

ទស្សនវិស័យៈ ការអភិវឌ្ឍប្រកបដោយនិរន្តរភាពសម្រាប់ប្រទេសកម្ពុជា Vision: Sustainable development for Cambodia

### MINUTES OF 258<sup>TH</sup> CCC BI-MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING Time: 8:00am - 12:10pm

**Diakonia Center** (KSSA/ICF, St. 330, near Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum)

#### Introduction:

This 258<sup>th</sup> Bi-Monthly Members Meeting had been convened on 10 October 2019. Based on CCC's Bylaw, the meeting is designed for participants who are Country Representatives/Executive Directors and Senior Leaders/Managers of CCC members, and there are 49 participants/19 female to attend and share knowledge and experiences, the common concerns on the development challenges and prioritize the issues to be addressed together.

### This meeting is organized to achieve the following objectives:

- To welcome new members and sharing of member's development approaches
- To share results and recommendations of key research studies 1) "How the people of Cambodia live with climate change and what communication can do", 2) Public Image of CSOs, and 3) CSO Enabling Environment and Inclusive Partnership.
- To generate inputs on CCC Governance Hub Program (GHP) mid-term review, 2020 operation plan and preparation for CCC 30 years Anniversary and 40 years anniversary of CSOs to be celebrated in 2020.

### **Detailed Discussion:**

Topics	Topics
Welcome and opening remarks by Mr. Soeung Saroeun, Executive Director of CCC	Welcome and opening remarks  Welcome new member and their participation, and warm welcome for resume back of work with new mission to Cambodia. Today we have different events organize by CCC including training course on CBO ToT.  He highlighted the key work of CCC, which promote enabling environment for CSO, but not sectoral issues as other networks. Then highlights some key points within the agenda.  There are three main researches which one from our member focus on climate change. He highlighted some key points from other two researches about CSO image and enabling environment. The key results still appreciate the image of CSO from the public, but having some little negative image that undermined the credibility. He further highlight from the other study of lack of cooperation and trust in partnership.  Other important session is about programing plan for our working together including 30 anniversary, and 40 CSO anniversary, therefore, he encourage for sharing their inputs for effective and well work together. Then open the event.

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## Session 1: CCC new member sharing and their development approaches

- Presentation of Population Services International/Cambodia (PSI/C)
- Presentation of Mlup Baitong (MB)

### **Question and Answer**

### Presentation of Population Services International/Cambodia (PSI/C) by Mrs. Chi Socheat, County Director

PSI almost thirty years implementing in Cambodia. She then introduce to the mission and vision of PSI which relevant to health improvement. There are four main programs including family planning (through 221 son networks in the 21 provinces of Cambodia), malarias and behavior change (focus on six health areas within six provinces) and social marketing (accessible and quality products on certain materials suppliers for health).

### Presentation of Mlup Baitong (MB) by 2- Mr. Om Sophana, Executive Director of MB

The organizational also founded almost 30 years and in 2017 the organization get the world ward in development of Chambak community.

Then he brief about vision and mission which including the manage and use of NRM for better livelihood. The current work in 8 provinces with head office in Phnom Penh, with annual budget of less between 600K to less than 1M\$. Then brief about the expansion history and achievement of the organization including the Award and water program which long connecting to get water supply to the community.

# Session 2: Research Finding Report "How the people of Cambodia live with climate change and what communication can do"

This session is proceeded by 25 minutes presentation followed by 20 minutes questions and answers.

### Presented by Mr. Hor Otdam, Research Officer of BBC Media Action

This research is part of the mass research on climate areas in the nine countries.

- The study conducted with 1660 people
- 75% of agricultural production is decreased, and 75% of plastic is increased
- People around Tonle Sap feel get more effect from the climate change
- More negative effect to income are farmer and fisher
- 85% used to know the word climate change, but there is only 42% understand the meaning of climate change that mostly are man

They will change if they get benefits from it:

- The future of their family and next generation
- Health

After the study, 4 groups was divided to provide effective support:

- Adapting
- Willing: provide support on how to response to climate change and how to work together
- Struggling: need technical information and support to response to the climate change
- Uneffect: Build and raise awareness capacity on climate change and simple action for them to apply in their family and community

### Take action:

- Farmer and fisher
- Youth: access to TV and social media

### Key recommendations:

- Raising awareness on climate change
- Empowerment to be self –action of community through simple





### technique or action

- Space for discussion and work together in the community is very important for sharing some success activity
- Turn willingness to action

### Links to resources

- Data portal
- Country climate Asia research report for cambodia
- Don't wait for rain program: output from the research study
- Convert to action and recommendation for other projects or program
- In total, there were 12 senses

#### **Question and Answer:**

Q1: Sampling methodology of 1660, if it can represent Cambodian? A1: 5 provinces in Cambodia, using probability to select sample 1660 to represent cambodia as a whole. Interview 1 house, over 4 houses. By using 5 times space.

