



Monthly e-Newsletter

PASSA for Safe Shelter



The Building Holistic Disaster Risk Reduction" (BHDDR) conducted a "Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness" (PASSA) workshop in Siem Reap's Khralan District focused on the disaster response and recovery strategies and building key people's capacity for safe shelter within communities.

Twenty-six participants, from three target villages and representatives of different groups such as people living with disability, village women, vulnerable group, water user group, local construction skilled workers, village leaders and commune committee for disaster management were selected to join the four-day introductory workshop of PASSA concept and methodology.

The groups were exposed to the eight components of the training such as (1) historical profile, (2) community mapping and visit, (3) frequency and impact of hazards, (4) safe and unsafe shelter, (5) options for solution,

(6) planning for change, (7) complaint box, and (8) monitoring plan. These components help the trainees in dealing with settlement risks and disasters related to housing.

As a result, it was evident that the trainees gained improved understanding and capacity in PASSA with 58 percent of the participants successfully passing a mock test. The rest of the participants will receive further training as planned within the BHDDR project, but majority demonstrated confidence and willingness to contribute their skills and experiences to their communities in managing preparedness to disasters.

Habitat for Humanity Cambodia is optimistic that the three pilot villages (Sambour Village, O-Kralanh Village, and Ta An Village) will effectively come up with their own action plans and start to implement PASSA. The workshop was held on 26-29 May 2015 and supported by Habitat for Humanity Australia.

HFHC and MLMUPC: Towards stronger partnership

Habitat for Humanity Cambodia met with director of General Department of Housing of the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction (MLMUPC) on June 23, 2015-, yielding possible collaborations that would elevate promotion of adequate housing at the national level.



In the meeting, director of General Department of Housing Mr. Beng Hong Socheat Khemro said "In order to fill the data gaps on the need for affordable housing/social housing, the department plans to conduct research on the housing deficit and housing needs of the poor and the low income earners, particularly in urban areas." Mr. Kif Nguyen, national director of HFH Cambodia expressed HFH Cambodia's interest to partner with the Housing Department and other relevant NGOs in support of this research, including the development of a task force that would review standard housing designs in the country. The Housing Department plans to set up government funding for affordable housing loans but much work has yet to be done in identifying concepts and associated technical assistance, this is according to Mr. Khemro. During the meeting, HFH Cambodia was requested to provide technical assistance in developing their capacity.

Representatives from MLMUPC Housing Department have been invited to the fifth Asia Pacific Housing Forum that will be held in Hong Kong on 1-4 September 2015. The two agencies also touched on the identification of different areas that could be included in the up-coming Memorandum of Understanding between HFH Cambodia and the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction. The newly established Housing Department is in line with the approved Housing Policy in May 2014.





Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery into Cambodia Housing Sector

A consultation workshop on mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and recovery (DRRR) into housing sector was organized by Habitat for Humanity Cambodia (HFHC) on May 22, 2015 with the support from Australian Aid and Habitat for Humanity Australia.

The workshop involved government and non-government DRRR actors, specifically active members of the DRR NGO support group in Cambodia and the representatives from the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) in the development process of HFHC DRRR strategy for FY2015-FY2018. Habitat for Humanity Cambodia recognize the importance of having improved sector analysis and understanding of current gaps to avoid duplication of effort and to have efficient contribution in the National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction and Response (NAP-DRR 2014-18) with a special focus on mainstreaming DRRR

into the housing sector in Cambodia.

Secretary General of National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) H.E. Ponn Narith presided the workshop with a total of 24 participants. He then expressed his thanks to HFHC for the cooperation with NCDM to work on disaster risk reduction and recovery in Cambodia housing sector. He recommended HFHC to work with governmental authorities as well as NCDM in responding to Cambodia's demands for technical support in housing.

