Catholic Alliance on Charity & Development (CACD)

Second Quarterly Meeting Minute

22nd June 2020, Phnom Penh Pastoral Centre, Phnom Penh Thmey
Chair: Bishop. Olivier Schmittaeusler, Vice Chairman of Caritas Cambodia

Moderator: Mr. Kim Rattana, Executive Director of Caritas Cambodia

Minute taker: Ms. Sophan Kanhchna

Participants: Attached Participant List

Agenda: Attached Agenda

Time: 2:10pm – 5:50pm

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| 02:05 – 02:10 pm | Brief Introduction: By Mr. Kim Rattana, Executive Director of Caritas Cambodia | To start the meeting Mr. Kim Rattana, Executive Director of Caritas Cambodia, extended his welcome to all participants and present the purpose of the meeting. He also mention that this meeting is a good opportunity for us to learn and sharing from different stakeholders such as from research group, CSOs and CACD’s members.

In this addition, he briefed the main topics of the meeting are;

- To sharing the impact of COVID-19 pandemic to the health, Socio-economic and education system in Cambodia.
- To sharing on the covid19 emergency response, best practices and new opportunities by all CACD’s members.

Moreover, he introduce the speakers are representative from Researcher RUPP, Program Manager of CENTRAL organization and CCC director. |
| 02:10 – 02:15 pm | Self-introduction                                 | ・All participants gave a round of self-introduction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 02:15 – 02:33 pm | Opening Remark and Prayer: By Bishop Oliver Schmitthaeusler, Vice Chairman of Caritas Cambodia | The opening remark was made by Bishop Oliver Schmitthaeusler, Vice Chairman of Caritas Cambodia, he starts with showing the video song about “Santhapaul school’s program and online training activities during COVID-19”.

He mention of the result of the meeting with Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS) in the morning that link to the COVID-19 that The MoEYS mention that the school will start again maybe in January 2021 and in 2020, All public school will dont have annual exam because the situation of COVID-19 is not end yet. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport created the online training system since March 2020.

He thank to all and discuss on the impact of COVID-19 and common action of Caritas organization in Cambodia and Catholic Church as “one body” and today we are pray for all people of COVID-19, vulnerable people in Cambodia.

Before start the session, he share the gift (Mask) from handicraft production group from Takeo province. |
<p>| 02:35 – 03:55 pm | Session 1: Introduction of COVID-19: the total number of infected person 129 people; recovered 127 people and most affected to social and economic. In addition, a lot of returned migrant workers from abroad more than 90,000 returned migrant’s workers and a lot of garment factory in Cambodia are closed. Moreover, after meeting |</p>
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with Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS) to express the impact of COVID-19 to education and lifestyle in Cambodia especially children and vulnerable people.

- His session focus on the impact of COVID-19 to Education in Cambodia.

**General:**
- COVID-19 negative impact of health sector included physical and mental health of infected people and their families. Especially, when applied to the safety guideline of Ministry of Health (MoH) is difficult for people in communities especially for children make them feel more stressful.
- It impact to household income and social economic because most of Cambodian people’s income depend on their dialy wage.
- But recently around last 3 weeks, we noticed that Cambodian people started to travel to some tourist areas and some business started opened but the government still restriction and practice safety guideline.

**Education sector:**
- MoEYS applied the online training and assignment at home and come to meet teacher.
- The long term impact of COVID-19 are:
  - Reduce human resource
  - Unbalance of social and economic because poor families and jobless difficult to recovery.
  - GDP of Cambodia will be impact from -1.5 2.9
  - Base on the research from WVI on the impact of COVID-19 to children (less learning documents through training online, not enough resource for online training and less effective because of less technology materials and less accessibility, the Cambodia people don’t have habit of self-learning.

- **Challenge**
  - All the teachers and students don’t well prepare for online training
  - Less knowledge of technology
  - The Royal Government of Cambodia ability for COVID-19 response still limited and the response to the real needs of communities people still less if compare to other countries.

- **Next plan**
  - Long term prevention:
    - Applied social distancing and social safety base on the guideline of government and WHO and taking care of their health.
  - Important thing for focus are save life, self-protection and livelihood recovery.
  - Change policies and role of government adapt in the context of COVID-19
### Impact of COVID-19 on social work in Cambodia.

#### Challenge

- The main social work of Cambodia are Garment factory, tourist and construction.
- The main problem of garment factories are not enough វត្ថុធាត្តិ most are import from China, less export because more than 100 companies are cancel the buying contract from Cambodia such as UK, USA, Europe...ect. From May-June 2020, around 235 garment factories are postpone and affected to garment workers around 120,000 workers.
- Some garment workers are challenge with don’t have job, don’t have income for their families, borrow money from bank...ect.
- **Long term impact to tourist sector:** because of most of tourist companies and workers are closed.
- **Construction sector:**
  - The challenge of returned migrant workers from Thailand more than 90000 workers challenge with don’t have job and they take risk to going back to work at Thailand again.

