

**Project report to Medical Scientific Aid
 for Vietnam, Lao and Cambodia (MSAVLC)
 July 2018 to June 2020**



A. Project Overview

The title of the project	Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Rehabilitation
Project location	Cover all district in Pursat province, Cambodia
Project Goal	To improved quality of life of persons with paraplegics and quadriplegics disability through access to health, rehabilitation, livelihood and social inclusion.
Number of direct clients	Total 120 with 43 Female
Number of indirect clients	1,445 (family members, local authority, neighbours, government officials)
The name of the Implementing Partner receiving funding	Disability Development Services Program (DDSP)
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The start date of the programme and period covered by the report.	July-2018 to June 2020
The date of submission of the report.	November 2020

B .Project High lighted

Project partnership: DDSP has a very good collaboration and works very closely and very strongly support from Department of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, Department of Health, Department of Education, Youth and Sport in Pursat province and Local Authorities such as village and commune chieives. DDSP main office is located in Government building compound which is show the good relationship and collaboration.

The key partner NGOs of DDSP are Spinal Cord Injury Centre (SCI) at Battambang province, ICRC and Cambodia Trust (CT) rehabilitation centre, where we can refer clients for rehabilitation services such as repair/receive assistive devices and treatment. ICRC and CT are the NGOs that have more than twenty years experiences in producing wheelchairs and other rehabilitation materials_ every six month they conduct field visit to Pursat province to repair and/or provide assistive devices to the clients, it is really good opportunity for them to repair their wheelchairs and/or receiving other rehabilitation materials.



As always; DDSP's staff have conducted home visit regularly to client's house to ensure that their issues has been solved on time, especially the clients who with stressfulness, serious bed sore, constipation and urine problem. They frequently need physiotherapy, health and hygiene materials and counseling. Wheelchairs and spare-parts has been assessed and bought from JSC organization for the clients who used the wheelchair and brought along for them during the home visit. To ensure the client having daily income

the project also provides revolving fund to do small business activities to generate income; thus regular field visits is the very important to guarantee the success of business.

Public event: The International Disabled's Day was celebrated on 16th December 2019 at Pursat city. The event aimed to promote the participation of persons with disabilities and to aware the communities and relevant stakeholders on the law of people with disabilities and their rights. Local authorities, i.e: village chivies, commune councils, District Officers, teachers, school committees, CCWC and school girls and boys, NGOs, and other relevant stakeholders; 180 participants in total, were invited to participate this important annual event. The director of Department of Social Affair were invited to be the honorable of the event. Persons with disabilities were invited to say speech to show their ability and potential.



At the same time; music and dancing of persons with disabilities group was also playing to be impressive and showing ability of persons with disabilities and logos of donors were printed and distributed for the participants. They also received snack and gift-wrap.

The participants looked very impressed and delighted to be part of the event as they gained knowledge and understanding more on disability issue and other



legislation related to disability which raised by the guest speakers. The local authorities have shown their gratefulness and deep thanks to DDSP in making this event happen with well-organized and support. As results of we found that the people in community in our target areas have demonstrated a more understanding about disability issue and resulted in the decreased discriminatory behaviours as well as they tended to be more open-minded about the integration of children and people with disability, especially people with paraplegic and quadriplegic are living in community.

In addition; the project has supported many more events; i.e: 24 beneficiaries(18females) for the training on equity and inclusive society which was aimed to promote gender and disability, supported women with disabilities and DDSP female staff for their women's day, supported Department of Women Affaire to the organize the Women's Day, contributed to support children of persons with disabilities and children with disabilities on the children's day and contributed to support Disabled and Children's Day at the National Level as well.

C .Project Achievement / Impact of the project

✚ Health/Rehabilitation intervention

- All clients and their care takers were provided counselling, physiotherapy and trained on basic physiotherapy, how to prevent bed-sore and also how to clean it.



They also received health and hygiene materials such as: lubricant KY, Soap, toothpaste, compress, peradione, urine drainage, catheters, condoms, gloves, and tablets (Paracetamol, Antibiotic) to release pain and fever. In addition; bedding materials and other basic needs; i.e: mosquito-nets, blankets, napkins, mattresses, skirts, water ceramic filters and other household materials

have been provided to clients too.