The workshop also promoted improved understanding among key stakeholders of Cambodia disaster risk profile, and the recent risk reduction and response strategic action plans. Also, it allowed for discussion of challenges and gaps in capacity documentation and progress on NAP-DRR activities together with the implementing actors.

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Enhancing Beneficiary Health and Livelihood



Habitat for Humanity Cambodia and partner NGO Maryknoll conducted a five-day training from May 25 to 29, 2015 together with thirteen beneficiaries of the second phase of Building Homes, Building Positive Lives Project.

The five-day training was divided into different topics: HIV/AIDS protection, proper sanitation and hygiene practices, basic business skills, financial management, and production of soy bean fermentation and liquid soap.

One of the participants, Chhoeng Oeun said, "we have learned many things and I am eager to share them with my family so that we can begin our small business."



A pilot test on service mapping and family development was launched by Habitat for Humanity Cambodia (HFHC) in June this year in partnership with new partners Enfants & Developpement (E&D) and SamatapheapKhnom Organization (SKO) to add value to the current housing program for families affected by HIV/AIDS and the housing project in Oudong.

Service mapping and family development are expected to strengthen the sustainability of the current housing and psychosocial interventions, and provide home partner families improved support in identifying livelihood opportunities, linkage with available service providers and improved guidance in family development.

The experience in this pilot test will strengthen HFHC's programs on individual family follow up, leading to its development of methodology to accompany families in their first months of settlement, including: (1) improving the socio-economic integration of the beneficiaries in their new location, (2) support their ability to plan ahead for their family

Service Mapping & Family Development Piloted

(e.g. identifying what problems they face, helping them to plan for solutions, supporting them with simple family budgets, reviewing their problems with over indebtedness and negotiating with MFIs) (3) map existing service providers (government, NGOs, employment opportunities, social protection, etc.), and provide families with information, (4) provide them with training on basic life skills, (5) encourage them to play an active role in the community and empower them as active citizens who voice their concerns, and (6) identify any urgent need that would require immediate life-saving assistance. Based on meetings between HFH Cambodia, SKO and E&D, the methodology developed by E&D and SKO could help to address some of these needs. SamatapheapKhnom Organization works on a six-month duration following E&D's methodology of Family Development.

Twenty families are currently covered by the pilot test; ten from the Building Homes Building Positive Lives project in Phnom Penh and ten from the housing project in Oudong.

Global Village Highlights



3-12 April 2015: A 16-member volunteer team from USA joined forces with homeowners to build a core house basement and backfill around the house in Siem Reap Province. During the build, the volunteers visited other nearby HFH Cambodia project sites. On the last day, the team celebrated their achievements by enjoying Cambodian traditional games and dancing to Cambodian and Western songs together with the home partners and community people. Many promised to come back to Cambodia for another build. Two of the volunteers generously donated one wheelbarrow and ten buckets of cement.

17- 26 April 2015: Four toilets were built in Pouk District, and part of one house was laid with brick walls in Angkor Chum District, Siem Reap Province with the support from GV team of six members from USA. The team members shared that they love to get their hands dirty to help and get to know more about the families' background, their living condition, and the local customs. On the last day, they celebrated dedication ceremony with the participation from families' relatives and village chiefs.

Getting better at brick laying



Another house inaugurated! Another happy family!



A photo to share with home partner family



Joining forces for a toilet!

"My wife and I were looking for an opportunity to do something good for others rather than sleep in a hotel and lay in front of a swimming pool. So, we decided to volunteer and help build a house for a family. The experience was beyond our expectation, and we are happy that we chose to come to Cambodia," said Scott Frohman.

A Dream Come True



At seven each morning single mother of three, Soch Chenda (47), goes to pick up her rented hand-cart and spends seven hours pulling it around her neighbourhood, collecting bottles and cans for recycling. This work earns her around US\$2-3 each day, which she uses to buy vegetables for her sister to sell at the market. It's a daily struggle to support her three children with so little money.

