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Welcome's Note from the Executive Director



Pok Panhavichetr
Executive Director of CWCC

“Women’s Paths Today” Magazine, is pleased to bring the case studies, activities, events and other information relating to the sexual abuse of women and girls, human trafficking, and domestic violence.

Human trafficking still occurs subsequently in different aspects. Some were sent to work on a fishing boat in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Africa, and many other countries. Last recently, 59 fishermen repatriated to Cambodia after they had been trafficked to work on fishing boats in Indonesia. Cambodian Women’s Crisis Center (CWCC) has, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and NGO partners, receive those cases to continue the care when they have been repatriated to Cambodia. CWCC provided services such as psychological counselling, counselling in the making of small business or help them to find a job, to make assessment at their house before giving material to running small business, as well as go to follow up to make sure that the services that CWCC provides are effectively and they live happy with the family.

To ensure effective implementation of the programs, CWCC has strengthened the management systems which involved from management team and employees at all levels to contribute to CWCC received Certificate of Compliance from Cooperation Committee for Cambodia in the active contributing and promoting of Good Governance, and professional practice.

I am grateful to all donors who fund CWCC’s projects. I would like to wish His Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen to have happiness and fulfill all tasks successfully. Thank you!!!■

Pok Panhavichetr

Executive Director of CWCC



Editorial



Beang Pivoine
Communication Officer of CWCC

In the magazine “Women’s Paths Today” issue 34, we are pleased to bring news and information about the domestic violence, sexual abuse, human trafficking, and migration workers and some Cambodian Women’s Crisis Center (CWCC) activities which we have completed.

CWCC has played an important role in the rescue of women and girls who are victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking to guide them to know how to help themselves and to live in peace and dignity. With this rescue, CWCC has services to help the victims, such as temporary accommodation in the safe shelter, provide food, personal use materials, provided vocational training courses including sewing, cooking cakes, coffee making, and literacy class. In addition, CWCC also provides psychological counselling and legal assistance, and help them to find a job or create a small business when they integrate back to their community.

In the magazine “The Women’s Paths Today” there are also articles that reveal the other projects. Indeed, “Skillful Parenting” project, which taking information from the parents who participated in the training course by featuring the impressions of why they participated in the course and outcome after participation and practice with their children.

In representing of Cambodian Women’s Crisis Center, I would like to deeply thanks to donors who funded projects of CWCC, and thanks to Samdech, His Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, who have spent time reading the magazine “Women’s Paths Today”. I Wish you happiness and success in every task.

Thank you !■

Beang Pivoine

Communication Officer of CWCC



Welcome to new staffs!

From April to June, Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) has recruited 4 new staffs. They are: Mr. Sieng Vannthor, Small business development Officer, Banteay Meanchey Office, Mrs. Ouk Sinaketh, Lawyer in Kampong Thom Office, Miss. Lay Nida, counselor Phnom Penh Office, and Mrs. Luong Malina, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, Head Office. ■



Mrs. Ouk Sinaketh
Lawyer in Kampong Thom Office



Mrs. Luong Malina
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Counselor, Phnom Penh Office



Mr. Sieng Vannthor
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New initiative projects: JUST and Sex Trafficking Prevention



During the last three months, Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) has been implementing two new projects, which received funding from donors, Oxfam-GB, and the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family of Korea.

Just (justice) under the slogan "Join Us for Social Transformation) is a project funded by Oxfam-GB. The project is part of CWCC's prevention program, which aims to promote gender equality by empowering the community members, including men, women, youth, duty barrier, and community leaders to change attitudes and behavior in respect to the rights of women in order to eliminate violence against women and children. This project is implementing in Phnom Penh and Kampong Thom province from 1 May 2015 to 30 April 2016.

Sex Trafficking Prevention is a project that Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) receives funding from the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family of Korea (MOGEF) through the Women's Rights Committee of Korea (WHRCK). The project will be implemented in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, which covering period from June 01 – 30 November 2015. This project will build knowledge on gender-based violence and the sexual trafficking of high school students, parents, and duty bearers. The project also assist vulnerable women and girls, including survivors of gender based violence, by providing vocational skills training include Customer Services, English, and small businesses management leading to economic independence and reduce the risk of sex trafficking. ■

Reintegration project help survivors to build a new life



Hands are filling documents to survivors who are ready to reintegrate out of the shelter to the community in a meticulous way and said: “I’m happy that my job could help survivors finding family and start a new life in the community,” This is the word from Mrs. Tem Syna, 41, a Reintegration Project Officer for the Cambodian Women’s Crisis Center (CWCC).