- Clients were referred to the rehabilitation centers and/or hospital in/out province to improve their physical and health condition. Assistive devices and other feasibilities have also been provided to those who are vulnerable as well. The following activities in the table have been done for clients during the project period.



N	Activities	# of clients/ materials	Direct/indirect beneficiaries
1	Referring clients to hospital and/or rehabilitation center	7 Persons	7persons
2	Providing wheelchairs	32 Persons	32persons
3	Providing spare-parts for repairing wheelchairs	15sets of spare-parts	15persons
4	Repairing wheel-chairs	18	18persons

		Wheelchairs	
5	Repairing clients' house who are very poor	9 families	45 persons benefited
6	Providing crutches and walking frames	4 crutches and 5 walking frames	9 persons
7	Providing mattresses and blankets	24 mattresses and blankets	24 persons
8	Providing water ceramic filters	59 sets	295 persons benefited
9	Providing water-jars	12 sets	60 persons benefited

Basic need and Social Intervention

- During the project period with support by the project the peer to peer meetings were conducted 10 times at different places in Pursat city, Bakan and Kandieng district. There were 51 clients and other key people in the community were supported to join this activities; aiming at helping them to follow-up the progress, sharing their concern, helping them with solving problems and building their relationship among the clients. As a result; they were very satisfy with this important activities and they feel brave and confident to join meeting and social in the community activities which supported by the project. Through this activity people in community have a greater understanding on disability inclusion and resulted with decreasing discrimination toward disability and people with disabilities are respected and valued.



- By collaboration with local authorities, clients were assessed and supported; these included: 59 families with persons with disabilities received the water ceramic filters to ensure they have clean and safe water to their daily lives; 12 families were provided water jars_ these water storage facilities are used to storage/keeping water for using in the daily activities and/or to collect the raining water in the raining seasons. Without the water-jars these serve disability have to buy water and/or ask someone to get water for them to drink or/and use for their daily living.



- At the same time; 8 families with persons with disabilities were supported to build the adapted latrines. This is to promote inclusive Sanitation and Hygiene for families with PWDs and their community to reduce sickness and diseases which is caused by open-defecation and to provide accessibility for the



persons with disabilities, especially persons with wheelchairs. Getting toilet is the very difficult task for them in the daily routines if they do not have a latrine. In addition; other 9 poor families with PWDs were provided materials for repairing house.

Enhancing Income Generation

Most persons with disabilities, including persons with spinal cord injury (paraplegics and quadriplegics), are from the very poor families. Hence; revolving fund is very important for improving family income for such vulnerable families. During this period of time; fund has been provided to 21 families for about \$125 each family to start up income generation activities which includes grocery store selling, sell vegetable and buy seed for rice growing. At the same time; 29 families of target groups who received income generation with the previous circle; have been followed-up. In addition; 6 female calves from the previous project were also provided to 6 prioritized families for a Cow Bank__ client who hold this will receive a cow and a calf after him/her passing on at least one calf for the next prioritized client. It is a quite long process but it is effective and sustainable strategy.



D .Challenges and Intervention

Challenges Encountered	Intervention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of involvement from the family members to support the client is a major concern as this leads to slow improvement for paraplegics and quadriplegics especially those who are already in a severe condition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping counselling and raise more awareness to families to pay more attention to take care their family members with PQ. Referring clients to in/out provinces for a better treatment and services.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client's house are far from the province 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the local authorities to help and support to follow-up; Setting clear follow up plan with the clients
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less paying attention of the hospital staff during the clients stay in hospital for treatment, this leads the clients feel depressed and isolated_ less confident to come to stay at the hospital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping motivation the clients go to hospital Lobby the hospital staff in providing the good service to client

E. Project improvement and Lesson learnt

- Parent of children/youth with disabilities well participated with project activities.
- Physical and cognitive functioning of the clients improved through providing physiotherapy and assistive devices.
- Good collaboration with local authority, NGOs partners and community members is the best approach to ensure quality of services and sustainability.

- The staff make regular home visit is the best way to motivate the clients and their families more good collaboration and well taking care the materials provided by the project.

F. Success Cases of the project_ (will be sent with the separate documents)

H. Name and signature of the representative of the organization:

We declare that we have read the information supplied in this report and the information given is clear and correct and all activities and expenditure we agreed as reported.

DDSP's representative

Pheng Samnang, DDSP Director

Signature

and official stamp

