Catholic Alliance on Charity & Development (CACD)
Minute of 3rd Quarterly Meeting

19nd October 2020, Caritas National Office, Phnom Penh
**Chair:** Bishop. Olivier Schmittaeusler, Vice Chairman of Caritas Cambodia  
**Moderator:** Mr. Kim Rattana, Executive Director of Caritas Cambodia  
**Minute taker:** Mr. Khorn Bora and Sothany,  
**Participants:** 45 participants, please see the attended list  
**Agenda:** Attached Agenda  
**Time:** 1:30pm – 5:5pm

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<td>02:05 – 02:10 pm</td>
<td>To start the meeting Mr. Kim Rattana, Executive Director of Caritas Cambodia, extended his welcome to all participants and brief about the intervention of Caritas Cambodia during Covid-19 outbreak and Emergency Response on Flash Flood in Cambodia last week and he also mention that this meeting is a good opportunity for all CACD members to share learn and sharing from each other.</td>
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<td>02:10 – 02:15 pm</td>
<td>All participants doing self-introduction to get to know each other.</td>
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<td>02:10 – 02:20 pm</td>
<td>The open the meeting, Bishop Oliver Schmitthaeusler, Vice Chairman of Caritas Cambodia has appreciated the new office of caritas and welcomed for all participants who participate in this meeting. He mentioned that Catholic organization is one family which is charity development agency and thank God for help us to meet altogether. Moreover, he expressed his feeling on the current situation of Covid-19 affected to the living of people as many people lost of job, low income generation and in dept with the bank or Micro Finance Institution. In addition, the flash flood caused by heavy rain affected to 160,000 ha of rice field. He delivers the message from Holy Pope Francis informing us to tighten the relationship and response to the needs of the most vulnerable group. Last, the chairman leaded the prayer.</td>
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| 2:10- 2:30 pm  | Mss. Kanhchana, DRR and CCA Project Manager on “Emergency Response on Flood”. She thanks CRS for both finance and technical support to response the current flooding in Cambodia. Since 01 to 21 October 2020, Cambodia was affected by tropical depression and 3 storms caused to heavy rain at Cardamom mountain, plateau and middle plain. The heavy rain and the water flowed from Thailand and Vietnam cause the flash flood in Cambodia which was affected to 19 provinces affected from flood (The most affected province are BMC, Pusat, Pailin, Battambang and Phnom Penh Capital City. According to the report of NCDM by 17th Oct 2020 showed the affected result by the flood as bellow:  
  - Death: 24 people  
  - Affected family: 61,357families (245,428People)  
  - Evacuated family: 7,997 families (26,608 people)  
  - Affected House: 59,268 Houses  
  - Destroyed House: 58Houses  
To respond this emergency, three main interventions were made by Caritas Cambodia since from 13 to 18 October 2020:  
**Search and Rescue:** Provision search and rescue materials included 21 boats, 22 high speed boats, and 165 life jackets for 7 affected provinces (Pursat,
Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Pailin, Phnom Penh, Kandal and Stung Treng province)

Temporary shelter: provision of 500 blue tents, 500 mosquito nets, and 500 blankets for Pursat, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Pailin province).

Further action plan: collaborate with NCDM and partners to conduct the rapid assessment, and cooperate with Catholic Relief Service to develop a new emergency proposal, launch appeal to Caritas Internationalist by today 19 October 2020 and mobilize fund among CACD members for the emergency response.