Reintegration project is a project that helps victims of sexual abuse, trafficking, and migration, so that when they return to the community, they live safely and are able to help themselves. The project is supported by funding from donors TDH-NL and Winrock.

In 1997, Tem Syna completed a bachelor’s degree in law at the Royal University of Law and Economics. After graduation, she worked in legal section at Poverty Reduction Fund and operational procedures membrane for 4 years. In late 2004, she worked as Reintegration project assistant with CWCC, and later on she took the exam and was recruited as Reintegration Project Officer.

She described her daily work that is divided into three parts such as: before, during, and after the reintegration. Before customers or victims reintegration into the community, she interviewed them to find family or relatives and make the assessment of the family and location situation to make sure that they are safe when they are back home, and discussed plan to run a small business or finding a job with partners. During reintegration, she commu-

nicates with relatives to welcome customers home, help customers create a small business or find a job follow their interests, support life start up, pay house renting for the first month, (if the customer is not living with relatives). After the reintegration, when they have a job or they run their own business, Tem Syna and her staff follow up them to make sure that they live in safety and peacefully. Later on, when they are be able to helping themselves, Tem Syna closed the case. In addition, she also teaches clients on how to run small business and sometime she joins meeting with partners.

Mrs. Tem Syna said that, “Her work couldn’t be achieved without support from duty barriers, local authorities, and partners.”

However, her work is also facing some problems, such as the survivors who did not do something that has been discussed, or moved faster as desired, because they want to get result soon but did not think about future challenges, and some others who lied. Although she met these problems, it did not deter her depression to shy away from work, but she has to resolve it peacefully.

Last but not least, she would like to appeal to survivors that, “When you are reintegrated to community, please bring your knowledge, skills, and capital that CWCC given to run business successfully, must be able to save money, work attention, and respect each other’s rights”. ■

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Men involved in reduce violence against children and make family happiness



A house in the low ground, roofing zinc and outside the house surrounded by diversity trees that is the house of Mr. Thai Chhanun, aged 28, living in Takos villages, Brodak Commune, Banteay Srey District, Siem Reap province. Chhanun married a woman named Chhum Savorn. They have 2 children, a son and a daughter. Chhanun works as a financial auditor at Sokha Lai Hotel. After married, she became a housewife to take care of the home and children.

One day, the village chief announced to the villagers who are interested in attending a training course on Skillful Parenting which organized by Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC), supported by ICS. Chhanun is very

interested in this topic. He asked his wife to attend with him, because his wife is illiterate. Sometimes she used violence on her children and blamed out loud, that made his 2 children scare and did not study hard.

Chhanun mentioned that at the course he attended, he is the only one who is coming with his wife, the rest are the spouses only. He added that although he was busy with his job, but he still take to some time to join the training. There, teachers have good methods to make students understand easily.

Chhanun continued, "After I joined the course, I think it's very helpful for me and my family. I understand that this society is livable, because we understand and encourage each other and help to teach our children together".

Savorn said, "In the past, I was always angry and beating my children with the stick without asking the reason and did not educate my children at home. But after attending the course, I was always dealing with peaceful and now my children listen to me, and we are really close to each other." She continued: "I also share my knowledge to neighbors not to use violence against their children. On the other hand, my relation with my husband became more intimate and empathic than before".

Chhanun would like to calls on people in his village to attend the training course on Skillful Parenting as much to reduce violence against children, to educate their children, and encourage children to have high education and have a better future. ■



Poor girl was tortured and poured acid



B.H*, 24, is an orphan, living in Kampong Thom province. In 2007, she legally got married with her husband P.K*. After getting married for one year, her husband started to assault her because of his jealousy and drug addiction. Through these two root causes, she started suffering and had strong psychological and physical distress.

“My husband often insulted me, looked down on me, fought with me and threatened to kill me”, B.H reveals. Even though, her husband maltreated her, both psychological and physical, she still remained patient toward him: “I remain patient with him because of my children and I hope he will change his behavior” she said. She continued that, “My husband slapped me, pulled my hair and hit my head on the pillar, strangled me and took a stick to strike my head until I felt unconscious many times, and the most cruel and hurtful is, he wanted to pour acid on my vagina, but I pulled his hand out, then it just affected me a little bit.”

