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STRATEGIC REVIEW AND RE-PLANNING FOR KHANA'S WORK LOOKING AHEAD FOR STRATEGIC DIRECTION IN 2008-10

KHANA recently held a four-day discussion and annual workshop to review the achievements, challenges and lessons learned thus far, from the 2004-2008 strategic direction plan. Some recommendations for future improvement were raised. The discussion also focused on the organisation's re-planning for 2008 linking to the operational plan for 2008 - 2010.

Speaking in his open remark, Dr. Oum Sopheap, KHANA Executive Director, suggested that it was a good time for KHANA staff, technical supporters, and consultants to discuss and review what the organisation has done to date and KHANA's future focus in alignment with the national strategy and the universal access.

During the discussions held on 12-15 November 2007 at Kiriom Hillside Resort, representatives of each departments highlighted their respective achievements, challenges and lessons learned during the year. From here the organisation's effective workplan and budget plan for 2008 and the operational plan for 2008-2010 can be established, as well as improvements in response to HIV/AIDS. Dr. Sopheap also encouraged all staff to additionally strengthen their "culture of solidarity, culture of team work, culture of good governance,

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View of the Boat Racing Festival from the east bank of Tonlesap river opposite the Royal Palace, on 23 November 2007, the first day of the 3-day Water Festival. During the three days, KHANA joined the government and civil society to raise awareness of drug and HIV/AIDS.

KEEPING A SMILE WHILE WFP CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FOOD

The World Food Program (WFP) supports People Living with HIV/ AIDS (PLHA) and Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC). If the breadwinner of a family is unable to work, due to HIV/AIDS related illnesses, then WFP will distribute portions of food.

PL is a 43 year old HIV positive man living with his family in the Kampong Cham province. His family struggles daily to access basic humanitarian requirements, which sadly is common among the thousands of other PLHA and OVC cases.

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IRISH HEALTH ORGANISATION SEEKS PARTNERSHIP IN CAMBODIA

The Thailand-based Irish 'Health & Development Networks' (HDN) is seeking cooperation and partnership with health organisations in Cambodia to network and to share experiences and lessons learned with others. They hope to help improve people's health and quality of life in the region.

Nadine France, HDN Executive Director, hopes that HDN can work in conjunction with KHANA to provide further Information Advocacy and a Dialogue Platform on TB and HIV. The communications department of HDN is looking for partnership in Cambodia in 2008. They have collaborated successfully in Thailand, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, including Ireland, in 2006. Speaking during a meeting with KHANA officials at KHANA office on 20 November 2007, Nadine said "HDN has observed KHANA's work and achievements for many years, so it is the best way to have partnership with KHANA in order to work together in improving people's health condition achieving universal access to prevention, treatment,

care and support services. Several possible components like e-Forum and Website, Key Correspondent (KC) Team, Local Initiative, Skill Training, National Campaign, Synthesis of Information Content that KHANA can cooperate with HDN, according to Nadine.

Dr. Oum Sopheap, KHANA Executive Director, welcomed the initiative for the partnership and in order to operate smoothly and successfully, he urged, a mechanism to be established.

KHANA held a series of meetings on 20-21 November 2007, whereby an agreement was reached between KHANA and HDN to establish an 'e-Forum' and Website, KC, and other technical working groups. The two sides will then be able to communicate by



Nadine France (right), HDN Executive Director, briefs KHANA officials on the HDN and partnership plan at KHANA office on 20 November 2007.

sharing experiences, best practices and other relevant work with each other through eForm and Website and newsletters. More concrete work will be done before KHANA's stakeholder meeting in February 2008.

HDN also plans to have partnership in Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Namibi, Russia and Vietnam in 2008.

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Despite this struggle P.L said "I am very happy when I learnt that my family still get food support from the organization," P.L chattered as he pulled grass out from his vegetable beds with his wife, and spoke of how much his family will suffer if the monthly food support from the World Food Programme (WFP) is stopped.

P.L, is a former soldier who traveled from place to place. Last year P.L fell seriously sick and became bed ridden. With the help from Nak Akphivath Sahakum (NAS) or community developer, P.L was brought to

the provincial health center last October for a blood test. "After the blood test, I was told that I got AIDS," he said. NAS is KHANA's implementing partner based in Kampong Cham. They distribute the food from the WFP to 212 PLHA and 208 OVC in two districts - Batheay and Choeung Prey.

After receiving care from NAS's home-based care team, P.L began to feel better and is now able to help out his family with some light work. His spouse, S.S.K, who is also HIV-positive, found the food support to be really beneficial for her, her husband, and her six children. "My husband cannot work hard while I am also sick." she said. She explained the difficulties they had experienced trying to grow vegetables and raise a small number of hens and ducks to get some extra income for the family. The WFP provides P.L's family with 30 kg of rice, one kilo of cooking oil and haft-kilo of salt per month, distributed by NAS.

