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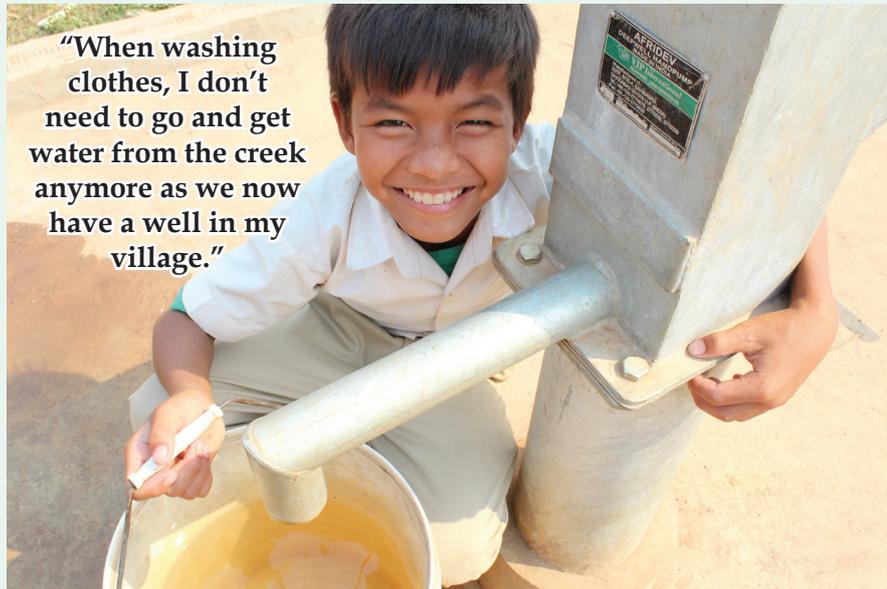
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WELLS MAKE US WELL!

Story and photo by ChildFund Cambodia



“When washing clothes, I don’t need to go and get water from the creek anymore as we now have a well in my village.”

14-year-old Neng no longer walks a long distance every day to fetch water.

“Before ChildFund came to our village, I lost two sons because of unsafe water from the creek,” says 40-year-old Sok Ren from Kratie province in rural Cambodia. “One was four years old and my other son was only three months old.”

Sitting next to his wife, Vun Rom, on a bamboo bed in front of their small cottage, Sok Ren describes how he lost both his children. “In the village we traditionally used and drank dirty water from the creek. It was a parasite in the water that caused one of my sons to get

malaria and the other to get diarrhoea,” he says. “I had no money and the health centre was a long way away from us so my sons passed away.”

Sok Ren and his wife live in Damrei Phong commune. Villagers from this area travel hours through forest, along rocky mountain roads to reach the closest district centre, located more than 30km away. Before ChildFund’s water project began, people found water sources at the creek, from rain and through a few old open or tube wells in the village. *(Continued on page 3)*

Update: NGO Law

by Mr. Mi Nac, Advocay Specialist of CCC

In the 4th Mandate of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC 2008-2013), the Law on Associations and Non-Governmental Organization(LANGO) was set as the priority for the government to manage the operation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). The LANGO was under “processing” by the Ministry of Interior (MOI) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOFAIC) as these ministries are working directly with CSOs.

While there were various communications with the government related to LANGO, the government seems unwilling to share the latest version of this draft law and to consult with CSOs as well as with other stakeholders even though the Prime Minister Hun Sen has said that the draft LANGO would be delayed until further consultation with CSO groups and expressed the need to reach an agreement with stakeholders before submitting the draft Law to the Council of Minister for discussion and approval.