Fortunately this day, she was saved by her neighbors

who informed the police station in their village about her case after seeing the harsh torture of her husband. Then the police started to intervene this case in cooperation with the press agent and the local authorities by arresting her husband and sending B.H to the village’s hospital in order to treat her injuries urgently. While she stayed at the village’s hospital, local authorities filed a complaint to court about her case. During that time her husband has been detained in prison temporary.

The next day, Kampong Thom court informed this case to Cambodian Women’s Crisis Center (CWCC) for more intervention. Straight away, CWCC’s staff came to meet directly the victim which cooperated with local authorities, polices, and commissioner and Department of Women Affairs in Kampong Thom to intervene in that case in order to escort B.H to Kampong Thom referral hospital to keep her under care.

By means of the support from generous people around her and good treatments from doctors, B.H recovered well and left the hospital. Thus, CWCC brought her and her youngest son to drop in center, which providing them food, accommodation, some materials, psychological and legal counselling which assisted her process filed a complaint to the court against her husband.

Due to the request from B.H’s parents-in-law who wanted her back home, B.H decided to go back home and live with her parents-in-law and her three children.

Although she decided to go back home, CWCC still followed her up and contacted her to insure she was living safely at home.

Currently, B.H’s husband was released from prison, watched by the court and he came back to live with B.H and children, to whom and the court he promised that he will not be violent with her anymore.

Anger Management for Men (AMM) Program is a program that provides services to individual and marriage counseling. After her husband joined this program, her husband has been modified to be a good man. He has been going out to earn money to support the family.

B.H would like to say thanks to CWCC, polices, local authorities, neighbors, press agent CTV8, Department of Women Affairs, AFH and generous people who immediately saved her and support her in the difficult time.■



A girl and a boy were seriously hurt by their mother

On the head and body are clearly visible wounds when heads are shaved. They have sad face when reminding an incident happened.

A girl namely S.R* and her brother S.V* said with sad face that, "I miss my father and my mother. I want my father visit us and bring us home."

S.R and her brother have been staying in Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC)'s safe shelter in Banteay Meanchey since October 2014. They were beaten and victims of injuries on head and body.

Before coming to the shelter, because of poor living standards, his father migrated to work as cement worker in Thailand, while her mother was selling sausages in Poi Pet city, Banteay Meanchey province. One time her mother heard that her father had another wife; she started feeling heartbroken, was drinking every day and did not care of her business anymore. Alcohol and jealousy made the mother lost her mind, beaten her children and used knife to cut their heads, and cut her son's ear, which lead to serious injuries.

Because S.R. and her brother were afraid of tortured from their mother, they left home. And then when their father came home, he found her and her brother were not at home, he beat her and brother without asking reason. S.R said: "In fact, my mum cut my head when my father went to Thailand. Whenever my mum was home, I was afraid to stay home because I was afraid my mum beats me. About my brother, when my mother asked him to buy wine to drink and he refused to do it, she cut his head with a knife."

Later, when her father combs her hair, he found inju-

ries on the head, then she told her father that her mother was cut her head. Neighborhoods were initially not interested, but by the sound of crying and saw the injuries, the neighbors brought a complaint to the police to intervene. Polices sent these kids to CWCC to take care and arrested their mother to the jail temporary.

CWCC sent them to treat injuries, allowed them to stay in the safe shelter which support food, using materials, assist them to the court when it inquiries and provided counseling. Furthermore, when they felt better, CWCC put S.R to the primary school nearby the shelter, and put her brother in the day care of the shelter.

Currently, their injuries are healed and they looked fresher than when they arrived at the shelter the first day. S.R revealed that, "In the future, I want to be clothes seller because I want to wear nice dress." Her brother also said, "I want dad buy sport clothes for me and I want a ball." ■



“Scholarship helps me to continue to study and mitigate domestic spending”



Poverty has prompted some students dropped out of school to help their family farming or other works to support their families. The Grade 12th student in Krolanh high school named Lan Darwin, 19, did not drop out of school even though there was a problem in the family. Her parents divorced since she was a child, so that all family expenditures depended on her mother only. Currently, her mother had illness and lack ability to find money to support her and her siblings. Darwin tried to search for scholarship information until she got it and she applied for a scholarship from the Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) when she was in grade 11.

