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NGO PARTNER GETS UN RED RIBBON AWARD

After working to help PLHA and OVC in the community level at the remote area, one of KHANA's NGO partners has received a Red Ribbon Award from the United Nations.

Out of 500 nominations from over 100 countries in the world, Cambodian Save Children Network (CSCN) -- a local NGO based in Pursat province -- is one of the 25 finalists received the award with cash prize US\$5,000.

Speaking at the awarding ceremony on February 13, UNDP Programme Director Ms. Anne Isabelle Degryse Bateau said it is very proud of both the organisation and Cambodia to win such award for 2006.

Mr. Nget Saborak, CSCN Executive Director, told the ceremony that with "financial support from KHANA which is our key donor" and commitment and loyalty of the organisation's staff, CSCN brought the award to Cambodia. The 2005-founded CSCN has worked involving with home-based care for 341 PLHA and also provided financial and educational support to 739 OVC in the province.

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FIRST EVENT TO MOBILIZE NATIONAL THINKING ON "TURNING THE TIDE" OF HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC



H.E. Prof. Eng Huot, Health Ministry Secretary of State, speaks his opening remark at the conference. From left: Mr. Tony Lisle, Mr. Jonathan Ross, and Dr. Oum Sopheap.

To understand how we have "turned the tide" and to be ready to face new challenges of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Cambodia, KHANA organized a special conference to generate new ideas and share lessons learnt from both national and international health policy makers and practitioners nationwide. The two-day event "Looking Back to Move Forward: Stakeholders Conference on the HIV/AIDS Response in Cambodia" was held on February 22-23 at Phnom Penh hotel.

Mr. Tony Lisle, UNAIDS Country Coordinator and Chair of KHANA Board of Directors said the conference aimed at learning "from other players to look beyond our normal sphere of influence and to seek to bring new and innovative actions to benefit the communities and individuals affected by HIV & AIDS". KHANA, he said, over the last five years has successful conducted

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Some 200 participants participated in the two-day conference "Looking Back to Move Forward: Stakeholders Conference on the HIV/AIDS Response in Cambodia"

the Frontier Prevention Programme which supports the most vulnerable, marginalized and stigmatized groups such as MSM, Sex Workers, People Living with HIV, and Drug Users. "KHANA has helped bring the voices of these individuals and communities to the forefront and made the government realize that including key populations in our programming is essential to success," he added.

Echoing Tony Lisle, Mr. Jonathan Ross -- Deputy Director of the Office of Public Health of USAID in Cambodia -- said the conference really provides an important opportunity to stakeholders to "look back in order to move forward." As 2007 is the 10th anniversary of USAID's partnership with KHANA, he said, KHANA is still USAID's key implementing partner. "KHANA has grown into an independent Cambodian NGO which ensures HIV/AIDS programs are truly rooted in communities they serve," he said. Jonathan also affirmed that it's time, after 10-year partnership, to "consider what we want for Cambodia in another 10 years".

Gates Foundation, UNFPA, JICA, EU, NZaid and WFP, and in close cooperation with its stakeholders, KHANA has been a major player in the response to HIV/AIDS and worked with over 100 NGO partners nationwide.

Dr. Oum Sopheap, KHANA Executive Director, said the main task of KHANA is focusing on home based care and prevention for vulnerable groups like PLHA, OVC, Sex Workers, Drug Users and MSM. Providing home based care and meeting people's socio-economic needs, he said, are the priority for people living with

prevalence and KHANA is a "good example NGO" working closely with the government since 1997. "Through home based care, KHANA shows its close cooperation with the government



From left to right: Dr. Oum Sopheap, NAA Secretary General H.E. Dr. Teng Kunthy, NCHADS Director H.E. Dr. Mean Chi Vunn, and HIV/AIDS Team Leader of USAID/Cambodia Office of Public Health Dr. Sok Bunna at the conference.

HIV/AIDS. He also shared KHANA's achievements and challenges in 2006 among which were the high numbers of people being reached and the great diversity of activities and services carried out.

in all levels -- from the national to the community levels -- which is able to increase the access to health service and support for people living with HIV/AIDS," he added.

Speaking in the opening remark, H.E. Prof. Eng Huot, Health Ministry Secretary of State, said Cambodia is one of only a few nations in the world that has successfully reduced its HIV/AIDS

The World Food Programme is also a key player in providing food support to HIV/AIDS affected households, orphans and vulnerable children through KHANA's home based care approach

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Ms. Coco Ushiyama, WFP Deputy Country Director speaks at her welcome remark at the conference.

