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CAMBODIANS FACILITATE TRAINING COURSE IN MYANMAR

Three Cambodian HIV/AIDS experts have been in Rangoon, Myanmar, to help design A training course for community home-based care. The three are Dr. Kong Sopheap, KHANA's Team Leader of the Integrated Care and Prevention Program, Dr. Leng Kuoy, KHANA's Team Leader of Management and Evaluation, and Mr. San Vandin, Executive Director of Partners for Compassion which is one of KHANA's NGO partners.

The 10-day training course (27 November-8 December 2006) was part of an agreement between KHANA and the Yangon-based International HIV/AIDS Alliance with the UK-based Alliance Secretariat.

"The overall objective of this training was to upgrade the capacity of Myanmar implementing partners in Community Home Based Care, and to enable them to apply this knowledge and skills in their workplaces actively and efficiently," said Dr. Kong Sopheap.

It was the first time that KHANA, the Cambodian leading HIV/AIDS NGO, shared its experience and lessons learnt to the regional partner. " I feel very proud that KHANA could provide its technical support and consultancy on Community Home Based Care to its foreign friends so that they can deal with HIV/AIDS epidemics in their country," Dr. Leng Kuoy said. It had been very fruitful for KHANA and Alliance in Myanmar and its partners to strengthen cooperation, and exchange and share knowledge and experience with each other in the spirit of Alliance family, he added.

Chhay Sophal

2006: A SUCCESSFUL YEAR BUT STILL MUCH TO BE DONE



A group of MSM dancers performing at the launch of the national MSM network in Phnom Penh.

With support from USAID, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, the Global Fund, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Frontiers Prevention Project, NZaid and WFP, and in close cooperation with its stakeholders, KHANA supported 68 NGO partners in 17 provinces and three municipalities to carry out activities that contributed to the national response against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Cambodia.

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Highlights from 2006 included:

Reaching more PLHA and OVC with services:

Through its home care and prevention programmes, KHANA provided support to 9,404 PLHA and 13,031 OVC in 2006. 9,150 family members of PLHA and OVC also received services from 88 Home-Cared Teams, such as referrals, education, counseling and income-generation assistance, and 3,653 PLHA received ART.

325 PLHA self-help groups with 6,485 members played a key role in helping Home-Based Care



Three orphans who parents died of HIV/AIDS receive food from WFP.

Teams to mobilize community support, to transfer information from the coordinators to PLHA, and to advocate for the rights of PLHA. The groups also received education on positive prevention and helped each other to access, and adhere, to ARV regimes.

Meanwhile, income generation projects helped to raise the standard of living of 3,350 PLHA and OVC households, which were awarded small grants (\$30) to establish small businesses such as; silk weaving, handicrafts, groceries and live-stock raising.



A positive-woman joins a vocational training course conducted by one of KHANA's NGO partner in Phnom Penh.

Establishment of networks:

By 2006, seven provincial Continuum of Care Coordinators or CoCC (former Home-based Care Networks) and twelve Provincial People Living with HIV/AIDS networks (provincial CPN+) were in existence. Members of the networks received training on basic HIV/AIDS counselling in

the communities, capacity building, and management of ARV so that they could work in coordination with HCT and government agencies at provincial level. The networks coordinated services in overlapping target areas and facilitated access to health services, especially for ARV and OI. Provincial CPN+ networks have raised funds from charities and other sources. KHANA helped the networks coordinate, build and strengthen self-help groups. At monthly meetings, these networks shared knowledge and experiences regarding health and living conditions.

Supporting more OVC: KHANA and its partners provided support services to 13,031 OVC. They received comprehensive care and support services from home-based care teams including basic health care, psychological and social welfare, economic support, and the provision of ARV. HBC also provided OVC with school materials such as books, pens, and school uniforms and supported 5,497 OVC to attend school. OVC are increasingly able to go to school without fear of stigma or discrimination by classmates, and can seek emotional support from teachers. There are no school fees for OVC. Through its partners and home-care teams, KHANA was able to find foster cares for 1,201 OVC in 2006.