The government representatives H.E Mak Sambath from Cambodian Human Right Committee (CHRC) and H.E Paul Lim, Secretary of State of Ministry of Interior (Moi) who were attend the second Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in Geneva on 28 January 2014 mentioned that the LANGO... *(Continued on page 4)*

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Message from Executive Director

Dear members,

It is my great pleasure to present you CCC’s new quarterly e-newsletter on Contributions of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to Development Effectiveness in Cambodia. CCC has experienced in updating news about NGOs in Cambodia and we now see it is necessary to have this new form of newsletter to provide regular update about key contributions including best practices, success stories, training opportunity, and upcoming events and profile of CCC and its members, as well as emerging issues affecting NGO community. The newsletter will not only help CCC members to promote their best practices, but also to inform public, government and other stakeholders about the vital roles of CSOs in development of Cambodia.

This newsletter presents about profile of CCC Executive Committee members 2014, updated news on NGO Law, successful stories from CCC members, upcoming events, training opportunities, and other interesting articles.... *(Continued on page 4)*

CCC Executive Committee 2014

Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) is fortunate in the quality of the individuals who serve on its Executive Committee. Senior management depends on them not only for policy guidance but also for support with fund-raising and liaison with the broader CSO community and beyond. CCC would like to welcome and introduce our members of EXCOM as below:



Chairperson

Dr Sok Thim, MD, MPH, is currently the Executive Director of Cambodian Health Committee (CHC). He is the co-founder of the CHC. He is the expert of Tuberculosis (especially community DOT and multi drugs resistant TB), HIV/AIDS, community development and medical research. He has held the senior positions as such over the past 27 years. His strong expertises are public health, organizational development and management, and program development. Dr Thim was also trained in the field of development to enrich his envision for synergizing health care issues. He has established few companies related to CHC to be the milestone for internal funding sources for CHC. He hold degrees of Medical Doctor and the Public health with several extensive skills training courses certificates, participated in various international conferences, workshops, teaching abroad such as USA, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Peru, Thailand, China, Vietnam, and others.



Vice-Chairperson

Mr Richard Winterton, Program Development and Communication Adviser of Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO) Cambodia. He has worked with VSO for 6 years. Prior to the work at VSO, he has over 22 years experience working in many senior and advisory positions in both public and private sectors in UK. His areas of work are organizational development, program development, resource mobilization/fund raising, government/public relations, policy analysis and research, governance, gender and climate change. Richard has Master of Corporate Management from Cranfield University and Master of Electronics from Southampton University in UK.



Treasurer

Ms Bou Molika, Program Coordinator for Midwifery Education Program of Australian Volunteer International (AVI). She has been working with local and international NGOs in Cambodia for over 13 years. She has worked in the area of health, HIV/AIDS/STI, humanitarian and disaster management, Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health. Molika started working with Care International in Cambodia as a Training Officer in 2001 and as a Program Officer in 2005. Since March, 2005, she has transformed to work in many senior positions in different NGOs. She has a Master of Public Health (MPH) from Sheffield University, United Kingdom and French School of Public Health (EHESP), France.



Member-at-large

Ms Nop Vanthy, Executive Advisor of Country Director of World Vision International Cambodia (WVI-C). She has been working in senior positions with this organization over 21 years since 1992. Before starting work with WVI-C, she had 4 years experience working as Technical Officer in the Department of Agronomy of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery. Within World Vision, she has been working especially in the areas of community development and organizing, agriculture and economic development, disaster management, child sponsorship and education, leadership development and advocacy, and urban development. Vanthy has Master of Agronomy from the Republic of Bulgaria in 1987.



Member-at-large

Ms Keo Keang, Country Director of HEIFER Cambodia. She has over 29 years of experience working with NGOs and Government institutions in promoting and protecting the rights of the poor and vulnerable populations, including women and children. She is experienced working in the areas of community development, food security, women's empowerment, gender and domestic violence, human trafficking, microenterprise development, decentralization, climate change mitigation and adaptation, HIV/AIDS and health related, human rights, anti-corruption, and advocacy. She has a Master of Political Science and Public Administration.