Q2: Could you share the study report and video?

A2: Yes. I would suggest CCC share this document to members for hard and soft.

General comment on the tittle of the program: Don't wait for rain, the tittle of the topic came from the research study to produce program and this tittle is come from target people, not BBC. The recommendation is good for you or your organization to provide support base on the target group because the study already segment for your support.

### **Coffee Break**

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# Session 3: Very summary presentation on two research studies on:

- a) CSO Public Image (conducted by a group of consultant Dr Min Sor, Mr Long Khet, and Ms Yem Sokhunthea)
- b) CSO **Enabling** Environment and Partnership Inclusive (conducted by Real Time with Data, additional analysis and finalized by Mr Neb Sinthay, Mr. Declan O'LEARY, and Dr

### Presented by Mr. Chen Sochoeun, RMDM of CCC 1-CSO Public Image

### Some key appreciation of CSO from the public image study:

- Humanitarian development and in human development
- Promoting sustainable community development
- Reaching out to the poor in remote communities
- Mobilizing target people in community development
- Promoting local ownership

### **Good Image of CSOs**

- Good working relationships with local authorities they are working with
- Stay aligned or being consistent to the by-law and legal requirements
- Majority of NGOs are registered and abide with LANGO
- Their works are highly valued and recognized by involved stakeholders
- NGOs staff members have good attitude who serve their jobs well in the organizations while working with community people and partners

### Some key recommendations

- Complete exit from CSOs before entering political agenda
- Maintain inclusive and constructive partnership/dialogue with

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Vicheanon Khieu.

This session is structured that first 30 minutes for presentation and last 15 minutes for questions and answers plus the distribution of summary sheets of the research results.

stakeholders

- Reinforce governance discipline and legal compliance
- Inclusive accountability
- Effective communication and relationship with media
- Harmonization within the civil society sector

### 2-CSO Enabling Environment and Inclusive Partnership

The study build on the previous study of enabling environment with the adapted of Civicus framework and add one dimension about inclusive partnership: 1) Operation (including formation), 2)Taxation, 3) Freedom of expression, 4)Freedom of assembly, 5)Access to resources (including private sector), 6) access to information (including online information) and 7) Government-CSO relation.

Cambodia country' context had been significant changed since 2015 from legislative, social, economic, as well as political aspects and those impacts to CSOs' enabling environment. The key result concluded that new registration processes and reporting requirements significantly influenced the dimension of enabling environment on "formation and operations of CSO". "Freedom of expression" has increasingly being stifled since 2015. "Peaceful

Assembly/Freedom of Association" is varies considerable on location and sector; and institutional requirement imposed in 2017 but withdraw in 2018. CSO's also highlighted the continued lack of "access to information", as CSOs and the public are still challenged obtain basic information.

### **Question and Answer:**

Q1: Why the response rate for the survey is low?

A1: The study is naturally base on qualitative study, and survey is only complimentary. The population in eight area/provinces including Phnom Penh is listed but active response is low, and the reason could be the commitment of respondents to participate and the communication ability of data collector.

Q2: How the varies of sector of respondents is made, and if it could analysis by sector based?

A2: Diverse sectors is populated and selected at the earlier stage both qualitative and survey, and diverse actors of respondents also categories and identify to be able to analyses with their number of response. However, with low response rate, the split of analysis into different sector is not great to generate.

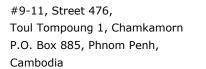
Session 4: CCC Governance
Hub Program Mid Term
Review, 2020 Operational
Plan, and Preparation for 30
Anniversary of CCC by

### **Group Results:**

### 1- CCC should support to members:

- Capacity Development for members through actively learning process
- Mobilize resource/fund (CCC to be funders) to support member for fund

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Dr. Heak Sreang, Mid Term Review Consultant

Mr. Vang Sean, CCC M&E and Reporting Specialist

Ms. Sin Putheary, CCC
Head of Communications
and Member Development

This session will be run though small group discussions with assigned facilitators. Participants will be divided into three larger groups: first group will be on mid-term review, second is for 2020 Operational Plan. Both two groups will focus on key achievements, key challenges and priorities for members that CCC can play role to support. While third group will be for preparation for 30 CCC Anniversary and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CSOs in Development of Cambodia.

