NATIONAL WORKSHOP
ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE
in the framework of the Mine Ban Treaty - SOUTH-EAST ASIA

National Process and Methodological Overview

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Mine Ban Convention: Obligations and Mandate of Cambodia as a Member State

The key principles adopted include:

• To put all efforts and responsibilities in providing assistance to mine victims;
• To promote the integration of mine victim needs into policy, planning and services of government ministries;
• To build up local capacity and promote ownership;
• To develop and implement a comprehensive National Plan, monitor and evaluate its progress;
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• To promote awareness raising towards non-discrimination of victims and other PWDs;
• To share best practices and information among and between stakeholders;
• To minimise overlapping services and geographical areas.

* This has been developed and acted upon through national co-ordinating mechanism on disability and rehabilitation (Disability Action Council).
The National Workshop

- Around 43 participants (professional and technical actors (Govt., NGOs, Ios & Mine Victims)

Objectives:

- To review and assess the current policy, programs and services on victim assistance;
- To identify gaps in current services & make recommendations for their improvement;
- To strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration through the exchange of information & experiences on VA;
The National Workshop (Cont.)

- To review and finalise an integrated Strategic Plan on VA in Cambodia & its implementation as part of the regional efforts.
- To identify appropriate representatives from Cambodia to participate in the Regional Conference on VA.
The National Workshop

The Workshop worked systematically through 4 main components as following:

- pre-hospital and hospital care,
- physical and psychological rehabilitation,
- social and economic reintegration,
- institutional support in the field of policies, data collection and national laws.
The Main Outcomes of the Workshop

• Exchange of information of who doing what at different levels (Govt., NGOs, donors, etc.), current policy, programs, gaps, etc. on VA in Cambodia.

• Recommendations were produced to fulfil the gaps & improve services for mine victims.

• Ideal system on VA was discussed and adopted to help maximize the effectiveness of VA with available resources.

• An integrated Strategic Plan on VA in Cambodia was reviewed and finalized.
• Cambodian delegates were identified to participate in the Regional Conference on VA.
Key Identified Gaps

- Lack of Govt. policy, regulations & legislation on socio-economic re-integration of mine victims.
- Lack of public awareness on MV and their disability.
- Most services & programs for MV by NGOs/Ios.
- Most services & programs for MV on physical rehab & little activities/programs on psychological.
- Lack of an integrated Strategic Plan for VA.
- Lack of communications/networks among and between stakeholders.
Key Identified Recommendations

• Assist the Govt. in the development and enforcement of policy, regulations & legislation on socio-economic re-integration of mine victims.

• Promote and support the awareness campaign activities of anti-discrimination and advocacy through development of legislation on the rights of MV & PWDs.

• Develop and implement integrated Strategic Plan for VA.

• Support and promote the inclusion of Landmine Victims in all development of projects / programs and activities.
Key Identified Recommendations (Cont.)

• Secure funding and fundraising for implementing quantitative & qualitative rehab services needed of MV.

• Promote the development and implementation of effective & appropriate rehabilitation of services and programs needed.

• Develop information networking on VA through the DAC as a National Coordinating body and national & International events.
Ideal System on VA

ASSISTANCE SYSTEM

ENTRANCE

Disabled people

Mine victims

 Médical treatment

Psycho Services

training

data

EXIT

Mine victims integrated in the society

Mine victims with no incomes ….

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Mine victims with activities

credit

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ADOPTED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR VA IN CAMBODIA

Vision:

• Individuals and society understand that PWDs including LVs have equal rights and obligations as all citizens of Cambodia.

• PWDs and MVs have equal opportunities to participate fully in social and economical activities, free from barriers.
ADOPTED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR VA IN CAMBODIA (Cont.)

Development Objective:

MVs/PWDs and their family benefit from the provision of better services and assistance that contribute towards increased opportunities to participate in social, physical, cultural and economic development activities.

Immediate Objective:

Relevant Govt. agencies & NGOs, IOs and potential donors contribute their input, throughputs, outputs & participate & assist to the development, improvement & implementation of programs/services to address the needs of MVs/PWDs.
Specific Objectives:
• To promote the development & implementation of policy, regulations for the inclusion of LVs/PWDs into all development activities.
• To secure funding/fundraising for implementation of quantitative & qualitative rehab services needed for MVs/PWDs in Cambodia.
• To promote the development and implementation of effective and appropriate rehabilitation of services & programs needed.
• To develop information networking on VA through the DAC as a National Co-ordinating body and national & international events.
• To promote and support the awareness campaign activities of anti-discrimination & advocacy through development of legislation to protect the rights of MVs/PWDs.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!