



Final Report-Coaching Phase

**Project Title:** Disability inclusion and improving the living standard of poor farmers and fisher-folks in SAMAKY’s target villages

Submitted by

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To

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The project is under the inclusive services deliveries mechanism

TIGA-Inclusion Program

1. **Summary**

SAMAKY was granted a small grant under inclusive service delivery mechanism and livelihood (TIGA2) from Handicap International. Under this project, SAMAKY has developed the specific prior activities containing: assigning disability focal point, disability awareness raising to stakeholders (staff, persons with disabilities, village leaders, commune councils, teachers and community facilitators), build a new accessible toilet and a pathway.

The project has basically achieved its objectives in terms of the number of beneficiaries who have increased their confidences from their participation activities. Therefore, the project has substantial impacts on the project beneficiaries’ livelihoods including social and environmental benefits; furthermore non-project beneficiaries also receive indirect impacts within community while local authorities and citizen could contribute their experiences to their community. Village leaders play an important role in the project not only in participation but also in encourage the citizen to attract benefits from project implementation. Beside this, they also involved in other activities such as in training program or in mobilizing community to understand about disability.

Optimistically, the trend from increase staff‘s attitude is positive for the fact. The purpose of doing these was to upgrade participation from not only beneficiaries with disabilities but also for all.

**1.1 Name of Services Providers**: SAMAKY Organization

**1.2 Name of Project:** “Disability inclusion and improving the living standard of poor farmers and fisher-folks in SAMAKY’ target villages”

**1.3 Project Goal:** Encourage the persons with disabilities in participation and access the services through inclusive policy and make accessible for all.

**1.4 Target Areas:** 19 villages in Mien and Trapeang Preah commune, Prey Chhor district, Kampong Cham province.

**1.5 Grant Period:** 12 months (Jan 01, 2015 – Dec 31, 2015)

**1.6 Amount of Grant:** 1,100.00 USD

**1.7 Expenditure:** 1,274.85 USD (SAMAKY contribute in amount of 175 USD)

**1.8 Balance:** 0.15 USD

* 1. **Reporting Status:** Final Project Report (Coaching phase)
  2. **Contact Persons:** 1. Dr. OK Aingkim, Executive Director

2. Mr. SIM Kimhon, Provincial Coordinator

1. **Background and Project Objective (maximum 1/2 pages)**

HI with its partner, SAMAKY based in Deykraham village, Mien commune, Prey Chhor district where is 25 km distanced from Kampong Cham city. SAMAKY ‘s desire is to see Cambodian citizen understand their rights, respects and commit them fully in a democratic way. SAMAKY’s mission is to work with vulnerable people such as the poor, person with disabilities, people living with HIV/Aids (PLHA), orphan, child labor exploited and indigenous people, so that they can gain their capacity to claim their rights to live with dignity. SAMAKY contributes its works to meet the needs of those in order to reduce their suffering through capacity and human resource development.

To contribute the above desire and mission to be effective, in the coaching phase period SAMAKY received a small financial support from HI for inclusive service delivery mechanism with the main objective of mainstreaming on disability and inclusion as the foundation for SAMAKY organization framework and to make it accessible for all beneficiaries’ in accessing services at center base by conducting disability awareness, build the concreted resting place, maintaining the pathway, and publish the leaflets.

# Objectives of the Project Final Report

* To reflect and measure the objective of the project has been met
* To identify lessons learnt from project activities and to explore what has and has not worked in this coaching phase period
* To assess the effect and impact of the project implementation
* To review the qualitative and aspects of the project achievement

1. **Project Activities and Achievement (refer to proposal and activities plan)**

**3.1 Objective 1**

* Mainstreaming about the disability and inclusion as the foundation for SAMAKY organization framework.

**3.2 Objective 2**

* To make it accessible for all beneficiaries who accessing services at center base by conducting disability awareness, build the concreted resting place, maintaining the pathway, and publishing the leaflets.

To achieve the above objectives, SAMAKY has implemented the prior activities with results and outcomes as following:

1. **Organize a disability orientation**: (facilitated by a relevant organization, for all team members and local authorities or other stakeholders the service collaborates with).

SAMAKY has conducted refresh training on disability and accessibility to 5 staff (3 females). This training is facilitated by Mr. SIM Kimhon, SAMAKY provincial coordinator. In addition, SAMAKY has mainstreamed to community facilitators (CF), farmer representatives, village leaders and commune councils while they are invited to attend the reflection workshop or trainings with SAMAKY. The participants are able to understand the perception of disability. What is remarkable, they gestured towards and communicated to people with disabilities with positive ways.