raising

- Develop M&E system that could be learnt and used for member
- CCC should coordinate for members integrate plan within overlap target areas
- What kind of support from CCC to ensure INGOs/LNGO well collaborate with Government/ministry
- Create/build up strong nation network among members and nonmembers to have one voice through semester/annual gathering to determined approach/strategy to work and support to each other to achieve common Goal
- Give more opportunities to members to join action learning process organize by CCC
- CCC should produce guideline for the one standard of Finance and Admin/HR of CCC members
- Train all members to understand clearly on changing taxation
- Ensure to clarify all NGOs understand changing politic, economic and how to sustainable
- Bi monthly meeting should have enough time (full day)
- CCC continuous to share the update information from government to members on time through forum, meeting and by email
- CCC is playing importance role for bringing issues and concern from NGOs to government
- CCC should produce documents for FNGOs and LNGOs, e.g. The principle or process of register or renew MoU with MoF and MoI, Process or principle for registering at ministry of laour
- Training to members about CSR (Cooperation Social Responsibility)
- Exchange visit to NGOs members who success in some projects
   Focus more on establishing the thematic TWG based on prioritized development sectors
- Play as a platform/hub that could produce scientific data on-development challenges related to SDGs and NSDP
- Extension Provincial NGO networks with quality for all provinces
- Establish quality learning center for NGOs sector
- Continues the program /activity NGO- GPP and learning forum
- Documenting about NGOs who are working in Cambodia
- Organizing learning forum at provincial level

### 2- Preparation for 40 Anniversary of CSOs

- The CSOs anniversary should be "Family CSOs" event where all CSO members, their family, and the public are able to participate.
- It should be "Entertain and Education" through performance and messages rather than breakout sessions and many speakers.
- Education organization, organization working with children, and so on should be work together to have collective booth, so it helps audience to







	see their visibility or participate in their activities.  - It should be on Saturday and Sunday if we would attract public to know about contribution of civil society.  - Proposed to sell the ticket for \$1 or \$2 and engage private sector sponsor if possible.
Wrap up and closing remarks by Mr. Soeung Saroeun, Executive Director of CCC	He emphasis the key results of today meeting, and highlighted that those sharing and inputs are important unless those have been taken for uses of the results to benefits our works. The services among member can be better used such as community resorts developed by Mlop Baitong. The result from the group discussion will be used as key inputs for the mid-term review, and upcoming preparation events. The invite for the solidarity lunch and close the event.

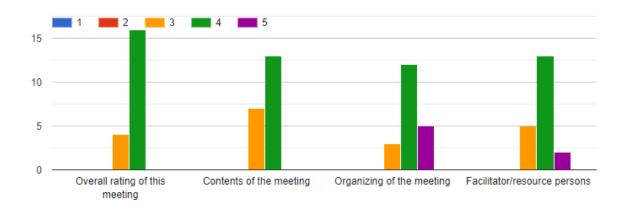
Noted: CCC will upload all documents, photos, and key activities and ideas in CCC websites, and social media for public access. For event archive download in link to <a href="http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/en/resources/event-archives">http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/en/resources/event-archives</a>
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### Annex: Evaluation and Suggestions from the meeting

### 1. Please complete the questionnaire below by scoring from 1-5

1: Don't know, 2: Poor, 3: Fair, 4: Good, 5: Very good

Please complete the questionnaire below by scoring form 1-5



### 2. What are the three main points you have learned from today meeting?

- o Getting to know new members (PSI and Mlup Baitong)
- Sharing activities
- Research finding report of people living with climate change
- o CCC new members sharing and their development approaches
- o Research study of CSO public image and CSO enabling environment and inclusive partnership.
- o Presentation from Mlup Baitong Research on climate change CSOs public image
- o Discussing on 30 years anniversary of CCC and 40 years anniversary of Civil Society Day
- o Finding report Acknowledge on climate change



### 3. What are the improvement point of the meeting (Content, arrangement, etc.)

- o Good
- o Create space for sharing/concern and issue among members
- To think what can contribute more to members
- o Improve the quality of research Used the research for evident bases advocacy
- List of NGOs and contact info- is too small FCD is too short because of spent overtime on presentation
- o Please shape the only one topic in the meeting. Do not have divers agenda like this
- o The presentation of guest speaker should be make it more clear than this
- o The facilitator of group discussion should be clearer plan and more preparation.
- Should be save the time to members to express their concern/challenges
- Should not be too much detail of slide pretension
- o Reduce organization project orientation, which focus more inspiring presentation such as research finding and fund opportunity.
- o Time management

### 4. What are the topics you proposed for the next meeting?

- M and E sharing session
- o Annual report template to line ministries and taxation update
- o Invite tax officer to present/share/ about the tax implementation (Auditing/ tax payment..etc.)
- Update all info from Government to members
- The achievement of each CCC members
- o Bi-monthly members meeting of CCC or NGOs partners?
- o Tax payment process NGOs and Social enterprise
- o Fund raising on resource mobilization
- New update about law regulation that might benefit to CSOs

### 5. What agenda if you want to share among CCC member in the next meeting on 5 December 2019?

Concerning issue for connecting Government

