# Presentation on Phnom Penh Center for Independent Living (PPCIL) and General Situation of Persons with Disabilities in Cambodia

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### Self introduction



- I was born in 1979
- I am a person with disability—Polio, using a manual wheelchair. I have experiences in working in the disability field and social welfare more than 18 years. From 2006 to 2007, I got trained on Independent Living in Japan supported by Duskin Leadership Training Program. Currently, I am the Founder and Executive Director of PPCIL.

## Phnom Penh Center for Independent Living (PPCIL)



Established in 2009



Only one CIL in Cambodia



#### **Activities**

- Disability and IL concept awareness raising
- Disability Inclusion
- Peer-Counseling
- ILP
- PA services
- Advocacy
- Events

# **General Situations of Persons with Disabilities in Cambodia**



The situation of persons with disabilities in Cambodia can be categorized as marginalized by income inequality, exclusion and discrimination. According to traditional Buddhist beliefs in karma, which is a value held by many Cambodians, some have been disabled since they were born with disabilities to atone for sins in his or her previous life and some were disabled after they were born due to certain circumstances such as road and land mine incidents, accidents and polio; and others are a result of the civil war and the Khmer Rouge regime that caused them permanent disability. Most of PWDs are always want to treat their disability rather than go to change the society.

# **General Situations of Persons with Disabilities in Cambodia**

PPCIL changes the lives of persons with severe disabilities through independent living, rights-based and inclusive community approaches from Commune/Sangkat to Municipality level.



# Before the Training, staff members were UNABLE:

- To make Action Plans
- > To have work done on time
- > To identify problems
- > To seek for solution
- > To manage their time
- > To estimate the cost



- 1. In 2016 and 2017, Samith attended 2 trainings on Chronology, communication, action plan & Fact Question ect.. in Japan
- 2. After the trainings, he understood the concepts and reasons why PPCIL staff members lacked of skills to perform the work.
- 3. Therefore, Samith proposed JSRPD to provide the 1st training program in February 2018 for PPCIL staff members

#### **Changed:**

After the Training, staff members and volunteers have gained more skills and are ABLE:

- To make Action Plans and Project Planning, although not that perfect
- To have work done on time quite often
- To do the Monitoring and Evaluations
- > To make Result Based Reporting





#### On Track points but need more improvement:

- > Action Plans: lack of skills to make it effectively
- ➤ Identify problems: they are good but not able break down problems analytically sometimes
- ➤ Find Out Solutions: sometimes they are not able to find reasonable solutions based on their knowledge and experiences
- ➤ Use Fact Questions Effectively: sometimes they are unable to create and ask questions relatively

#### **Application:**

PPCIL has been practicing all the focused points and applying into real practice.

- Using skills gained to write a new proposal and already apply it to the VOICE Grant.
- Most required areas in the proposal are quite similar to what we learnt from the trainings such as: identifying problems, breaking down issues, activities (Action Plans), how we evaluate and report the result activities.



Thank you for your attention!