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## POLICE RAID KARAOKE PARLOR AND ARREST SEX WORKERS

*In combating human trafficking and sex exploitation, local police in Ratanakiri province, northeastern country next to a Vietnamese border, at mid night on Christmas Eve raided into a karaoke parlor and arrested the owner and female workers whom police alleged of sexworkers.*

*Koh Santepheap daily newspaper reported on December 29 that after getting a firm order from the Interior Ministry's Justice Department to crackdown prostitution, Ratanakiri provincial police started their operating and rushed into the parlor where they said "It is a brothel under the sign of karaoke parlor."*

*Police sent the 45-year-old male owner to court with a charge of sex exploitation and eight young women in the ages of 19; 22s; 24; and 25s were sent to the Reeducation Center of the Provincial Social Affairs Department before sending them to Phnom Penh capital.*

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## R&R FOR EFFECTIVE WORK WITH \$4 MILLIONS IN 2009



*KHANA staff members discuss to find more effective work during their review and re-planning on 15 December in Sihanouk Ville.*

To keep focus on its strategic and operational plans on the right track, KHANA has recently held a four-day annual meeting to review its achievements, challenges and lessons learned for 2008. The meeting also focused on the organisation's re-planning for 2009 linking to the operational plan for 2008 - 2010. Some recommendations for future improvement were raised.

Speaking in his open remarks, Dr. Oum Sopheap, KHANA Executive Director, said the meeting provided great chance to staff to review what achievements and challenges the organisation has met so it can take the lessons learnt and experience to replan its work for the upcoming year. "It is like two in one. The meeting reviewed what we have done and what we are going to do next in order to get positive results in harmonisation and

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alignment with the strategies of both government institutions such as the Ministry of Health, NCHAD, NAA, NACD, and our implementing partners and donors. We focus on alignment with the national strategy and the universal access,” he said.

During the discussion held on 15-19 December, in Sihanouk Ville, representatives of each department (Strategic Information Department; Programme Management Department; Finance and Administration Department; Technical Support and Best Practice Department; and Executive Director Office) highlighted their respective achievements, challenges and lessons learned.

Dr. Sopheap encouraged all staff to additionally strengthen their culture of solidarity, team work, good governance, corruption practice free in order gain more credible reputation from donors, stakeholders, implementing partners and target groups.

Between January and September 2008, KHANA through its 66 implementing partners and networks in 17 provinces/cities, achieved with its targets in 2009 as follow:

**Coverage 2008**

	EU	GF	USAID	WFP	Total
IPs	7	48	30	26	66*
Provinces	3	15	9	15	17
Operational District (OD)	7	27	21	42	47
Health Center (HC) with HBCT	31	99	89	187	238

**Integrated Care and Prevention**

Main Indicators (Jan-Sep 2007 & 08)	Actual	Targets	Actual	Estimated
	2007	2008	2008	Targets 2009
# of PLHIV receiving care and support through BCTs	11,274	12,680	12,210	13146
# of OVC receiving care and support through HBCTs	17,344	19,000	19,536	21728
# of Referrals of PLHIV to health-related services	74,696	80,763	64,468	81000
# of PLHIV receiving ART with support from HBCTs	5,482	6,190	7,298	9000
# of OVC receiving ART with support from HBCTs	646	750	978	1200
# of PLHIV self-help groups established	399	453	473	500
# of OVC self-help groups established	291	352	415	450
# of OVC supported to attend school	7,515	8,106	9,626	9800

**Focus Prevention**

Main Indicators (Jan-Sep 2007 & 08)	Actual	Targets	Actual	Targets
	2007	2008	2008	2009
# of people reached through prevention activities /PE	202,253	312,200	264,484	27,000
# of at-risk youth reached through prevention activities	35,311	48,300	52,955	53000
# of MSM reached through prevention	5,505	7,370	8,758	9500
# of DSW reached through prevention	1,447	1,600	768	800
# of EW reached through prevention	3,443	4,760	7,213	10983
# of FW reached through education	2,070	4,000	6,991	11912
# of ATS users reached through prevention	3,197	3,950	7,597	11997
# of IDU reached through prevention	640	900	805	970
# of condoms distributed both free and sold	373,213	500,000	291,420	295000



Special Journalism Training Course on "Influence of TV & Radio Medium in Response to HIV and AIDS" on 19-21 March, 2008.

