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## CAMBODIA BRINGS ACHIEVEMENTS TO ASIA-PACIFIC AIDS CONFERENCE

In order to share the country's achievements and other best practises in bringing down HIV prevalence, a group of Cambodian health experts of both government and civil society joined the 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) held on 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August in Colombo, Sri Lanka. According to ICAAP report, there were 2,426 participants, including MSM, drug users and sex workers, and 288 oral abstract presentations with over 100 speakers at symposia & satellites, and 700 posters from some 60 countries around Asia-Pacific and the world.

Presenting at the Rapporteur Summary for Cross Cutting Issues at the final day of the conference, Mr. Jeffrey O'Malley, ICAAP Chair of Rapporteur Team, said "Cambodia shows that impressive national scale-up can happen - of prevention and care, even in resource poor settings." Jeffrey quoted Dr. Nou Vannary, KHANA Team Leader, as saying that "Positive prevention -- the most focused approach of all -- is beginning to become a reality ....in training gate keepers and stakeholders in establishing enabling environments for PLHA and to reduce stigma and discrimination." He also highlighted a presentation of Dr. Mean Chhivun, Director of National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STDs and advisor to the Ministry of Health, on Cambodia's experience increasing access to ART through Continuum of Care.

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## LIFE CHANGED BECAUSE OF PIG FROM NGO



C.R joins his wife N.D to help their female pig with birth delivery. The pig has given babies three times that can improve the couple's living condition.

Life is now completely different from the early year of 2006 when 33-year-old C.R fell seriously sick. He absolutely could do nothing then. Without proper consulting from skilful physicians and doctors in the village, his wife N.D who was also getting sick sold their small belongings to buy medicines for their treatment. After taking unidentified drugs from local pharmacies for years without a cure the couple were told to have a blood test. With help from a local NGO, Buddhism for Development (BFD), they started getting Opportunistic Infection (OI) medicines and Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ARV) after they were found they had HIV.

"In 2006, I was really hopeless because i had no idea how to get help " said C.R, a former soldier, who lives in Au Mony village of Anlongvil district in Battambang

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# BOARD MEETING TO REVIEW QUARTERLY WORK

**K**HANA senior management team leaders on 20<sup>th</sup> September held a meeting with their Board Members to review the organisation's quarterly work from June to August and to ask for recommendations from the board to improve KHANA work for the upcoming months.

KHANA Executive Directors, and Directors of four Departments -- Finance and Admin; Programme Management; Strategic Information; Policy, Advocacy and Resource Mobilization -- presented their respective departments' achievement and challenges for the last three months and their work plans for the upcoming quarterly period.

Tony Lisle, UNAIDS Country Coordinator in Cambodia and KHANA Chair of Board, expressed how impressed he was by KHANA's work, saying that KHANA's progress with strategy, and clear framework, made a tremendous contribution to the community level response particularly with key populations. He also gave some recommendations to improve KHANA's quality of work for the future.



*Dr. Oum Sopheap (left) explains KHANA quarterly work to his board members. From his left: Cheryl L. Urashima, Dr. Sin Somuny, Tony Lisle, and Dr. Tea Phauly.*

The meeting also discussed the replacement of one of KHANA Board Members, Mr. Chun Bora, ILO Programme Coordinator, who has gone to the United States. KHANA now seeks a replacement.

Currently, KHANA has 7 Board Members -- Tony Lisle, 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, Dr. David Wilkinson, International Health Consultant, Dr. Sin Somuny, MediCam Executive Director, Mr. Men Nimith, Executive Director of Arbitration Council Foundation of Cambodia, and Mr. Chun Bora, ILO Programme Coordinator.

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On August 21<sup>st</sup>, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (the Alliance) co-hosted its first evening satellite session together with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM), entitled 'Increasing the effective role of civil society throughout the architecture of the Global Fund in South and East Asia'. In his presentation at the session, Dr. Leng Kuoy, KHANA Strategic Information Department Director, highlighted KHANA's experience in capacity building of Cambodia's local NGOs to become effective sub-recipients. On its website, the Alliance posted part of Dr. Kuoy's presentation outlining the "strategies used by KHANA to develop the technical skills but also address the needs in organisational development in areas such as transparency and accountability". It also quoted Dr. Kuoy as saying that an important lesson learnt from the experience in Cambodia was that promoting collaboration with other agencies, the government and even other donors can help partners aim for programme sustainability and an effective contribution to the national response.