To support PLHA and OVC the WFP has decided to continue to distribute thousands of tons of food to the provinces, via KHANA, for the entirety of 2008. The total amount of

food that will be made available by WFP is: 3,475.903 tons - 3,310.384 tons of rice; 110.346 tons of cooking oil; and, 55.173 tons of salt. The food is distributed monthly through KHANA's 25 implementing partners, with 29 projects in 13 provinces and cities and will be provided to 9,196 families. In 2007 between January and September, the WFP provided 1,733.135 Mt, totaling US\$970,555.6, to 5,064 PLHA and 4,057 OVC and their families.

Due to the decreased food support for the next phase of the programme, the WFP organized a workshop in Siem Reap on 30-31 October 2007 on Food Support for HBC-HIV/AIDS activities. The aim was to introduce tools and guidelines to the local NGOs to equip them with the skills to work independently when outsourcing food support for the future, 2008-2010.

"I would like to thank the food supporter. Without the food, my family would have a really hard life and I think that not only me but also other people living with AIDS will get problem when the food is cut," P.L said.



43-year-old HIV-positive P.L and his wife, 42, pull grass out of his vegetable beds next to their hut in Kampong Cham province.

ARV'S ON HIGH DEMAND IN CAMBODIA

While HIV/AIDS epidemic in the country has dropped from 1.2% in 2003 to 0.9% in 2007, Antiretroviral (ARV) is still on high need for tens of thousands of Cambodians for the next three years, an HIV/AIDS official said.

Presenting the drafted national strategic plan for 2008-10 to KHANA staff at their Review and Re-planning Workshop on 13 November 2007 in Kirirom Hillside Resort, Dr. Hor Bun Leng, Deputy Secretary General of the National AIDS Authority, said the authority predicted that 18,300 women and 17,000 men will need ARV between 2008 and 2010. "When we get fund for Round 7 from the Global Fund, we expect that over 80 percent of them will be able to freely access to ARV," he said. He also estimated that an HIV-positive person could

spend about US\$1,000 each per year for ARV.

Up to September 2007, some 67,200 adults aged between 15 and 49 and 3,87 children have infected with HIV and living with HIV/AIDS. From this statistic, 2,372 children have received ARV, while an estimated 35,100 adults and 845 children will need ARV from now to the year of 2010, according to the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STDs.

Dr. Bun Leng also warned that the epidemic can turn back if the country is reluctant for additional prevention. People aged between 15-49, mobile population, sex workers, men who have sex with men, drug users, housewives and pregnant women and their children are at high risk and consequently are more



Dr. Hor Bun Leng, Deputy Secretary General of the National AIDS Authority, presented the NAA's drafted national strategic plan to KHANA's Review and Re-planning Workshop on 13 November 2007 in Kirirom.

likely who die from AIDS (resulted in many orphans and widows), he added.

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Dr. Oum Sopheap, KHANA Executive Director, presented KHANA's agenda at KHANA's Review and Re-planning Workshop on 13 November 2007 in Kirirom.

culture of corruption practice free". KHANA is committed to providing good support and strength for the staff, it is hoped that such workshops will continue to support KHANA's credible reputation.

A part of its big achievements between January and September, KHANA through its 63 implementing partners and networks in 17 provinces/cities, reached 11,274 PLHA and 17,344 OVC who received care and support; 5,482 PLHA received ART while 1,171 of them received DOTs; 646 infected children received ARV while 7,515 OVC were supported to school. At the same time, 35,311 OVC and youth (aged 11-24); 1,447 direct entertainment workers; 3,443 in direct entertainment workers; 5,505 MSM; 2,070 factory workers; 3,197 ATS users; 640 IDU; 49,656 married couple; and 28,439 general people were involved in HIV/AIDS and drug prevention sessions.

KHANA also drafted its four strategic directions -- improving coverage and quality response to HIV/AIDS; building the capacity of civil society; fostering policy dialogue; and strengthening strategic alliance -- for its three-year operational planning. During the year, KHANA also established four additional executive committees; Communications Committee, Policy and Advocacy Committee, Proposal Review Committee and Perfection Committee, in

addition to the reappointment of Procurement Committee, in order to make the organization much stronger and more transparent.

Sharing the national strategy to the workshop, Dr. Hor Bun Leng, Deputy Secretary General of the National AIDS Authority, said the authority is drafting the national strategic plan for comprehensive and multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS for 2008-10 while KHANA is also doing the same thing for the same period of time. In the drafted national strategy presented by Dr. Bun Leng, who was invited to be an honorable guest speaker at the workshop, seven 'at-risk' target groups were identified -- general population aged between 15-49; female entertainment workers; men who have sex with men (the number is increasing and at risk); drug users who have double risk of drug and HIV/AIDS; housewife and pregnant women who can transmit HIV to children; mobile population; children and families who affected by HIV/AIDS. Although there has been some challenges such as insufficient response, limitation of financial contribution, lack of resource tracking system and quality for the past years, the general health sector for 2005-08 has been growing to meet some of needs of the services and home based care. Dr. Bun Leng emphasised the current strong commitment and governance from the govern-

ment ministries, NGOs, and civil society that joined the NSP II. He also appreciated KHANA's commitment during the past years and it's consistency to produce effective work, Dr. Bun Leng states "This is because of its leadership and commitment. I would like to appeal that please you carry on your work in cooperation with NAA in order achieve the universal access for 2008-2010 and NAA still supports you and be your partner."