In 2008, KHANA has also worked closely with media playing the key role to outreach information to the public.

- On 19-21 March, 2008, fifteen journalists from the country's seven TV and several radio stations were invited to participate in the course on "Influence of TV & Radio Medium in Response to HIV and AIDS". The training was conducted by KHANA in cooperation with Club of Cambodian Journalists. The training and the fieldtrip aimed to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS among broadcasting journalists, to further develop their capacity on the accurate means to report HIV and AIDS information, and to encourage them to focus more stories on HIV and AIDS regarding the developmental impact. After the training and experience from the fieldtrip, KHANA believes that the journalists could gain more knowledge and understanding of HIV and AIDS so that they feel more capable with the appropriate knowledge and skills to deliver accurate and sensitive reports on HIV and AIDS.

- On 12 September at the closing of the

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Three Cambodian print journalists got awards from KHANA for their best articles on HIV and AIDS. The winners got US\$1,000 with a pen and an appreciation letter each and the Award was honorably handed over by H.E Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Cabinet Ministry.

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The paper quoted the police officer as saying that there are about 10 karaoke parlors in the provincial town and the raid was the first time in one of those shops. He said the operation is part of the strong action against prostitution in nationwide.

Early this year, Cambodia launched a controversial law on anti-trafficking law aiming to crack down on crimes of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Article 23 of the law states: "Prostitution in this law shall mean having sexual intercourse with an unspecified person or other sexual conduct of all kinds in exchange for any value". Sex workers and AIDS activists have expressed their concerns over local police warning owners of karaoke parlors, night clubs, bars and hotels that they will be fined if their premises contain condoms. Local NGOs said since the

inception of the law many brothels have closed and sex workers are in hiding while people are afraid of talking openly about or displaying condoms. Some sex workers also made complaints that they were arrested by local police and asked for money for their releases.

In October, Phnom Penh municipality also arrested more than 20 young-female sex workers in the city as part of the government's law enforcement to suppress the country's human trafficking and prostitution. During the operation, several businesses, especially on the main streets, like massage and karaoke parlors, pubs and other nightclubs were raided.

According to the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STDs (NCHADS), there are an estimated 3,430 direct sex



*A group of entertainment workers/sex workers gathered in Phnom Penh on 4 June to urge the government and lawmakers to revise a new law on "Suppression of Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation". As a result of this law sex workers are being arrested, detained, fined and jobless. (Filed photo)*

workers and 13,723 indirect sex workers in Cambodia.

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*Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Council Ministers His Excellency Sok An gives remarks at the opening ceremony of the 3rd National AIDS conference on 10 September, 2008 .*

3rd National AIDS Conference, KHANA offered the "Purple Award" to three Cambodian print journalists for their best articles on HIV and AIDS. The winners got US\$1,000 with a pen and an appreciation letter each and the Award was honorably handed over by H.E Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Cabinet Ministry.

Moreover, KHANA in cooperation with the National AIDS Authority successfully co-organised the 3rd National AIDS Conference in Phnom Penh on 10-12 September. Nearly a thousand of participants who are,

policymakers, AIDS and Drug activists from both governmental and non-governmental organizations, People Living with HIV, Sex Workers, and Men who Have Sex with Men participated in the conference to discuss the progress made in responding to HIV and AIDS and other related issues in the country and to consider the future challenges and solutions.

**In 2009, KHANA is going to:**

- Implement NGO Capacity Assessment and Scoring System
- Roll out MSM, Harm Reduction through

- GFATM R7 and AusAID/HAARP
  - USAID end of project evaluation and bidding process
  - EC Mid-Term Review
  - Finalize SPA Costings and OP0810
  - Operationalize:
    - Advocacy and Communication Strategies;
    - PDM
    - Onward Granting Manual
    - Income Guidelines and Training and Consultancy Service Development Plan
    - Risk Management Strategy
    - M & E Guidelines and database
  - Develop gender strategy and gender training
  - Resource mobilization in order to cover funding gap and operationalize position papers
  - Develop generic policies for IPs
  - Review and revise key policies and guidelines
  - Review and revise function and TOR of some Executive Committees
  - Integrate and manage Maryknoll program
  - Hold IP Director Meeting
- The work plan will be supported by a total budget of over \$4m from USAID, EC-Alliance, GFATM R5 and R7 and AusAID-HAARP.

