilities in blood chemistry analyses. In this 6 months time 514 cases was analyses and in one case could apply with many clients in 24 hour, machine was very busy every day because this machine very special could show clearly and identify proper item of chemical for doctor and nurse.



In addition the hospital still need more help and many equipment like Syringe pump, infusion pump, and nibulizer are also urgently need to help the victim.

Through SSLS project and the support from Later Says Sain Charity, totally 65 wheelchairs were distribute through out the partner working with NCDP such as:

- 15 wheelchairs for OEC organization which continue to distribute for the children mostly attending school and most of them was landmine survivor.
- 10 wheelchairs for Pailin, 10 wheelchairs for Banteay Meanchey, 10 wheelchairs for Battam Bang, 10 wheelchairs for Siem Reab and 10 wheelchairs Stueng Treng municipality social affair for continue contribution to the landmine survivor.

For support landmine survivor on increasing the situation of social and economic:

In Battam Bang,

The project would be able to help one family on motorcycle repair. The project support supply and a few equipments which they could increase productivities, by using the support from SSLS the family who 2 survivors from landmine and 2 more members in the family could earn an enough living also send the children to school which compare the past the family having difficulty to survive at the daily living. SSLS was approach to make sure the member of the landmine survivor having sustainability standard of living by earning from their business.



In Siem Reab,

SSLS support a man Landmine survivor on motorcycle repair equipment was, SSLS provide equipment as pumping machine and a set of tool which he could increase the productivities and invite more clients. From the supported he could earn 16000 Riel per-day (equivalence of 4 USD) which could support a family food and save for the family, his business is sustainability in this currently stage because of his amputee many village members support his business by bring the stuff to him for repair.



SSLS support 1 women landmine survivor and the family to open the Grocery Sell in the village where they live and they could survive the living from the sale approximately 500 Reil per-day. 2 landmine survivor who request to open the hair cut shop was successful and SSLS provide equipment and tool for hair cut which they have to contribution with the place and some capital for build the shop. They could earn minimum of 10,000 Riel per-day (equivalence 2,5 USD) which could support the children and family food.

In Banteay Meanchey, Pailin and Stueng Treng

SSLS project is on the process of communication with authority, partner and workout detail plan to make sure the support will go directly to beneficiary. In this area were on

the process of publicity and awareness the project activities and looking at recruit a proper coordinator staff to take responsibility.

NEXT PLAN:

- In 2009, the project action and the budget will review and wish to expand spread out a whole year activities of 2009.
- The staff will promptly recruit for take responsibility in Battam Bang, Siem Reab and Stueng Treng.
- More activities will be achieved as using experiences from this 6 months pilot.
- Mine risk education to the seriously area will be conduct by cooperation with CMAC or Cambodian Red Cross.
- The budget item also reviews and submits to ICCO before 2009 to reach agreement and implemented in 2009.

IN CONCLUSION:

In short time period the project was well-known by authority and the way of functioning was involve by the community and authority that will continue to take responsibility in the future after the kick off plan was success.

The difficulty impact because of the time constrain, the staff were not recruit only NCDP existing staff in the area help to analyses the submission request also awareness of the project in the area. The lucky thing was that the representative of social affair and community chef with the people with disability very keen to support and giving a big hand even some part contribute their co-funding and labor to make the project happen.

Our net work and beneficiary, thanks to ICCO and EO, especially those who involve to make the project success which though through a very right thing to support the poor among the poor and bring them back the right of fully participation with peace and democracy, economic and social that need to be increase in Cambodia community.