Reaching more vulnerable groups with prevention activities:

In 2006, the Focused Prevention Program regularly conducted well-planned workshops for all areas of its programme and successfully established a national network for MSM. The prevention program reached 21,853 youth in and out of school, 25,668 married couples, 1,615 DSW, 1,359 IDSW, 4,815 MSM, and 8,662 peer educators. Peer educators, volunteers, and monks provided basic education on HIV/AIDS/STI/TB prevention and non-discrimination to 124,745 people. Leaflets, t-shirts, flyers, posters, and flip charts were also handed out to communities.

Expanding the drugs programme: Over the past year, KHANA reached up to 1,260 drug users, referring some to STI services, VCCT, vocational training services and rehabilitation services. KHANA-supported drop-in centres provided information on risk reduction, medical care, food, and shelter to drug users, including sex workers. KHANA also reached 4,157 vulnerable non-drug users through its outreach activities.

Providing more welfare support: KHANA and its partners continued to provide welfare support and food aid from the World Food Programme (WFP). A total of 4,703 PLHA families and 4,292 OVC families received WFP food support.



KHANA organized a series of trainings on safe condom use to sex workers so that they can prevent HIV/AIDS and STI.



From left to right: USAID/Cambodia Director for the Office of Public Health Ms. Katherine Crawford, KHANA Executive Director Dr. Oum Sopheap, and Secretary General of the National Authority for Combating Drugs H.E Lt. Gen. Lour Ramin at a signing ceremony on MoU to fight against HIV/AIDS and drug use on October 11, 2006 at the Ministry of Interior.

Expanding its advocacy efforts: KHANA supported the networks, self-help groups, and the HIV/AIDS Coordinating Committee (HACC) to coordinate community outreach activities and events on key dates such as Candlelight Memorial Day and Khmer New Year.

Strengthening organisational capacity: KHANA made 220 technical support visits to its partners in 2006. Through the visits, KHANA focused on strengthening its partners' capacity in organisational, programme and financial management, as well as focused prevention and advocacy.

Workshops on advanced home-based care and income generation were also organised for partners. These gave opportunities for the participants to share knowledge and experiences each other.



Through KHANA's partners and network, more and more villagers come to health centers for VCCT.

Strengthening collaboration: KHANA and its partners and networks have strengthened the involvement of PLHA in the national response to HIV/AIDS. The networks have also strengthened the implementation of the MMM (Mith Mour Mith), or, friends help friends, one of the key elements contributing to the success of the "Continuum of Care" framework.



Women from all walk of life join workshops to learn about the dangers of HIV/AIDS/STI/TB.

KHANA provided financial and technical support to GOs and NGOs to organise events on the International Day Against Drugs and Drug Trafficking, Candle Light Memorial Day, the National Boat Racing Festival, and World AIDS Day. KHANA also provided some funds to local NGO, CARAM, to organise the first rally on 18th December to mark the 16th International Day of Migration.

KHANA will continue its collaboration and build on its relationships with stakeholders, donors, government agencies, other NGOs and networks, including the media, to foster and strengthen strategic alliances in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Sumarised by Chhay Sophal

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	Targets for 2007
# of workshops and events (Planning, reporting, programme and financial managements)	53
# of field trips to strengthen partners' capacity in the areas of organizational, programme and financial managements	347
# of publication and documentation to share best practice, lessons learnt, and case studies	24 types
Annual conference	1
# of journalism training course	1

4. Advocacy

Activities to reduce stigma and discrimination will be carried out along-side and integrated into ongoing projects' prevention and care activities. Activities include: community awareness raising; education to dispel myths and pre-conceptions; and close work with community leaders and monks to support stigma reduction campaigns. In addition, partner organisations, as well as organisations of the target groups themselves, particularly PLHA groups, will be supported to organise special events for Candlelight Memorial Day and other key opportunities to influence the community.