Member-at-large

Ms Ros Sopheap, Executive Director of Gender and Development for Cambodia (GADC) and Secretariat of Committee to Promote Women in Politics (CPWP). Sopheap has been working with GADC when this program was inception in 1997. She then had committed to start the GADC program to be an independent NGO in 2000 which has pioneered of gender equality as a fundamental human right and as the basis for the overall development of Cambodia. Prior to the work at GADC, she was the vice chief of AKP Document Centre of the Ministry of Information between 1981 and 1995. Sopheap holds a Bachelor Degree of Arts (TEFL) from the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP).



Member-at-large

Mr Ernst Jürgensen, Country Representative of Danmission in Cambodia. He has worked in many management positions for over 14 years in various local and international NGOs, plus another 6-years experience with health and social work in Denmark. Ernst has worked in the areas of human resource, organizational development, policy analysis and research, governance, poverty reduction and development, education, environment, health, and public management. He holds a Master's degree in Science (MSc)— Poverty Reduction and Development Management University of Birmingham, England, and in Health Anthropology, Aarhus University, Denmark.

Successful Stories from Members

Wells Make... (Continued from page 1)

... from rain and through a few old open or tube wells in the village. Most did not understand the importance of hygiene and never used a toilet.

"A decade ago, at least four to five children died every year, mostly because of malaria and diarrhoea," says Mr Hom Ly, vice-village chief, who lost three of his own children to these preventable diseases.

"However, the situation is getting better with the support of ChildFund's water and sanitation project," he says. "The rate of child sickness has decreased from 60 per cent to 20 per cent after four new wells were constructed in our village."

Over the past year, ChildFund Cambodia has supported the construction of 16 new



Mr Sok Ren posing in front of his house.

wells in four villages in Damrei Phong.

"When washing clothes, I don't need to go and get water from the creek anymore as we now have a well in my village," says 14-year-old Neng, who previously walked more than one kilometre or took his father's motorbike to get water every day.

ChildFund also conducted awareness for more than 400 people in the community



Children enjoying water from a deep well.

on the importance of boiling water and washing hands.

"I always boil water for my kids now, even if it was taken from the wells as I don't want to lose any more children," says Sok Ren. "I thank ChildFund Cambodia for constructing wells and bringing us knowledge to stay healthy."

The New Life of Sok Cheng

Story and photo by Aide et Action

It is a sunny day; a little girl with a school uniform plays with other children outside her classroom. She smiles, laughs and enjoys her time with them. It could all be a normal scene, but it is not. Few years ago, no one ever expected that she could ever go to school at all.

This is SOK Cheng, a girl of 8 years old. She was born with Down's syndrome, a disease that hinders her to speak and read like other children. Not knowing what to do, her parents, phone vendors in Siem Reap, a Northern Province of Cambodia, decided to send her to live with her grandmother in Phnom Penh. Every day, she had to stay with her to wash, feed, play and take care of her as she could not play with the other children. Often, it was



Sok Cheng enjoys her day at school.

hard for her due to misunderstandings.

Cheng's life has changed completely when she got support from the project "Education for children with moderate-severe disabilities", run by Rabbit school in the partnership with Aide et Action, in 2012. She was firstly provided with a rehabilitation service for a few months, and then sent to attend special education in the public school. Since then, she has



Cheng enjoying her meal at home.

made a lot of progress: she is able to eat, wash and brush the teeth by herself. In addition, she can name things, hold pencils and even associate objects with pictures. Moreover, she can play and communicate well with people around her.

Her family is very happy with her progress and hopes that she will be able to learn even more in the future.

Healthy Children Bring Joy to Village

Story by World Vision Cambodia

Sitting on a bed with her parents and younger brothers, Muni joyfully eats her lunch, including fish vegetable soup, rice and two big fried fish. A bunch of bananas, jackfruit and red papaya are on a plate for their dessert after the meal.

Nine-year-old Muni studies in 3rd grade. She has two brothers, Munin, four years old and Munu, 14 months.