At the end of presentation, Mr. Kim Rattana added that Caritas Cambodia will launch Emergency Response proposal appeal to Caritas International on 19th October 2020 and will work with Ministry of Health to establish 20 mobile clinics for 9 provinces and we will support one-month food assistant for 5,000 families at three diagnosis of Caritas Cambodia

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<td>230-3:30 pm</td>
<td>Bishop Oliver Schmitthaeusler, Vice Chairman of Caritas Cambodia shared the Encyclical Letter from Holy Father Francis. He wrote this letter during Covid19 context. People become selfishness and wish Catholic members in Cambodia think what problem face and basic need during Covid-19.</td>
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<td>• Shadow over the closed world: Holy Pope show about nationalist, optimist is spreading everywhere, leaving injured, people by the roadside, cast out and discard. The shadow plunge humanity into confusion, loneliness, and desolation.</td>
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<td>• God is universal love, and as long as we are part of that love and share in it, we are called to universal fraternity which is openness to all. There are no “others” no “them,” there is only “us”. We want, with God and in God, and no “other”.</td>
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<td>• Dialogue is the way to open the world and build social friendship which manifest an open heart and provides the basis for better politics.</td>
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<td>• Re-encounter: We must face the reality of the injuries of past mis-encounter, and so we must establish and walk the parts of re-encounter.</td>
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<td>• Religions are called to the services of fraternity in the world.</td>
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<td>Face with those injured by shadow of a closed world and still lying by the roadside, we are invited by Pope Francis to make our own the world’s desire for fraternity, starting with the recognition that we are “Fratelli Tutti”, brother and sister all.</td>
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<td>3:10-3:40</td>
<td>Mrs. Sophal Votey presented that during Covid19 outbreak in Cambodia, MoSVY conducted the rapid assessment about the affected of the pandemic on the children under 2 years old and pregnancy woman. As a result, about 40% lost the job and low income, 47% reduced unnecessary expense and 22% spent on the necessary need such as health, food, and education. To address this problem,</td>
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MoSVY has in cooperated with Ministry of planning, Ministry of Interior to provide finance assistant to poor family, pregnancy woman and children under 5 years old and elder over 60 years old. Procedure for provision of finance assistant to poorest family during Covid-19, and it refers to families with ID poor 1 and 2. Families with ID poor 1 and 2 need to verified their ID at their district in particular. For CWD from 0-5 years and elderly from 60 above receive finance assistant till the Covid-19 program support end by 3 categories: Type 1- Urban in the Phnom Penh city, Type 2- Urban outside Phnom Penh city and Type 2- Rural area.

- Procedure of cash withdrawal is, having equity ID card and cash withdraw through Wing Application
- Monitoring and Evaluation: Use MIS online system to monitor the activity implementation to manage data reporting. In addition, the commune council participate to monitor the activity, register, or verify ID card, and solve any problem.
- Complaint mechanism: The people could complain to the commune council in written letter to solve and send to provincial level or MoSVY in case the commune council could not solve the problem.

One sister asking question about one of her beneficiaries missed the time to get the ID card during the Covid-19, so what can she do to re-register for the ID.

| 3:40- 3:56 | **Session 4:** Presentation on Education Program” in the context of Covid-19 by Mr. Kim Mai-CRS, | Catholic Relief Service (CRS) implemented Education Program since 2010 in 4 districts in Takeo and Kampt provinces in cooperation with MoEYS, SED, ECED and SHD, for sub national levels with POE, and DOE, MoH, PHD, and HC.

- Early Child Development (ECD): Train pre-school teacher and parents on producing and using local toys and game for teaching the children at home, train educators to screen and identify CWD in schools, support schools and educator and parents to refers CWD to medical services).
- Healthy Kids Project: Support school WASH (dental screening, personal hygiene, improve WASH infrastructure, provision WAS material and first aids kit) and screening CWD referral CWD for medical/surgical treatment, trained DOE for monitoring project implementation)
- CRS work with MoEYS to adapt ECD education need during Covid-19 response through supported MoEYS with equipment for sign language interpretation to support distance and e-learning, produce videos on inclusive education games to support distance and e-learning)
- How HKP work with community and school differently adjusting project and engagement (online meeting, school followed SoP introduced by CRS staff and MoEYS guidance on social distancing in CWD screening, monitoring progress of CWD by phone called, train the technical staff on quarantine 1 and 2, awareness raising campaign on Covid-19)

One question form Mr. Bora, the Caritas staff at national office, whether CRS has supported toys for CWD to play at home? He replied: CRS staff trained parent (local with low cost), upon train, parents can take the toy they produced to play with their kids.
Another question from Dr. Bhoomi whether CRS has thought about school nutrition? He replied, the schools under CRS project support did not work on nutrition program instead raising awareness about safety food.

