

Training to Become a Good Leader

More than 4,000 children affected by HIV/AIDS and other factors in the target community and 393 children living with HIV/AIDS are currently receiving care and support from Partners in Compassion (PC).



To address the needs of these children, Partners in Compassion selected 152 children from the above mentioned children to collaborate with the leaders of Self Help Groups to facilitate in the effort to help the children.

According to the Rectangular Strategy of the government, the 4th component of the strategy is about capacity building and human resource development. To respond to the Rectangular Strategy of the government and to implement based on its Strategic Plan, Partners in Compassion plans to train its staff and volunteer annually in order to equip them with enough capacity to contribute to the community needs response.

From 23rd to 24th May 2013 a branch of Partners in Compassion in Bati Operational District organized a training course to children who are the leaders of children Support Group under the facilitation of Mr. Hem Kim Eng, Project Coordinator of Partners in Compassion (PC) based in Bati Operational District.

4 important topics were raised for discussion:

1. Maternal and Child Health
2. Knowledge of Tuberculosis
3. Knowledge of HIV/AIDS
4. Children's Rights and Life skills

There are 17 leaders of Children Support Group including 8 females participated in the training course. Among the 17 children participating in the training course, there were 3 children living with HIV/AIDS (including 1 female) and 14 orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS and other factors.

The 17 children have gained additional knowledge from the above topics on top of what they have already known. They are firmly determined to help raise awareness of other children groups and community about health and hygiene and access to health services and other needed services of the community. They hope that from this day onward their communities will certainly be able solve today's problems.

Case study

Happy Happy Program Flourishes Love and Unity

On the 22nd May 2013 one among many other Happy Happy Programs was conducted in the community of Phum Tnung, Khum Russey, Srok Khang Keut, Kampot. There were 44 participants who are orphans and vulnerable children participated in the program.



Figure 1 Children listening to a session about Children's rights and Discrimination

This was a golden opportunity to emotionally motivate and allow children to participate in the program. Mrs. Teng Rithy, Deputy Provincial HIV/AIDS Program Manager at Kampot and a permanent member of HIV/AIDS Committee at Kampot and the local authority have also participated in the program. Two topics were covered in this Happy Happy Program including: 1. Children's right 2. Discrimination.

Dr. Pen Savy, PC's Program Coordinator of Kompong Trach Operational District, raised a few questions related to children's rights to a big group of children such as "How many children's rights are there?"

Why is there discrimination toward children within the community, particularly to children affected by HIV/AIDS?" Almost every child in the group understood and actively participated in giving good answers.

Mrs. Teng Rithy praised the children for their active participation in the activities of the program and gave more elaboration to clear some doubts of the children.

After that, the children were divided into three small groups to play energetic games. The games were about team work, work flow, and how to send and receive messages.



Figure 2 Children playing games

The three groups, which are comprised of a mixed variety of children from different statuses including children living with HIV/AIDS, children affected by HIV/AIDS and other vulnerable children due to other factors, have energetically participated and warmly welcomed other children to join these fun games. The friendly environment has strengthened the emotional state of the children who have experienced health and mental issues and brought the children closer to live in harmony with each other regardless of their statuses. This activity lasted for one hour with an extremely enjoyable and friendly atmosphere.

Case Study

Improving a Person's Health is improving a Community

Dong Health Center is one among other 13 health centers in Bati Operation District which is collaborating with Partners in Compassion in implementing Health System Strengthening Project. Dong Health Center covers 20 villages and 4 communes including Champei, Dong, Thnoat and Pea Ream with 40 Village Health Volunteers.

Chea Sem, 57, who lives in Phum Chumrov, Khum Pea Ream and is one of the 40 volunteers said: "I have been a Village Health Support Volunteer for over 15 years and I have disseminated information about vaccination, Vitamin A campaign, and screening of Tuberculosis patients.

"Besides being a Health Center's volunteer, I also volunteer for other organizations, but I do not have much understanding about duties and responsibilities of a volunteer. I perform my duties according to the guidance of the organizations." added Chea Sem.



"Since Partners in Compassion supported and collaborated with the management committee of Dong Health Center in 2010, I was invited to participate in many trainings such as Training on the Duties and Responsibilities of a Volunteer, Public Health Services, Tuberculosis, and rights of a person in receiving health service. After clearly understanding my duties and responsibilities, I have fulfilled my duties such as educating about health to the community, participating in the quarterly meeting of volunteers, and referring patients to health service at the health center." said Chea Sem.

"I am determined to continue my work as a volunteer to continually improve the health center and to support and raise awareness of the villagers about the importance of health and strengthen referral system and refer patients to access services on time, which means that *"improving a Person's Health is improving a Community."* asserted Chea Sem.

Case study

Restoring New Hope for a Family

Phal Phaneth, 10, studies at grade 4 of Ang Run Primary School and she is the second daughter of Rous Phany. She is living under guidance of her grandfather Rous Chel who is a 74-year-old widower and lives in village Ko Doul, Tropaing Krosaing Commune, Bati district, Takeo. Phaneth has a mother who is a widow with speaking and hearing disability.

“Phaneth’s mother has never had any happiness in her life, since she has speaking and speech impairment. 2 men have cheated her with the first man has a son with her and left and the other man has a daughter with and also left her.” according to Phaneth’s grandfather Rous Chel.



“On 27th March 2013 at 3:00 PM an unfortunate incidence happened. My thatched cottage which was the last asset of my life and a shelter for my granddaughter and daughter was destroyed by fire, leaving only some pieces of wood.”



“After my poor thatched cottage disappeared because of the fire, I have no shelter to live, so we picked up the wood left from the fire to make a bed and had a tent to stay temporarily.” added Phaneth’s grandfather.

In good collaboration with the local authority, Red Cross and other generous people, Partners in Compassion (PC) contributed to respond to the basic needs of the family including net, blanket, mat and other materials such as leaves and wood to enable the grandfather to rebuild his small cottage to serve as a shelter and to improve the living condition of this poor household affected by this horrible incidence.

Phal Phaneth gratefully said “I am very pleased that organizations and other generous people helped my family during this emergency situation, especially Partners in Compassion (PC) which has helped my poor family and allowed me the opportunity to continue my education. I am committed to studying as hard as I can to strive for a brighter future.”