# MORE CHILDREN GET CARE IN INFORMAL RESIDENTIAL CENTRES

The number of Cambodian children is increased in residential care from year to year and the majority of orphans and abandoned children are cared through informal fostering and adoption arrangements, according a report of Foster Care Network (FCN).

The report said there are 9.463 children living in residential care facilities around the country in 2008, and increase of 11% from 2007 and that about 70% of these children have at least one living parent. In 2008, there are 9463 children living in residential care facilities, or orphanages, throughout Cambodia, an increase of 62% since 2005, said the report.

FCN urges national authorities, donors, orphanage operators and other organizations working with children to review their current responses to children without parental care to ensure that each individual child has, wherever possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her own family. According to its Communication Pan, institutions, orphanages and residential centres should be the last resort, not the only resort for children in need of care. "Your organisation's first goal should be to reunite children with their parents. Where this is not possible permanent solutions, such as placement with

a relative or another family, should be sought. As family is the natural protective environment for a child your organisation should develop specific programmes to support families to raise their own children and send them to school."

FCN comprised of UNICEF and Ministry of Social Affair, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY). KHANA has also actively participated with the Royal Government and other stakeholders to improve children's life quality and promote their rights. Since 10 July 2006, KHANA has been an active member of the National Multi-Sectoral Orphans and Vulnerable Children Task Force (NOVC-TF) co-chaired by MoSVY, and the National AIDS Authority. The Task Force includes representation from multi-and bilateral agencies, and local and international NGOs. NOVC-TF aims to facilitate cooperation amongst key stakeholders working with OVC in the planning and monitoring of OVC-related activities and providing advocacy and technical support.

FCN says it is really important for family-based care and it will cooperate with the government, donors, residential centre, general community, and other stakeholders involved in alternative care to reduce the number of children in residential care and to improve the quality of alternative care options available to children. Residential



*Kids study at a centre of one of KHANA's implementing partners in Phnom Penh. (the recent filed picture)*

care is becoming increasingly unregulated -the number of residential care facilities registering with MoSVY has reduced from 94%, according to FCN.

It says residential institutional care is detrimental to a child's physical, emotional and cognitive development, yet the situation in Cambodia continues to endorse residential care as an 'instant solution' to deeply-rooted family and social problems, such as poverty and domestic violence. As a result, it says, children remain in institutional care with little effort made to search for meaningful alternatives.

# CAMBODIAN GOVT'. MINISTRIES DISCUSS AIDS SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES

About a hundred of AIDS policy makers and implementers from thirteen government ministries, and observers from relevant non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders met together on 26 December in the annual congress of the National AIDS Authority (NAA). The gathering aimed to review the country's response to AIDS during the year of 2008.

Speaking in his open remarks, Dr. Nuth Sokhom, State Minister and the new appointed President of the National AIDS Authority, said that while the country is getting proud of its success in responding to HIV and AIDS, it needs to make more efforts. "Our mission has not yet ended. We have more tasks to do," he said by adding that though HIV epidemic is under control amongst the brothel-based sex workers, the government is still concerning for

other most at risk groups such as men who have sex with men, drug users, and migrants who are needing urgent intervention.

The number of HIV prevalence in Cambodia has been declined from year to year. According to a report from NAA, the prevalence has been down from 2.8% in 1998 to 0.9% in 2007 and it is expected to drop to 0.6 in the upcoming year. However, Dr. Sokhom warned that the second wave of the infection would return if the most high risk groups are ignored.

Dr. Teng Kuthy, NAA Secretary General, said the congress provided an opportunity to participants to jointly focus on what their strength and weakness in responding to the common work of HIV and AIDS. The congress can share experiences, lessons learnt, and best practices

the participants have gained so that they can take to be their strong bases in order to work more effectively in 2009 and the country can reach the Universal Access in 2010, he said.

KHANA's Purple Brief is a monthly news bulletin covering real life stories of Cambodians living with, and affected by HIV and AIDS. The publication also raises significant awareness of the impacts of HIV and AIDS on the broader national and international communities.

The KHANA Communication Committee (KCC) is responsible for the development and publication of the monthly bulletin and the content does not reflect the views and opinions of the donors.