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**Session 5:**
Tech4kids (innovative technology team) presented by Tech for kid. co. ltd, Mr. Li Deth, the president of Tech for kit program.

Tech4kids is leading education provider on technology and entrepreneurship learning for the next generation for the children from 11 to 15 years old in digital generation. The program developed in Cambodia but there are international school as partner.

- **Vision:** To be the leading learning path that bridges students to their best innovation through the 21st century skills and technology practices in ASIA
- **Mission:** Tech for kids provides and ensures a new dynamic and practical learning and teaching environment where students can best learn, think and apply their knowledge to bring their project to life by using technological innovation concepts through Artificial Intelligent, Robotic and engineering, coding, and digital citizenship and entrepreneurship program
- **Teaching methodologies** (project base learning, customized and localized curriculum, simulation, instructed by industrial experts, lifelong learning approach, dynamic classroom, been there, done that experience sharing, animation or/and real characters’ video)
  - Potential Partner of tech4kids: West line Education Group, Southbridge International School Cambodia, Canadian International School of Phnom Penh, CIA FIRST International School, International School of Phnom Penh.

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**Session 6:**
Presented by Dr. Bhoomi and Mrs. Rozet, Caritas-CCAMH on social inclusion in the context of Covid19

Dr. Bhoomi and Mrs. Rozet have presented and shared Caritas-CCAMH on social inclusion in the context of Covid19 as bellow:

- **Pope Francis’s call for action:** Limit global average temperature rise” and Cancellation of the debt of the most vulnerable countries in recognition of the severe impacts of the medical, social and economic crises they face as a result of Covid-19.”
- **Marginalized are excluded are:** People with disabilities, Racial and religious minorities, Women and girls, Ethnic minorities, Displaced or people migrating and People below poverty line.
- **Impact of Covid-19 on education:** children severely affected by the current pandemic, most educational institutions around the world moved to remote learning and teaching, levels of stress and mental health problems have increased since lockdown and Covid 19 has exacerbated the prevailing educational inequalities (only one third in Cambodia has access to distance mode).
- **Challenges for Children with disabilities:** Children with difficulties of hearing, sight and cognitive functioning, have little access for health information, limited capacities of health systems to deliver inclusive health care services, lack of access to internet, availability of books and other learning materials, lack of access to assistive devices or special education that meets the child’s specific learning needs.
- **Triage-model’ to prioritize essential services during COVID-19:** Category ‘A’: Need to attend the clinical services without which may face health complications, e.g. children receiving anti-epileptic medication. Category
‘B’: May choose to attend or postpone, the decision left with parents, e.g. children receiving neuroleptic medication and category ‘C’: Advised to come in Sep. 2020 for follow-up
At the end of presentation, there was showing the video about Prevention of Child Abuse during Covid 19 outbreak especially the children with disability. The research reveals that there is an increased risk of child abuse during a Covid 19 pandemic because of heightened stress and social isolation of child and their families. The stress was increased on the children, parent, and care giver because the children are at home, school closed, lack of social relationship and play with the other, limitation to access the mental heal service.

| 05:40 – 05:50 pm | **Concluding Remark**  
By: Bishop Oliver Schmitthaeusler, Vice Chairman of Caritas Cambodia |
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|  | Bishop concluded the meeting by thanking to Caritas Cambodia for warm welcomed and thank all CACD members for their great sharing and participation and received the advice from Holy Father Francis to create a new social with love as one family to respond Covid 19 and flood disaster. At the end of meeting, there was showing the video produced by Saint Paul Institute show about distance learning of children during Covid 19 outbreak, awareness raining to community to prevent Covid 19, support disability people, and other activities of Saint Paul Institute.  

*Next meeting will be 18 Jan 2021 at Caritas National Office* |