



KEY NOTES

- MCH MoU with World Food Program for 2008 -2010
- Full Program Monitoring to the first semester 2008
- White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence to women in Cham-Ksarm district, Preah Vihear province,

Dear Colleagues,

CWS Cambodia Management team would like to extend to you our sincerest appreciation to all CWS funding partners who continue financial support, without your contribution it would not be possible for us to continue our vision and work to increase the level of community development throughout the Kingdom of Cambodia. While the extreme needs of the poor and vulnerable in the remote areas to fight for survival are far from satisfied, you can take pride in the knowledge that together, in 2008, we continue to make a real impact on the lives of those very poor and the most vulnerable.

To get a real sense for the progress of which you are vitally essential, we have prepared this newsletter to bring you up to speed on events as they happen and to give you all a better feel for the facts on the ground; who have we helped, what have we learned and how can we improve in the future.

We sincerely welcome your contribution in CWS work. We wish you all the blessing of long, fruitful lives and meaningful work, and we share in the dream of continued peace in our beloved Cambodia. I remain,

Sincerely,

On behalf of CWS Management Team

Josephine Barbour  
Country Representative

CWS working in Cambodia since 1979 as one of the first 5 humanitarian organizations permitted to work in the country after the fall of the Khmer Rouge regime. Although our work is informed by a rapidly changing reality, the main objective of our presence in Cambodia has always been to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people while working towards sustainable peace. We strive to develop the capacity to meet people's basic needs, and to encourage participation in an emerging democracy. CWS also focuses its attention on developing the technical and institutional capacity of its Cambodian NGO partners and community-based organizations form a value-based foundation. At present, CWS has offices in Phnom Penh, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Svay Rieng, Kompong Thom and Preah Vihear working mainly through and with local government and partner organizations.

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MCH MoU with World Food Program for 2008 -2010

A Field Level Agreement between CWS and WFP was signed on January 21 2008 for a pilot program to reduce the incidence of stunting and underweight among young children as well as improve health and nutrition of pregnant and lactating women. Studies show the highest impact is achieved for an at-risk child if they are getting adequate nutrition particularly up to 24 months of age. The 3 year program will run from January 1 2008 to December 31 2010. WFP will provide monthly food resources for CWSC to use for food-insecure infants, and pregnant and lactating women as well as mothers of 6-24 month old children.

However, CWSC has learned from over a decade of work in rural areas that while mothers and children's health is significantly impacted by malnourishment, and can be improved by the nutrition programs in our Rural Development projects, mothers will always share any food benefit for a targeted child with their other small children or a neighboring child who is not in the target group.

To strengthen the possibility of real impact, of the WFP food assistance, CWS will supplement additional services and resources including; education to health volunteers and mothers on health related issues such as nutrition for children under 5 years, water and sanitation, home gardening, livestock and fish raising, birth spacing control, revision of knowledge on safety delivery, pre and post natal care to birth attendants.

CWSC is very pleased to have been selected as a partner by WFP and is certain to change children's lives through this critical health intervention for women and small children.



Full Program Monitoring to the first semester 2008

The full program monitoring for the first semester of fiscal year 2008 conducted by M&E Officer, RPD Officer and Deputy Director started from 10 December 2007 to 04 January 2008. The duties of the Monitoring team is to work with the implementing staff in order to assist them in taking a step back from their work to tell the stories of their success so that they may be capitalized on and also to identify the gaps, so they may closed. Project which have been monitored are BTB and BTM Partnership, SvR WatSan, KPT Partnership, and KPT/PvH Direct Service Projects. For data collection the M&E team interviewed beneficiaries, local authorities (commune chief, commune council, village chief and village development committee), Project Manager, Project Coordinator, Team Leader and Field Staff, and all CNGO staff. For the secondary data, we collected information from Log-frame FY08, Monitoring Indicator Form, Detailed Annual Operational Plan of projects. The findings will be reviewed first at the project level in the field, then present to POG for follow up actions to improve the gaps in the next semester.



Monitoring team interviews Commune leaders of Rumdoh Sre Commune, Chamkhsan District, Preah Vihear Province during field work

White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence to women



- One policeman found the White Ribbon Campaign an impressive way to open eyes and start to join together to eliminate domestic and community violence.
- A Chorm Ksan Secondary School student enjoyed the event because he felt the issue is relevant to his community where students lives are affected by domestic violence.



As part of our work in peace building, CWS usually participates in the white ribbon campaign. This year with permission from district authorities, the White Ribbon Campaign to eliminate violence against women and promote harmony and prosperity in the family” was kicked off on December 19, 2007 in Chorm Ksan, Preah Vihear Province. 22 CWS staff participated with Commune Councilors from 3 Communes<sup>1</sup>, Village Development Committee members, village leaders, and community people from 9 villages<sup>2</sup>, teachers and students from 2 schools<sup>3</sup> to open the 16 days of awareness raising. The District’s Deputy Governor, Police Officers, Commune Councilors and Woman Affaires presided over the event!

The White Ribbon event raises awareness about the meaning and social effects of violence and appeals to the public and public officials to participate in eliminating all forms of violence against women. During the event of White Ribbon Campaign, T-shirts with a message reading as “A non violent family lives in dignity and happiness” were distributed and posters with messages against violence were posted as the group processed through the district town.

Interested villagers came out to join the procession. This was one event to open up the space to even begin to speak about the issues of violence and domestic violence in the community and begin discussion on how collaboration works to eliminate violence as a response to conflict. It was one of many interventions being coordinated with the District Chief this year to improve conflict resolution options in a poor and war affected community.

<sup>1</sup> 3 communes (Cham Ksan, Romdosh Sre, Tek Krohom),

<sup>2</sup> 9 Villages (Veal Po, Teuk Krohom, Sangkum Thmey, Chat Tang, Propeang Thom, Veal Thom, Kok Sralao, O Ksan and Teuk Krohom),

<sup>3</sup> 2 schools ( Kok Srolou Secondary school, Cham Ksan High school)