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Group of youth from Friend International performed dance to audience at the first day of the Water Festival.

In a similar story, KHANA in collaboration with NACD and other civil society organised a three-day event during the Water Festival on 23-25 November 2007 to raise awareness of drug and HIV/AIDS. T-shirts, caps, posters and leaflets with message on drug and HIV/AIDS were distributed to tens of thousands of people during the event. Concert, dance, and opera followed by an integrated question and answer session regarding to the dangers surrounding drug use in relation to contracting HIV/AIDS, entertained people. The boat racers were drawn to Phnom Penh from many areas of Cambodia, many coming from rural areas. This provided KHANA and NACD with a rare opportunity to outreach to a variety of people from many different communities.



KHANA staff and a technical supporter discussed their priority work for 2008 at the Review and Re-planning Workshop on 15 November 2007 in Kirirom.

TRAINING ON DRUG ABUSE AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION



From left: Dr. Teng Kunthy, NAA Secretary General, H.E Lt. Gen. Lour Ramin, Secretary General of NACD, and Mr. Chuob Sok Chamreun, KHANA Technical Team Leader, at the first day of training course.

In order to increase and broaden awareness regarding prevention and protection from drug abuse and HIV/AIDS epidemics in the country, KHANA in cooperation with the

Ministry of Interior, held a three-day training course in November for provincial and municipal drug workers.

In his open remark, H.E Lt. Gen. Lour Ramin, Secretary General of the National Authority for Combating Drugs (NACD), discussed drug use and how it is increasingly becoming a complicated problem, badly affecting the economic development, security, and social order in many countries. The Cambodian government also raised concerns regarding drug use in the nation, he states "Before, drug use by injection mostly happened amongst foreigners and immigrants in Cambodia but it now occurs amongst the Cambodians, especially our youth." In regards to the training, which he suggested is really essential, the participants will "get new knowledge and experience that they can raise their work quality for the contribution

of HIV/AIDS epidemics prevention, especially amongst drug users, and for the common interest of our families, people and nation as the whole," he added.

Sharing his idea in his welcome remark, Dr. Teng Kunthy, Secretary General of the National AIDS Authority, suggested that although HIV/AIDS prevalence has decreased in the country, the authority is now worried about drug users who use the same syringe for drug injection. This method acts as a vehicle, thus easily transmitting HIV virus from one person to another. "With this regards, we must urgently take care and consideration in finding new strategy in order successfully and effectively response to HIV/AIDS epidemics", Dr. Teng Kunthy added.

Thirty-seven participants who represented the Provincial and Municipal Drug Control Committee from Siem Reap, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Prey Veng, Kampong Chhnang, and Sihanouk Ville were invited to attend the course on 5-7 November 2007 at the Ministry of Interior.

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KHANA'S STAFF CORNER

KHANA welcomes three new staff, two technical support officers, and a volunteer who joined KHANA family in November, 2007.



Emerson Mar

Started work: November 12, 2007
Position: Director of Policy, Advocacy, and Resource Mobilization

Before working with KHANA, Emerson had worked for the Women's Media Centre of Cambodia. Emerson - Cambodian-American -- has experience in working with community-based organizations on resource mobilization, mainly on fundraising through business development for financial sustainability. Before coming to Cambodia, he worked in New York City for the Department of Health, mainly on HIV/AIDS in the last five years.

Bonnie Keith:

Started : November 2007
Position: Technical Support Officer for M&E and Documentation

Bonnie is a sexual and reproductive health professional with experience in program management, design, and field-based project. She has related work experience in Thailand, Guatemala, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States.



Andrew Vickery

Started : November 2007
Position: Technical Support Officer to Finance

Andrew returned to KHANA in November after leaving to Britain in mid-July. With KHANA's request, Andrew decided to come back for another six months.

Emma Gater

Emma started work in November as a voluntary Technical Assistant for Policy and Advocacy. Emma -- an Australian Youth Am-bassador for Development -- has recently moved to Cambodia and she will be with KHANA for one year. She will be assisting primarily in Policy and Advocacy but she welcomes the opportunity to become involved, where possible, in other faculties.



Ung Pola

Started: 11th November 2007
Position: Organizational and Institutional Development Coordinator

Pola has experiences in project management ranging from planning, implementing, monitoring/evaluation and reporting and the fields of organizational development and community organizing with a few organizations.

Hel Udom

Started : 1st November
Position: Voluntary assistant for Regional Team in the Programme Management Department.

Udom has freshly under graduated and carrying on his master degree.



KHANA also wishes all the best to two volunteers who left KHANA in November for their new jobs.



Kun Someth

Started: 5th November 2007
Position: Human Resource Assistant
Before coming to KHANA, Someth worked for UNICEF as Human Resource Assistant.



Kaing Vouchna

was a voluntary assistant for finance and admin department. She left KHANA on November 8, 2007 after one-year working.



Pheap Siphah

was a voluntary assistant for the Grand Management in the Finance and Admin Department. He left KHA for his new job.



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