Cambodia has "turned the tide" - the HIV/AIDS epidemic is no longer growing. But now it is faced with new and different challenges: moving beyond meeting basic needs and think of "living, not only surviving; assuring that every program is well governed and accountable and that the Cambodian people have equal access to a range of opportunities to ensure their health and well-being.

Since its establishment in 1997 and with support from many donors: USAID, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, the Global Fund, the Bill & Melinda



Break out session at the conference.

BRIEFING

VALENTINE'S DAY AND KHANA

In order to outreach awareness of the danger of HIV/AIDS epidemic to target young people, KHANA joined with government agency and NGOs to launch HIV/AIDS education campaign during the Valentine's Day on Feb 14 at the National Olympic Stadium.

The campaign started from February 12 distributed IEC materials and tens of thousands of postal cards to shops and supermarkets for youth. The campaign also included a live concert "Best of the Best" participated by the country's most popular stars who helped send key messages about the danger of HIV/AIDS epidemic and drugs use to hundreds of thousands of young audiences at the stadium and a TV channel. Cambodia is a young society where more 50 percent of about 14 million population is young.

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TRAINING OFFICER JOINS WORKSHOP IN THAILAND

At the invitation of UNFPA, KHANA Training Officer Dr. Ly Chansophal participated in a workshop held on February 6-9 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The workshop "Good Practice Dissemination" co-organized by EU and UNFPA aimed at providing opportunity to policy makers and project operators to share information and knowledge on good practice to each other.

More than one hundred participants from Cambodia, Bangladesh, Laos, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam and Thailand participated in the regional seminar.

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MEETING FOR HELP OVC

In order to help Orphans and Vulnerable Children, KHANA's Technical Support Team organized a three-day workshop on "Working with OVC" for its NGO partners and non-partners directly dealing with OVC.

The workshop conducted at KHANA office on February 19-21 aimed at reviewing the Building Block Toolkit and developing how to use the toolkit.

Some 30 participants from KHANA's 12 NGO partners and 3 NGO non-partners in different provinces and cities attended the crucial workshop.

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Her Royal Highness Princess Norodom Marie Ranariddh, Senior Minister and Chairperson of the National AIDS Authority, Her Excellency Ho Naun, Chairperson of the Commission on Public Health, Social Work, Labour and Women Affairs of the National Assembly, His Excellency Dr. Teng Kunthy, NAA Secretary General, and representatives from UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, and other NGOs were also present at the ceremony held at the UNDP office in Phnom Penh.

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A group of MSM performs a traditional wishing dance at the closing conference.

since 2003. Ms. Coco Ushiyama, WFP Deputy Country Director, said WFP food serves as an important income transfer that allows poor families to cope with the crisis and to avoid harmful coping mechanisms such as selling productive assets and taking children out of school. Participants also agreed that food support is vital as integrated part of HIV/AIDS program because it improves ARV adherence, builds trust, encourages participation, improves school attendance, improves overall financial security, and has great benefit for overall health. The participants also expressed concern over food supply interruption and the need for sustainability. Everyone agreed that it is necessary to continue these discussions, to develop self-sustaining responses like home-gardening, and to mobilize other donors/suppliers and private sector.

During the two-day conference, some 200 participants from GOs, NGOs and donors, including media, heard the progress and the plans such as good governance -- accountability in finance and management -- and good monitoring -- accountability in programs. During discussions in both plenary and breakout sessions, KHANA officials and other speakers from government institutions, donors and stakeholders presented good practices with strong M&E systems, income generating projects, economic and food security, and mainstreaming of HIV and development. The

first-ever conference concluded that the stakeholders need to listen to what is happening at the communities and to collaborate with each other, including across sectors -- health, social, business, finance, and nutrition. It also indicated that the stakeholders' responses need to follow their visions and reach high desires so that they can bring hope to the communities.

Speaking in his closing remark, H.E. Dr. Mean Chi Vunn, Director of NCHADS, expressed his support for conference saying that the conference topic is really significant making GOs, NGOs and other stakeholders to "carefully look back in order to move forward in the right tract". He said that after the conference all institutions concerned must continue working together in a larger scale to fight against AIDS because "AIDS never forgets human. Only human forget AIDS".

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Dr. Tith Khimuy, KHANA Programme Director, was interviewed by a local TV crew after the conference.