On 20<sup>th</sup> August, UNAIDS and the Global Fund Secretariat jointly organized a symposium on "Universal Access and the Global Fund: Progress and on-going Challenges". The session focused on the progress made in scaling up towards universal access and highlighted the need for improved technical support to countries in overcoming the obstacles which hamper the scaling up of the national response. It also addressed improving the comprehensive technical support, which includes improving GFATM grant implementation; health system strengthening and the engagement of civil society and the private sector. Presenting at the session, Dr. Oum Sopheap, KHANA Executive Director, said that targeted prevention for drug users, MSM and sex workers are high on KHANA priority list, as is the treatment and care intervention for PLHA and OVC. "With strong political support from our government and with financial commitment as well as technical assistance from the international community, we believe that we can achieve both targets for 2008 and 2010" he said. "We complement the facility

based services provided by the government with our community based activities such as treatment follow up, adherence education, basic symptomatic management, referral, counseling, positive prevention and other social services like food, shelter and protection."

Tony Lisle, UNAIDS Country Coordinator and KHANA Board Chairman who also attended the conference, said it is very good for Cambodia to contribute its achievement and demonstrate how to achieve its success in the decline of prevalence. "It is absolutely tremendous that Cambodia shared its good lessons learnt, best practises, and successful work to the participants at the conference." he said.

Echoing Tony, Dr. Oum Sopheap said he also feels very proud when the conference highlighted Cambodia's success to the world. "Not only me but also the rest of Cambodian delegates from both government and civil society really feel very happy that Cambodia's achievement, lessons learnt, and best practices were highlighted at the end of the conference and some of the participants said Cambodia is a hero for responding to HIV/AIDS epidemic," he said.

ICAAP came up with many broad suggestions and recommendations to respond to the global HIV crisis in the upcoming years. "As a mark of such solidarity, we must join hands within our respective countries and across borders throughout the Asia-Pacific region, to achieve our objectives in limiting and hopefully eliminating the spread of AIDS," said Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse at the conference.



*Participants join the final day of ICAAP conference.*

# TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT TO SHARE WITH REGIONAL PARTNERS

To meet the needs of its NGO partners in improving and strengthening good governance and management, KHANA conducted a five-day training of the trainers (TOT) to its senior staff and volunteers so that they can pass on their knowledge to partners in nationwide. The training, entitled on Governance and NGO Management, was held on 20 -24 August at the Pre-School Teacher Training Centre in Phnom Penh.

The course comprised of a curriculum on Governance and Management Skills for NGOs that is appropriate, fits their needs and should help improve their organizational performance and effectiveness. The training was run after three different workshops, organised by KHANA, were held in July in Siem Reap, Sihanoukville and Kampot provinces with 63 NGO partners.

The training built capacity on good governance and its basic principles, advantages and responses, the concept of management and



Mr. Chim Charanay (right), a KHANA Team Leader, presents a lecture on "Governance and Good Governance" to participants.

leadership and their functions, necessary skills and appropriate behaviour needed for a successful leader and manager in an organization, as well as the knowledge and skills needed to be good facilitators.

Speakers from both KHANA and other NGOs were invited to present different topics at the

training to share their practical experience on good governance and NGO management. In early September, the trainers will start lecturing partners in three regions - the Western and Central Region with 21 NGO partners; the North-western Region with 22 NGO partners and the South-eastern Region with 20 NGO partners.

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C.R takes with a motorbike earning from selling baby pigs to the market to sell oranges.

province. "But right now, I feel confident that I have to live longer with the help from Buddhism for Development Organisation."

After taking OI medicines and ARV their health condition became much better, BFD as part of Income Generation Activities lent them US\$ 30, and a female pig and all of these are improving their living condition. "We got the loan of 30 dollars and a female pig from the organisation and with the money we started making a small business by buying and selling orange and other vegetables but the profit is really too small that is enough to support our daily meal. We thank the organisation that provided us the female pig that could afford us to buy a motorbike," C.R said.

"The pig has given birth three times -- between 9 and 12 pig babies every time - and because of its babies, we could sell and save some money to buy a motorbike. The motorbike really makes us easy to take fruits and vegetables to sell at the market," C.R's wife said with a big smile. "Without the pig, our life is really hard. Thank to the organisation and because of its pig our life is changed," she added.

Pig raising is a BFD support program to help communities and individuals, especially People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA), Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), including HIV/AIDS affected families. According to Pok Socheat, BFD Programme Manager, BFD has both animal raising - a part of IGA programme - and additional animal raising programme which is not part of IGA programme for PLHA and OVC. "Through such animal raising and IGA programme, people in the communities can have additional income and make other small business to improve their living conditions," he said. According to him, there are 80 PLHA and OCV families getting IGA and animal raising from BFD in Battambang. BFD is one of KHANA's 63 NGO partners in Battambang, north-western country, and its operation focuses in several provinces -- Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Oudor Meanchey, Preah Vihea, Pailin, Siem Reap, Kampomg Thom, and includes Phnom Penh.

C.R sincerely appreciates the programme which can help PLHA like himself and other people in his village to restart a new life. He also urged every body to use condom when they have sex so that AIDS epidemic will be declined.

