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Veterans International Cambodia (VIC)

VIC MONTHLY UPDATES
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Vision: Persons with disabilities and their families have capacity to lead active and fulfilling lives

Mission: To support persons with disabilities in Cambodia, especially vulnerable people in society and to empower them to build better lives for themselves and their families through Community Based Rehabilitation

Core Values: Integrity, Humanity, Quality, Equity, Independence, Partnership

• **WHEELCHAIR PRODUCTION:**

This month, VIC wheelchair workshop produced:

- **Folding Wheelchairs:** 37 frames, 72 footrests and other components were cut, bent, welded and painted; 78 wheels were assembled; 45 sets of fabric-seats and 42 cushions were sewn and made; and **37** folding standard wheelchairs were assembled.
- **Tricycles:** 1 tricycle frames were cut, welded, painted and assembled.

• **CBR ACTIVITIES:**

Wheelchair provision and Follow-Up

This month, VIC provided 35 wheelchairs, 2 tricycles and **8** walkers to 45 PWDs (M:23,F:22) 8 in Kandal, 15 in Prey Veng, and 22 in Svay Rieng provinces, funded by LDSC. VIC also provided 10 wheelchairs to PWDF and 4 wheelchairs to MoSVY to distribute to PWDs by PRCs and other needed users, funded by VIC. The total wheelchairs provided this month was **51** and the wheelchairs will promote the human rights of wheelchair users, enjoy better health, and improve the PWDs' mobility for daily living activities and social inclusion.

VIC repaired 2 wheelchairs for 2 PWDs (M:1,F:1) in Kandal province. The wheelchairs were replaced for casters' bearings and fabric seats.

VIC assessed 58 PWDs (M:39,F:19) this month, 14 in Kandal, 6 in Prey Veng, and 38 in Svay Rieng provinces for wheelchair provision. The PWDs were listed on a waiting list for committee selection.

VIC followed up on the wheelchair application of 91 wheelchair users (M:45,F:46), 18 in Kandal and 51 in Prey Veng and Svay Rieng provinces. The results showed that 7 wheelchairs and 1 tricycle were broken for fabric-seats and caster-bearings and others were functioning well and continued to be in use.

VIC also did analysis of wheelchair quality production after 6 month used and the monitoring was done to 212 wheelchairs for the distribution in the year of 2019 under the LDSC funding support. The results showed that 91% of the wheelchairs and tricycles were no



damage and still functioning well, caster bearings broken only 4 equal 2%, fabric-seat 11 equal 5%, and the users died 4 equal 2%.

School Integration and Vocational Trainings

The school support activities was postponed this month because of the outbreak of Covid-19 and the government closed all private and public schools at all levels to prevent the virus spreading.

Home Based Rehabilitation (HBR)

This month, VIC continued implementing the home based rehabilitation (HBR) project in Svay Rieng & Prey Veng provinces, funded by Gupta Family Foundation (GFF). The project staff identified 2 new communes and 6 new villages in 6 districts and communicated with local authorities 6 times to inform the project and ask permission for the project implementation. The project staff visited and provided HBR treatment to 35 PWDs (4 CPs, 28 strokes, 2 SCIs and 1 fracture) including muscle exercises to stimulate lower and upper limb and passive movement, stretching muscles and joints, bed sore massage, trained sitting, massage jaw muscles to prevent saliva spillage, trained to walk in parallel bars, and trained 35 parents/caregivers on HEP and advice on proper care.

Other CBR Activities:

VIC communicated with local authorities in Rumduol district, Svay Rieng province to conduct an awareness campaign called "We Ring the Bell" scheduled for March 13, 2020, in a high school. The campaign was successfully conducted as scheduled and there were 243 participants (M:109,F:134) including students, parents, teachers and local authorities. The campaign was supported by Liliane Foundation to increase awareness for children with disabilities to go to school and enjoy equal rights to access education.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- VIC conducted monthly meeting with all staff at the VIC head office on March 27, 2020, to update information of the Coronavirus outbreak in Cambodia and alerted all staff especially the community staff to be vigilant and self-care to avoid contamination and asked the CBR staff to include the preventive information measure of Covid-19 to beneficiaries and their families and distribute posters from MoSVY to community people. The meeting also reviewed the achievements made in March 2020 including wheelchair production and distribution, reviewed HBR achievements and assessed wheelchairs for April 2020. There were 21 staff (M:17,F:4) attended the meeting.
- VIC continued and finalized its website redesign with an IT web-designer this month. The new update was hosted from the first week of this month.
- In light of Coronavirus pandemic, Cambodia also starting the outbreak this month too, but most of the cases were imported from outside the country. In this moment, VIC also added activity of awareness dissemination of the Covid-19 outbreak information and prevention to persons with disabilities and their families about the situation and importance of individual participation to curb the infection and to make sure they all understand and follow what the government and authorities were asking them to follow. Our community staff communicated and disseminated information of the virus outbreak and distributed posters of the safe prevention measure provided by MoSVY

to the beneficiaries and their families in communities to be vigilant about the contagious virus.

- VIC is preparing to conduct with RCI/Liliane Foundation partner organizations in Cambodia, Vietnam and Myanmar for the action research on the Covid-19 impact on children with disabilities and their families. The research will be taken in May and finalize report in July.

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Photos activities this month