“I was very happy when I got the scholarship. I have opportunity to continue to study to help alleviate the expend cost in family and have enough time to study” Darwin said.

CWCC under support from donor FINN CHURCH AID

(FCA) has provided scholarships to Lan Darwin and other poor students by providing a package IEC study, money for extra class, food, and other about 100800 riel (every month), a bicycle and student accommodation.

Darwin is a diligent student. At weekend and vacation time, she took some time to teach English to children in her village with not-for-profit, because she understood that the knowledge is very importantly for life, and if those students know a foreign language, it would be easier to find a job in the future.

Darwin's mother, Ms. Bun Mach said that she is very happy that her daughter received the scholarship. Due to shortage of profit and jobless, Ms. Bun Mach is also attended the training courses on how to raise chickens and how to set up small businesses. After the course finished because she want to feed chickens and she has appropriate

place, CWCC helped her to buy chickens to feed to earn income for her family. Ms. Mach said: “If we wouldn't have CWCC to help me and my daughter, we would have faced a very difficult situation.”

Ms. Mach revealed that, “I would like to deeply thanks CWCC that help me to help myself as I am a crisis woman and CWCC who supports my daughter to continue her study.”

Darwin said that, “In the future, I want to be a teacher or a doctor to help my mum and other poor villagers.” ■





“ I swear, I will not migrate again,” this is the commitment word from E.L.* who was former migrant worker to work on fishing boat in Africa.

Living in a poor family with career as traditional medicine doctor and as he was uneducated, E.L. decided to leave his lovely wife and 2 kids to Africa to build up new life and earn some money to support his family at Kampong Chhnang province.

E.L. described that on 2011, a broker came to announce he was looking for some people who were interested in working on fishing boat in Africa with promised to get \$250 per month. When E.L. heard this, he decided to leave his wife and kids to follow the broker proposal. The broker sent him to Giant Ocean Company in Phnom Penh and continued to Africa. At that time other villagers came with him also.

In Africa, E.L. was sold by other broker to the owner of a boat but he didn't know the amount. He was sent to work on fishing boat. On the boat, he was threatened and they prevent him to go anywhere.

E.L. said that, “When I saw the boss tortured other workers, I was scared, I was afraid they torture me.” E.L. continued that the boss forced workers to work during long hours, with almost no time to rest, just a few of food and sleeping, and torture. Sometime the boss also tortured him when he didn't complete work as planned.

1 year later, the fishing boat went to the shore to sell fishes. At that time, the boss asked them to buy materials for when the boat will have to go back to sea. Because he couldn't bear the hard work, E.L. and 4 others workers discussed and find the way to return home. Then, they decided to run to the police and make the police arrest them. “I had no choice beside run to police to arrest me in order to make them send me home,” E.L. mentioned.

After police arrested him and his friends, they contacted the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to rescue and send him home.

When E.L. arrived in Phnom Penh, IOM forwarded him to Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) to continue care. “I am so much happy to come home to meet my wife and my children. I didn't think I could come back home,” E.L. revealed.

CWCC's staff provided him the Psychological counselling because his was scared, provided counselling on making small business, and made assessment at his home. Because he wants to feed ducks, CWCC facilitated and supported him some grand to buy ducks. “I am so happy and thankful to IOM, CWCC, and donors, who helped me and others to go back home, and have been supporting both spiritual and psychological.”

“I can't prohibit them, but if you migrate, please have all information in hand to make yourself safe,” E.L. appealed. ■

CWCC launched International Women's Day with survivors



On 6th March 2015, under the support from FWC, Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) launched International Women's Day at Phnom Penh Shelter with the subject: "After the World Women's conference in 1995, Cambodian Women's journey has been moved forward."

The participants in this ceremony are from: CWCC's management team, staffs, and survivors of rape, human trafficking, and domestic violence. The main activities in this event are, to let survivors be aware of the history of 8th March which has been presented by the regional manager of Phnom Penh Office, the interesting speech from a survivor, and speech from CWCC's Executive Director.

Ms. Pok Panhavichetr, the Executive Director of CWCC said that even though how much Cambodia has been developed, women and girls still not avoid some violation aspects yet. To respond to this problem, the government has created many projects to empower women's right, to help women and girls avoid any violations. CWCC has cooperate with the

government to implement projects in which CWCC provide safe shelter for women and children to avoid the violations, support them with physiological counselling which encourage them to be brave by asking for their rights.