1. **Develop information, education and communication**: Before publishing the leaflets SAMAKY has consulted with HI by requested the technical officer to support and review the drafted leaflets and have tested it with people with disabilities to ensure the accessible one. After consulting many times among SAMAKY, HI and beneficiaries, 736 leaflets are printed and distributed with appropriate condition.
2. **Develop and adopt a policy**: To include persons with disabilities into practice of organization framework, SAMAKY have updated its policies such as personnel, Gender, and child protection policy. In addition, SAMAKY will review all main documents once in two years which joining and approve by SAMAKY Board of Directors.
3. **Build the concreted resting place**

Under the coaching phase**,** theproject also supported to build a concreted resting place connected from the existing pathway. The resting place is decorated in good condition which is accessible for all and it is especially built in spelled of HI model.

1. **Maintaining the pathway** (Buy the soil to hold on both sides of pathway)

Under the under inclusive service delivery mechanism project, SAMAKY has been supported to establish a concrete pathway with 67.40 meters long and 1.80 meters wide with curbs on both sides up along the pathway connecting from the entrance to accessible toilet and training room. In the coaching phase, HI **has supported small amount of money to SAMAKY for maintaining this pathway.**

1. **Database entry:** SAMAKY has recorded all beneficiaries who come to access the services at SAMAKY center. Up to now, 832 beneficiaries (363 females) are recorded into database system. Among these beneficiaries, 72 (32 females) are people with disabilities and 10 beneficiaries are family members. Moreover, HI always conduct sharing meeting among service providers to share experiences of project implementation and something related to database.

**M&E:** is regularly conducted by HI officer. This activity is conducted to verify the project implementation whether it meets its objectives or not. Furthermore, it aims to follow up and to improving the implementation. In the earlier December, 2015 an evaluation is conducted by HI consultant to find out the impact of project.

1. **Main difficulties during Project implementation**

* Most of target groups could apply their knowledge from SAMAKY but there is a small number of targets still remain inactive. They still lied themselves in the problems.
* Most of beneficiaries are little educated. Especially persons with disabilities, which lead them to fear and shame, so their participations are limited.

1. **Project Impact**

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## Social Impact: the most significant impact of the project is the attitude change of the target groups; the project has created opportunity and built confidence for local people involved in decision making within their community. They are confident to voice out their concerns to commune councils. Moreover, it encouraged persons with disabilities to build self-confidence and overcome their barriers. In addition, SAMAKY staffs are willing to contribute and welcome with positive attitude for all beneficiaries who accessed the SAMAKY’s services.

The project also led to a greater awareness of human right, the integration of the needs of the poorest to the development process. It also promoted a close collaboration among community people and improved social networks and served as a safety net to solve the social problems.

After SAMAKY implementing this project, it is observed that the targeted groups changed their attitudes of welcome or communication with persons with disabilities in appropriate words. Furthermore, beneficiaries could access the services easily by using the toilet, pathway and the resting places.

The target groups who participated with SAMAKY activities shared that majorities of community people could benefit more positive outputs from SAMAKY interventions. More interestingly, the small farmers in the community have actively used their land to produce the agricultural productions in the purpose to supplementing their existing income.

**Environmental Impact:** Based on the reflection workshop among the farmer representatives reported that their income is increased, it could say that their income has better gain than before the project started. This increase is attributed to the farmers’ adoption of new improved agricultural techniques and the increased use of local resources such as green manure and compost, in order to reducing the external inputs such as chemical fertilizers and pesticides that led to the fresh condition of environment.

1. **Lesson Learnt**

* To lead the inclusion ahead, the institutions should review every element of its policies or principles first. This means that the by law, policy and other relevant documents shall be reviewed to find the gaps and fulfill them for inclusion.
* Related to social context, most villagers in target area indicate that the project benefits them so interestingly because they think majority of people with disabilities have opportunity to share their experiences, perception about disability, active participate without discrimination while in the past they are watched over and have less opportunity to the participation.

**VII. Conclusion and Recommendation for the project**

* **Conclusion**:

Based on the above activities, this indicates positively outcome SAMAKY has applied. Most of beneficiaries shared their knowledge, perception of disability and accessibilities in their community. It is proud to make conclusion that project‘s effectiveness is in terms of quality implementation and met its objectives. The infrastructure rehabilitation has been built with accessible one.

Another one, it is observed that staff’s attitudes toward people with disabilities are positive. Moreover, it is improved the relationship among staffs, beneficiaries and local authorities. Despite of having positive result, some obstacles had been faced with because most of community people still didn’t understand and unrespect well to the law or relevant convention yet. The solution is continuing to disseminate to those in order to reduce the discriminations.

## Recommendation:

Enhancing capacity building in advocating and protecting and rights to life with dignity is needed. Moreover, improving staff support with finance and capacity should be considered for the next project.

HI should continue to collaborate with SAMAKY in order to improve the livelihoods for people with disabilities. The livelihood inputs and technical skills should be supported, so that they will live independently.

Regarding the conclusion and recommendations, HI should strengthen more on law and relevant conventions to improve not only the disability but also the accessibility. These can push to reach the sustainability after the project end.

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