Living in a small wooden house filled with palm-leaf walls and a corrugated roof, Muni's mother, Vandy, loves to cook nutritious food in the open-space kitchen at the edge of the house. A very clean yard in front of the house serves as a playground for Muni, her friends and younger brothers after schooling hours.

Muni's family is considered living in poverty, usually earning less than 2 US dollars per day. Nevertheless, lack

of money is not a barrier for bringing Muni and her younger brother to good health.

World Vision has been working closely with pregnant women and women who have young children like Vandy, training them on how to take care and provide nutritious food for their children.

World Vision provided chickens to Muni's family to rear. Some of those chickens are served as their meal while some are sold for family income. Vandy learnt to rear chicken and plant vegetable from World Vision's staff.

"Last time, I sold the chicken for sending my daughter to school. Sometimes, we don't need to buy meat at the market. Chicken is food for my children," Vandy says.



(Right) Muni preparing vegetables for food with her mother.

"We want to see mothers and children under two years in the project area are healthy, well-nourished and have increased access to mother and child health services, contributing to a decrease in maternal and child morbidity and mortality," says Sophal Sorn, a World Vision staff.

NGO Law... (Continued from page 1)

... has been submitted to council of ministers and it has been approved unanimously.

Most of the analysis of the last version of the draft LANGOs indicated that the law in its current form still remained some critical issues such as 1) mandatory registration and re-registration, 2) lack of appeal process of denial registration, 3) unclear measures for involuntary suspension or dissolution of an association or NGO, 4) fails to observe and comply with other major organic laws such Cambodia's Civil Code and

the new Penal Code, 5) Accreditation of foreign NGOs is still heavily bureaucratic and multi-staged, and lacks procedural safeguards and no rights to appeal, and 6) fails to incorporate a Glossary of Terms to ease implementation and common understanding.

Mr Soeung Saroeun, Executive Director of CCC, told the local English newspaper, the Phnom Penh Post, that civil society groups had not been approached since the delay of draft law in December 2011.

"What is important now is to have the latest draft ... so we can provide further comments on that law [and] have proper consultation with civil society," he said.

Message, ED... (Continued from page 1)

I would like to thank members who share successful stories or case studies among CCC members through our newsletters. I would also encourage all members to share more useful information if you have any.

I hope this newsletter is useful for you and we are happy to receive feedback on this newsletter and other related services as CCC committed to be a learning and quality oriented organization.

Upcoming Events (Apr-July)

- 1 April : Member Bi-monthly meeting (half day)
- 8 April : 1st Human Resource Forum
- 06 June : 1st M&E Learning Forum
- 10 June : 8th Certified NGO Forum
- 26 June : 1st Finance Learning Forum
- 21-25 July : 2nd Governance Professionalism and Accountability Course

For more master events of CCC, please [CLICK HERE](#) to link to our website.

Training Opportunity

NGO Training on Governance, Professionalism, and Accountability (GPA)

When: 21 - 25 July 2014

Where: Siem Reap

Registration Deadline: 21 June 2014

1st Forum on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

When: 06 June 2014

Where: Phnom Penh

1st Forum on Finance

When: 26 June 2014

Where: Phnom Penh

Registration procedure:

All CCC member and other interested NGOs are requested to send e-mail to Ms. Sam Vaddthanak, Learning Officer at vaddthanak.sam@ccc-cambodia.org or contact her directly through 092 384 484 for registration at least one week prior to the start of each forum.

Cooperation Committee for Cambodia warmly welcomes new members in 2014 as below:



ESHA Social Services (ESS)



Kone Khmeng (KK)



Louvain Coopération au Développement (LD)



Promoting Education emPowering Youth (PEPY)

Interesting Articles

Australia – Cambodia Joint Aid Program Strategy 2010–2015

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Survey of Trends in Private Sector Partnerships for International Development and Modalities for Engagement

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For more information, please visit www.creativeassociatesinternational.com

Working with the private and corporate sectors

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Cooperation Committee for Cambodia is very pleased and honored to get any constructive comment or feedback from members regarding to this newsletter.

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