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Chhnang, Koh Kong, Steng Treng, and Svay Rieng.

H.E. Teng Savong, Permanent Vice Chairman of NACD, said that in order to solve the problem effectively, the root of the problem must be found and the root is really at the communities. "We have to cooperate with the communities because the real problem of drug use are there - villages, and communes/sangkat. So, communities and local authorities play a critical role to help deal this problem. So far, many NGOs like KHANA have helped much with this issue," he said. Though NACD indicated last year that there were about 6,000 drug users nationwide, he said, the exact number is not clear. "I believe that after this first workshop the estimated number of drug users is found so that counselling groups and social and psychological support can be provided to them and other drug affected families."

# FIRST NATIONAL BASELINE BEHAVIOUR SURVEY ON DRUG USERS



Mr. Lars Pedersen (right), UNODC Country Representative, gives his welcome remark at the workshop. H.E. Teng Savong, NACD Permanent Vice Chairman (left from Pedersen).

In a step forward to help drug users and their sex partners to change their drug use and sexual behaviour, the National Authority for Combating Drug (NACD) organized a one-week national workshop for provincial trainers to prepare an official launching of a survey to find out the estimation of the number of drug users in

nationwide. The workshop "Baseline Behaviour Survey of Drug Users and Their Sex Partners for 12 Badly Affected Provinces in Cambodia" with support from the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) and in cooperation with both government agencies and civil society was done in Phnom Penh on 4<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.

Speaking in his remark at the workshop, Mr. Lars Pedersen, UNODC Country Representative, said such national workshop is really crucial to present a significant step towards building capacity in Cambodia to carry out rapid situation and response assessment of drug uses and sexual risk behaviour. In expansion of the programme in Cambodia beyond the area of drugs, Pedersen said, the UNODC Project Office will present its services such as "governance and anti-corruption....., and HIV/AIDS prevention and care amongst injecting drug users, in prisons and among people in other vulnerable setting".

Twelve co-master trainers from the following NGOs - KHANA; CPN+; FRIENDS; FHI; Khmer Youth Association - and the government agencies -- National AIDS Authority, National Authority for Combating Drugs; National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STDs; Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport; National Programme of Mental Health -- facilitated the workshop with 24 participants from the 12 most affected provinces namely - Phnom Penh, Kandal, Siem Reap, Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Pailin, Sihanoukville, Kampong Cham, Kampong

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## KHANA'S STAFF CORNER

### ***KHANA welcomes three new staff members and a consultant who joined KHANA family in September, 2007***

#### **Dr. Ly Sangky**

**Started work:**  
10 September 2007  
**Position:** Team Leader for North and Western Region (Program Management)



Sangky has experiences in community health development for two years and half, community development for two years, and HIV/AIDS program for three years. Before joining KHANA, he worked for CARE International in Cambodia as Health Development Program Manager.

"I hope I will learn from and share experiences with all KHANA colleagues and commit to contribute my knowledge, skills and experiences to serve PLHA and OVC."

#### **Saman Dimara**

**Started work:** 03 September 2007  
**Position:** Programme Officer for Western-Central Region of Program Management



Department Dimara has experience in planning, monitoring and evaluation of project implementation. Before KHANA, he was working with HIV/AIDS Coordinating Committee (HACC) as Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer.

"I am really wanted to apply my experience and ability to assist KHANA and NGO partners to achieve objectives and common goal of organization with transparency, accountability, effectiveness and efficiency."

#### **Mr. Touch Sokha**

**Started:** Early September, 2007  
**Position:** Program Management - Consultant for South East Region Program



Before coming to KHANA, Sokha worked with the NGO Forum on Cambodia for more than three years.

His work focused on land, forestry and natural resources management. "The main reason why I come to work with Khana is to learn new thing, especially issues related to health and affected people by HIV/AIDS."

#### **Pheng Bunchan**

**Started :** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007  
**Position:** Income generation Activity (IGA) Specialist



Bunchan has been employed with various licensed Micro Finance Institution (MFIs) with the prosperous experiences as micro finance services to small and medium enterprises. Before working for KHANA, Bunchan has experienced as lending and saving schemes like credit assessment, financial analysis, risk management, group solidarity, and community committee election especially village bank loan and individual loan services to the potential population in Cambodia.

"I hope that I will share my experiences with micro credit to assist KHANA and its partners in the field of IGA in order to improve this sector with effective and sustainable manners as well as KHANA's mission and vision."

### ***KHANA also wishes all the best to two volunteers who left KHANA in September for their new positions.***



**Soeng Thida** work for KHANA as a voluntary Human Resource assistant for more than year. She left KHANA

on 28 September, 2007 to pursue a new job.

**Mom Nary** worked for KHANA as a voluntary IT assistant for more than one year. She left KHANA September 20, 2007 for a new job.



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