SENIOR LEADERS' FIELD TRIP FOR FACT FINDING

After looking through a series of reports saying that "successful work for the past year", KHANA's Board Members have gone to the fields to find out if the reports are complying with the real practice. The field trip was made on February 8 in Siem Reap province where seven of KHANA's 60 NGO partners are operating. The officials visited two of KHANA's NGO partners, the provincial health center, and meeting with a group of PLHA and OVC.

The officials are Tony Lisle, Country Coordinator of UNAIDS in Cambodia and KHANA Chair of Board, Dr. Tea Phauly, Project Officer of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and KHANA Vice Chair of Board, Cheryl L. Urashima, Institutional Development and Management Specialist of Asian Development Bank and the Treasurer of KHANA Board, Dr. David Wilkinson, International Health Consultant and KHANA Board Member, Mr. Chun Bora, ILO Programme Coordinator and KHANA Board Member, Mr. Men Nimmith, Executive Director of Arbitration Council Foundation of Cambodia and KHANA Board Member, and Susan Hagadorn, Organisational and Institutional Development Consultant. The trip accompanied by Ms. Lynette Lowndes, a visiting Field Programmes Director of the Alliance.



Lynette (sitting) and Cheryl listen to Ms. Heng Satha, KHANA programme officer, describing about two HIV-positive siblings, 8-year-old boy and 6 year-old girl, living with their HIV/AIDS positive widowed mother whose husband died of HIV/AIDS a few years ago.

In front of a group of PLHA, Mr. Men Nimmith said it is very important for KHANA's senior policy makers to see the real things happening in the fields. "As the political decision makers looking through documents in the office, we want to see by our own eyes at the communities in the grassroots so that we can make our plans and political agendas more effectively to reach common goals in the response to HIV/AIDS," he added.

KHANA board members regularly meet every quarter to review KHANA work if it is complying with the strategic plan. They also conduct field trips for fact finding and recommend KHANA senior management leaders to go to the right track.

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KEY POLICY MAKERS HELP DEVELOP KHANA STRATEGIC PLANS TO MOVE TO THE RIGHT DIRECTION



Dr. Oum Sopheap (second from right), KHANA Executive Director, briefs on KHANA strategic plan for 2007 to local and international key policy makers and health experts.

To keep responsive in the front line to the changing pictures of HIV/AIDS in Cambodia, several local and international key policy makers and health experts have recently gathered together to provide their useful recommendations to KHANA senior management leaders. The meeting aimed at reaching the Cambodian Millennium Development goals, National Response to HIV/AIDS, the UK-Based International HIV/AIDS Alliance's Strategic Frame Work and the Universal Access, including the Cambodian government's rectangular strategy.

The active discussion was joined by Ms. Lynette Lowndes, Field Programmes Director of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, Mr. Tony Lisle, Country Coordinator of UNAIDS in Cambodia and KHANA Chair of Board, Dr. Tea Phauly, Project Officer of UNODC and KHANA Vice Chair of Board, Cheryl L. Urashima, Institutional Development and Management Specialist of Asian Development Bank and the Treasurer of KHANA Board, Dr. David Wilkinson, International Health Consultant and KHANA Board Member, Mr. Chun Bora, ILO Programme Coordinator and KHANA Board Member, Mr. Men Nimmith, Executive Director of Arbitration Council Foundation of Cambodia and KHANA Board Member, and Susan Hagadorn, Organisational and Institutional Development Consultant.

During a whole day debate on February 9 in Siem Reap provincial town, KHANA senior management leaders mobilized many significant knowledge sources to improve their quality plans for 2008 up to 2010.

Speaking at the meeting, Lynette Lowndes said that what KHANA has done in Cambodia is really significant and alike to what the global institutions dealing with HIV/AIDS epidemic. In order to achieve more fruitful work, Lynette suggested that discrimination reduction and gender equity are the right position that KHANA should consider while the globe is dealing with the issues.

Sharing his view, Tony Lisle said that as KHANA is growing so fast and successfully working it should continue for longer term to push up the voice of women and both direct and indirect sex workers, including MSM. "Voice of women is very important in community to fight against HIV/AIDS epidemic. We also help reach indirect sex workers and Karaoke and beer promotion girls, some of them have multi sex while MSM is also the target with high risk behavior," he said. Tony also expressed his support for the Alliance's strategic plan which is complying with the Cambodian situation and what KHANA is doing as an umbrella of the targets such as PLHA and MSM.

With 70 full time staff supported by 20 volunteers and two technical support officers, including a number of short term consultants, KHANA continues supporting 60 partners working in 17 provinces and municipalities for prevention, care, support, impact mitigation, system strengthening, policy, and advocacy.

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