The family rents a small room in an old wooden building in Phnom Penh. The house is home to six other families, who all share one bathroom so it is very busy and crowded.

Chenda's family experiences discrimination due to her illness and her neighbours get annoyed because she has to store recycling materials in her room some days.

Now Chenda will be given an opportunity to improve her living condition through a housing support. When she thinks about what the new home will mean to her family, tears fill her eyes. She says, "My dream, my wish, is to have a secure shelter so my children can study. Nothing can compare to this new home. I hope it is a safe place that is close to a market. I am so tired and I am often sick. If I can stop collecting recycling materials and sell more in the market, I will not feel so tired all the time. I feel like I have been born again!"

"I visited the place where our new home will be built and I didn't want to leave! It has a good breeze and a clean environment," Chenda added.

Framework House: Low-cost, long-lasting and safe

Featured in various online platforms is the Framework House designed by HFH Cambodia partner Building Trust International (BTI).

With each dwelling, the 'framework' program incorporates lessons on sustainable building techniques, healthy home principles, and presents detailed options for future expansion and investment.

Habitat for Humanity Cambodia has so far constructed nine pilot framework houses for HIV/AIDs affected families living in the outskirts of Phnom Penh through the support of TowerBrook through Habitat for Humanity Great Britain and BTI. One house costs US\$2,500.

Partners HFH Cambodia and BTI continue to work collaboratively in search of other low-cost, long-lasting and safe house designs.



Kids are enjoying their newly built home.

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45.9%
of the population live
in multidimensional
poverty



54%
of the population
are practicing open
defecation



9.8 million
are in need
of adequate housing



6.3 million
lack access to safe water



18.6%
of the population live
below the poverty line
of US\$1.25 a day



Over **100,000**
people are living in slums
in Phnom Penh with 23%
growth rate in 2013



Over **150,000**
throughout the country
are at risk of forced
eviction

FY 2014 Annual Report: <http://www.habitatcambodia.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/HFH-Cambodia-Annual-Report-2014-English.pdf>

New Faces



◀ Ms. Sok Kimsour

Welcome Ms. Sok Kimsour, our finance/admin officer based in Battambang Province. Kimsour has a Bachelor Degree in Accounting, and has a background in the fields of administration, accounting and finance. You can contact Kimsour at sok_kimsour@habitatcambodia.org



◀ Mr. Khiev Phalla

We welcome Mr. Khiev Phalla, our new WASH project officer based in Siem Reap. Phalla graduated Bachelor Degree in Agronomy. He worked as production officer-water (PO-water) and assistant project officer. He previously worked at Investing in Children and Their Societies (ICS). You can contact Phalla at khiev_phalla@habitatcambodia.org



◀ Mr. Khut Sornnimul

Mr. Khut Sornnimul is our interim Resource Development and Communications Officer. Sornnimul is on his Master Degree in Digital Media and Society at Uppsala University, Sweden. He finished his Bachelor Degree in Media Management and in English for Education at Royal University of Phnom Penh. He has worked as a Media Content Support Officer at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation International Development. Welcome Sornnimul. You can contact Sornnimul at khut_sornnimul@habitatcambodia.org



◀ Mr. Chheng Vichea

We warmly welcome Mr. Chheng Vichea as our new human resource and administration manager based in Phnom Penh. Vichea graduated with a Master Degree in General Management and Bachelor Degree in Accounting and Finance. He has previously worked in human resource management, administration, and accounting. His last position was Human Resource Manager at Geres Cambodia. You can contact Vichea at Chheng_vichea@habitatcambodia.org



◀ Ms Vann Davy

Ms. Vann Davy is our newly recruited admin assistant at HFHC office in Phnom Penh. She graduated with a Master Degree in Law at Royal University of Law and Economics. She previously worked as a legal officer, secretary, administrative officer, radio programmer, and English teacher. We warmly welcome Davy. You can contact Davy at vann_davy@habitatcambodia.org

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