S.R* representative of survivors in the shelter mentioned that, she deeply thanks the Executive Director, staffs, especially donors who support them to stay in the safe shelter, allow them to use materials, provide physiological and psychological counselling, vocational training skills, literacy class, and help survivors finding a job when they reintegrate their community to have a better life.

Ms. Pok Panhavichetr continued that, "Even though you are victims, you cannot be victims forever; you have to struggle to demand your rights."

S.R promises that she will try to study hard to develop herself and build up her future life.

To make the event more enjoyable, in the last stage has been arranged entertainment games between survivors and staffs.■

Raise further awareness on human trafficking and safe migration



Under the supported from USAID through WINROCK International, on 26 March 2015 Cambodian Women’s Crisis Center (CWCC) launched a workshop on “Safe migration and Human trafficking” at Sompoeu Loun district hall, Battambang province. Mr. Chea Sambath, Sampeou Loun district chief joined to open the workshop.

The purpose of this workshop is to strengthen the capacity of local authorities, police, and local government officials on promoting the rights of Cambodian migrants and their families, promoting safe migration, and combating trafficking in persons. So that, they could disseminate informations to their community and help to solve migrant workers problems and trafficking effectively.

Guest speakers who gave the presentation in this workshop are: Mr. Suon Soveasna, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator at CWCC and Mr. Sieng Meng, Deputy Chief of Party, Counter Trafficking in Person Program (CTIP II)

at WINROCK International.

Participants in this workshop are expected that they will get more experience and knowledge on safe migration and human trafficking law in order to continue share to the people in their community.

In this workshop, there were a lot of discussions that emerged about the reasons that led to the migration and their challenges. The participants concluded that the reasons which led to migration are due to lack of livelihood, that there is more work to do abroad, the lack of land for farming, unemployment, or some people who committed a crime in country, debts, and cheap local labor.

Mr. Suon Soveasna brief and said that there are two main factors which lead to migration. Firstly are the urging and persuading factors, explained by Veasna.

Mr. Suon Soveansa also mentioned that, “We cannot prevent someone from migration, but Let them make safe and legal migration.”

CWCC's annual staff meeting ends in happiness



On 18 and 19 May 2015, the Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC) launched annual staff meeting with all the staffs from the Head Office, Phnom Penh Office, Kampong Thom, Siem Reap and Banteay Meanchey. This annual staff meeting is organized at Ly Heng Chhay hotel, Poi Pet city with the supported funding from FINN CHURCH AID, TDH-G, TDH-NL, AFAP, GIZ, Lotus Outreach International, Friendship with Cambodia, UNFPA, and Georg Kraus Stiftung.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss with the staffs involved in the work that has been completed so far, challenges, and achievements. Speakers at the meeting are Miss. Thak Soheat, Program Manager. She explained about the project's CWCC and Strategic Plan 2015 to 2020, Mrs. Sok Sopheap Human Resource Coordinator presented about staff policies, Gender and Children's principle, complaint principle, description of the role of the executive committee, regional committees, and instructions on the role of executive director or officer acting. Mr. Sak Sino, financial Manager, presented about financial situation in 2015. The meeting also has the presence and speech of the Executive Director Mrs. Pok Panhavichetr explained about atmosphere of donation to Cambodia and the changing strategy of the donors.

Mrs. Pok Panhavichetr explained that intellectual at-

mosphere of donors in Cambodia have changed. Cambodia is a country with economic growth, and face competition with neighboring countries in receiving fund.

She added that CWCC received Certificate of Compliance from Cooperation Committee for Cambodia in the active contributing and promoting of Good Governance, and professional practice. This is a great result, which executive director and all staffs have been working with all efforts from their capacity.

The meeting also asked questions by staff to the speakers. Mr. Pach Vuthy, Community Development officer asked the executive director if she has any strategies to deal with the atmosphere donors to further support CWCC. Mrs. Pok Panhavichetr explained that CWCC management team is seeking support with fund raising strategy of the project; it is mean that we write the project proposal, keep good relations with donors, and strengthen staff building capacity.

At the end of the meeting to make more pleasant and intimate, team performance has been arranged, with a team in each branch. The content of the performance is to focus on team work. The winner who get number one was head office team. They performed the topic "Helping together to protect women". ■

Staff meeting activities



Mr. Pach Vuthy, Community Development officer asked question to the executive director

Receiving gift from team work performance



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