### Challenge of CSOs when COVID-19 happened.

- Only 1% response not impact
- 47% most effected
- 37% medium
- The impact refer to maintain staffs, project implementation budget, the method of project implement especially the project on children and women on education sector.
- Some NGOs delay of project implementation and create the new methodology for working.
- Some NGOs prepare contingency plan to maintain staffs focus on 3 scenarios:
  - Retain staffs who are working direct in community and create new method to work with target community such as through online or other method.
  - Reduce salary and reduce working hour (Ex: some organization reduce 50% of working hour and salary)
  - Reduce staffs

### Q1: How can we contribute to target communities/workers for COVID-19 resilience? (Saroeun)

**Answer by Mr Saroeun:**

- CSOs engage with government to ensure the benefit to poor people and public people during and after COVID-19. We need to working together.
- The other side: CSOs must continue for capacity building and develop the plan for COVID-19 resilience to promote production in country, maintain food processing quality and
standard for supply in country and contribute to improve makro economic.

**Answer by Mr. Pa Chanroeun:**
- The problem are: lack of agricultural production information, and don’t diversification technique for agriculture practice.
- On education sector: need to build capacity of teachers and students, technology orientation and change habit.
- Improve household economic through start to practice household agriculture for their income and household use.

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<td>• All CACD members invite to sharing on COVID-19 response plan/action plan:</td>
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<td><strong>Caritas Cambodia presented by Mr. Kim Rattana:</strong> Caritas Cambodia has additional COVID19 response from April–December 2020 divided 4 stage:</td>
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<td>1. April-May: Prevention: mobile awareness, announcement 120000 families of vulnerable people and migrant workers. Materials included....</td>
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<td>2. June–July: Emergency Food Assistant: total 10000 families of vulnerable families, poorest and migrant workers through cooperate with Catholic Church. Materials included....</td>
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<td>3. July–December: Early Return migrant workers: 2,000 migrant workers through cooperate with IOM.</td>
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<td>4. COVID19 adaptation plan through mainstreaming to all program activities.</td>
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<td>5. Cooperate with other Caritas to work on proposal on Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) to assess government fund to support small holder farmers. Cooperate with Caritas Spain.</td>
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<td><strong>CRS:</strong> coordination with government and CSO to implement some activities to contributed to COVID-19 prevention and awareness such as:</td>
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<td>- Supporting PHD and health center on training to government staffs and hospital’s staff on prevention and outbread.</td>
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<td>- Support materials to PHD, OD in 5 provinces of Cambodia</td>
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<td>- Distribute some prevention materials such as mask...</td>
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<td>- Education program at Kampot province to support price school and primary school children</td>
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<td>- Work with MoEYS to produce sign language video</td>
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<td><strong>Donbosco:</strong> support poor families who are the parent of Donbosco’s student in 4 provines with total 1000 families. Provide mental awareness.</td>
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After covid19 Donbosco will construct training building at Toul Kok to help garment workers.

**Santapoul institute:** in March 2020, the committee of Santapoul institute to develop the online program through Zoom program and started new class in 14th May 2020. There are total student **292 students**. The challenge as following:

- The poorest student 11% cant access to zoom program because they don't have smart phone.
- Difficult for class management: need for more capacity building on technical term (LMS: Learning Management System) with government.

**Catholic education Office Manager:** Develop training manual and training lesson for children and study from home. Teachers conduct home visit (2time/week) for follow up, consoling and to provide awareness to parents and follow to the safety guideline of government. Has good cooperation with children’s parent. *“The education not only study at school but make them peaceful”.*

- Conduct online training with good result (student involvement around 99%).
- For technical skill training (Agriculture, tourist) we applied online training and assignment at home and share to the group. (Ex: prepare home vegetable garden and cooking food at home...).

**Daughter with Charity:** provide food assistant to our children and poor people in our target communities. Support the online training program in target areas. At Takeo province: we work with target communities (2days/week).

**Mondol Soksan:** conduct home visit to the target children for project implement through applied the safety guideline from government. Provide awareness and support food assistant and hygiene target communities. Through this activities we are close relationship and more understanding of the real situation and needs with communities, parent, and our work more smooth.

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**Concluding Remark**

By: Bishop Oliver Schmitthaeusler, Vice Chairman of Caritas Cambodia

The meeting closed at 5:50pm.

Bishop concluded the meeting by thanking all participants for their great sharing.

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