



Veterans International Cambodia

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VIC MONTHLY UPDATES FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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I. Program Updates:

- **Cost Recovery Model:** On September 06, 211, there was a meeting held at the VIC head office to discuss and finalize the Cost Recovery Manual of VIC in both English and Khmer versions. After the meeting, Pining and Tokyo met with HE Sem Sokha, Secretary of State of MoSVY, for the introduction of the new country representative. While there, they also introduced the cost recovery manuals to HE Sem Sokha. Sokha advised that *“VIC should compose a formal letter to the minister of MoSVY through the director of PWDs Foundation and HE Sem Sokha himself asking for implementing a 5-month pilot project of the sliding fee services (November 2011-March 2012). Starting February, VIC should evaluate the effectiveness of this sliding fee services and then propose to the minister again for a formal PRAKAS to implement sliding fee services in the three centers starting April 2012.”* Tokyo and Pining followed the recommendation of HE Sem Sokha. On September 30, Tokyo had a monthly meeting with the directors of ICRC, HIB and HIF. At the meeting, they discussed the planning for sliding fee at VIC. Tokyo showed them the sliding fee operational manual developed by VIC and explained the steps VIC will take. After the discussion, ICRC, HIB and HIF were interested in this sliding fee scheme and said they would like to do the same pilot in Takeo, Kampong Cham and Battambang rehabilitation centers. VIC will be very happy to share the methodologies if they will pilot it in their centers. There will be more meetings and discussion among the directors of the rehab NGOs regarding this approach. **Notice:** To date, VIC has not received the approval from the minister yet.
- During the first week of September, Pining introduced Tokyo, the incoming country representative, to the directors of HIF, HIB, ICRC, CT and CBM.
- **50th Anniversary of USAID and 20th Anniversary of VIC:** USAID in Phnom Penh has had discussion with VIC to plan for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of USAID and also the 20th anniversary of VIC. Upon the initial agreement, VIC will conduct a typical disabilities awareness campaign in Kampong Popil High School, Pear Reang district, Prey Veng province on November 17, 2011. VIC plans to have the participation of approximately 1000 PWDs, students with disabilities, students, villagers, etc. The main objectives of this event are
 - to improve the understanding of people in the countryside about the rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs), the rights of children with disabilities, disability early detection and intervention, and rehabilitation services;
 - to mainstream PWDs into community development; and
 - to express the gratitude of VIC and its beneficiaries to USAID in celebrating its 50th anniversary.

VIC will invite the minister or the secretary of state of MoSVY, directors of POSVY and Provincial Department of Education to participate in this event. The mission director of USAID in Phnom Penh, Flynn Fuller, and Bob Schiffer, CEO of The International Center, will be participating.

USAID in Phnom Penh will support this event financially. VIC and IC will issue invitation letter to the stakeholders in USA.

- **VIC and the 11th Meeting of State Parties of the Ottawa Ban Landmine Convention:** The 11th Meeting of State Parties of the Ottawa Ban Landmine Convention (11th MSP) will be hosted by the Royal Government of Cambodia. The event will be held at Peace Palace from November 27 to December 02, 2011. There will be approximately 7,000 people from all over the world attending this event. There will be side events and exhibitions of the NGOs and other institutions working in the field of landmine and victim assistance.
 - To participate in this event, VIC will host a site visit at Kien Khleang National Rehabilitation Center on the morning of Sunday November 27. There will be high ranking international delegates visiting KK center on that day.
 - On November 30, 2011, there will be a group of 30 delegates visiting our CBR activities in Ksachkandal district, Kandal province. We will show them our achievements and activities of SHGs, federation and grant provision.
 - From November 25 until December 02, 2011, VIC will also participate in the exhibition activities at Peace Palace. There, VIC will show a slide show of its CBR and center activities and displays of mobility devices, brochures and posters.
 - On the afternoon of September 12, 2011, Tokyo and Rithy had a meeting at the Cambodian Mine Action Center Headquarter (CMAC). During the meeting, CMAC informed participants that they will prepare the Mine Action Partnership Fair, a side event to be held alongside the 11th MSP. The fair will be held on November 28-30, 2011. CMAC invited VIC to participate in these exhibition activities. After, the senior staff of VIC discussed and agreed to also participate in this side event at CMAC. The Prey Veng and Kratie center will work together for the exhibition at CMAC headquarter.
- On Tuesday September 13, 2011, DKSH (Cambodia) Ltd., led by Mr. Cheav Samphy, Head of Nutrition for Abbott, donated 1,200 cans of powdered milk (Isomil 1 Advance) to VIC to support children with disabilities who are in need of nutritional support. This milk is specially formulated with Soy Protein for infant and small children. This milk is specific for re-feeding during diarrhea and it can be used for routine feeding as well.
- On September 20-21, 2011, the clinical mentors were facilitating the annual PO/PT workshop with the participation of all PTs and POs from the three sites, the site managers and Tokyo. The objectives of the workshop were to (1): share knowledge and improve the quality of services; (2): build up capacity on treatment technique and research methodology; (3): identify topics for in-house training for 2012; (4): review the 2011 achievement; and (5): develop the PT/PO annual work plan for 2012 and beyond.
- On September 22-23, 2011, the site managers were facilitating the annual CBR workshop with the participation of all CBR staff, finance officers, Sophorny and Tokyo. The objectives of the workshop were to (1): review CBR achievement done from Jan-Aug, 2011; (2): find out problems encountered solutions and recommendations to be implemented in 2012; (3): share experiences on SHG/ Federation formation; (4): brainstorm future work plan for CBR according to the new situation; and (5): develop 2012 CBR annual work plan.
- VIC had three days of public holiday, which fell on September 26-28, 2011. As usual, VIC allows its staff to take their annual leave for two days so that the centers were closed for the whole week.

II. Plan for October:

- October 03-07, 2011: Channa and Tokyo will attend the Leadership Training at VBNK.
- October 24-28, 2011: Key staff of VIC have annual strategic plan workshop at Kampong Som.