KHANA also supports organizations to coordinate advocacy at national level. This involves coordination with other actors, advocacy activities for reducing stigma and discrimination and supporting most at risk networks (PLHA, sex workers, MSM) in their organizational development efforts.

KHANA will provide one-off grants for activities linked to opportunities for awareness raising and for advocacy or policy development and tools development.

	Targets for 2007
# of advocacy initiatives planned	516
# of awards to print media for best reporting on HIV/AIDS	1

KHANA is honoured and grateful for the help of its donors, USAID, Global Fund Round 5 and the Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation and the EU through the Alliance. Together, these donors have jointly committed US\$4,693,985 for KHANA to meet its objectives in 2007. More than half of these funds (US\$2, 726,976) will be awarded as grants and sub-awards to KHANA's local partners.

Sumarised by Naomi Walston and Chhay Sophal

KHANA PLANS FOR 2007

With generous support from its donors, and with a stronger, larger structure, 2007 promises to be an exciting year for KHANA. Under its key areas; prevention, integrated care and prevention, systems strengthening, and advocacy, KHANA will provide 321 grants to 60 partners working in 17 provinces. Here are some of the highlights for the year ahead.

1. Prevention

KHANA's interventions will target most at risk populations (MARP) such as MSM, sex workers, migrant workers and young people, with education and skills building that are tailored to their particular needs. KHANA and its partners will focus on peer outreach, risk reduction skills building, development and dissemination of targeted IEC, mobilisation and solidarity building among MARP, and referrals to key health and social services.

In 2007, KHANA will organise five workshops on: ABC approaches (2), drug use and HIV prevention and outreach risk reduction (2).

	2006	2007
# of people reached through prevention activities	190,609	342,037

2. Care, Treatment and Support to PLHA and OVC

Prevention, care and treatment will be addressed in a comprehensive and integrated way through KHANA's established model of service provision including; basic medical care, referrals to prevention and care services, ARV referral, education and treatment, psychosocial care and positive prevention.

KHANA will organise 11 workshops on integrated care and prevention issues; basic ICP (2), HIV & TB (1), advanced ICP (3), food monitoring and management (2), advanced OVC (2) and NCHADS HBC (1).

KHANA will also support different forms of poverty alleviation such as vocational training and income generating activities, and provide small grants to PLHA self-help groups and individuals to develop income-generating activities.

	2006	2007
# of PLHA reached through HCT	9404	10,583
# of PLHA receiving ART with support of HCT	3653	5,850
# of OVC reached through HCT	13031	16,676
# of OVC receiving ARV with support from HCT	453	870

3. Policy development and systems strengthening

KHANA will continue to engage with the government at the national level. For example, KHANA will sign an operational Memorandum of Understanding with NCHADS demonstrating our joint commitment to the goals of the national strategic plan, and we will continue to work closely with NACD to ensure that the interventions are in line with NACD guidelines on drugs and HIV.

KHANA will also continue to support CPN+ and build their organizational and technical capacity to ensure that the voice of PLHA is represented at local, national and international levels.

We will also support leading NGO partners to ensure the participation of civil society in decision making forums, in policy development and in coordinated program implementation. KHANA will develop formal collaboration mechanisms with the Provincial AIDS Office.

KHANA will commit to an ongoing plan of systems strengthening; financial, organizational and program management, and governance systems. This will include giving partners the skills to manage their organizational and institutional development. KHANA will build capacity through a variety of methods, including: workshops; follow-up and monitoring visits; one to one technical support visits and mentoring to project staff. KHANA will also support the planning and execution of exchange visits for NGOs/CBOs to other partners and programmes working on HIV prevention in Cambodia and in the region. In addition, NGOs will be supported to participate in national and international forums.

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KHANA staff members discussed their 2007 work plan and looked ahead for its strategic direction for 2008-10 in a meeting in Sihanoukville on January 19, 2007.