

STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS FACT SHEET

Rehabilitation Workstream



Project Brief

Presently, the International Committee of the Red Cross Cambodia (ICRC) continues its cooperation with Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY) in support of the two largest physical rehabilitation centres (PRC) in Battambang and Kampong Speu, providing 50% of the country's annual service delivery. These centres not only uphold and reinforce professional standards in Cambodia but also serve as a regional and global PRP Education and Development Hub. This programme has had transformative impact on the beneficiaries and their families as well as the country at large. As this dynamic region continues to evolve, we remain committed to ensuring the most vulnerable members of society are not left behind. These centres, beyond providing essential services, also contribute to the empowerment of programme participants through the provision of assistive devices such as prostheses, orthoses, wheelchairs, and walking aids, while also creating employment opportunities.

Project Outcomes

The ICRC endorses and supports the decision of Cambodia's Prime Minister to transition the physical rehabilitation sector from the MoSVY to the Ministry of Health (MOH), aligning with the recommendation of the World Health Organization (WHO) and reflecting a global trend. ICRC emphasizes the crucial significance of intersectoral collaboration to facilitate the establishment of an effective social inclusion referral mechanism between these ministries. Complementing these efforts, the University of Health Sciences received significant support, encompassing the development of an undergraduate program in physiotherapy, scholarships for students, and comprehensive staff training. Notably, the first batch of undergraduates commenced their journey in 2021, representing a milestone in advancing specialised healthcare professionals. ICRC is also a member of the Board of Study of the internationally recognized Cambodian School for Prosthetics and Orthotics. ICRC sponsor students from Cambodia, South Sudan, Somalia and Myanmar to attend this school. ICRC's impact extends beyond the realms of education and rehabilitation, as we embrace a holistic approach to empower service users. Initiatives include registration in micro-economic programs, vocational training, employment opportunities, and improved access to education and sports. For instance, the remarkable progress made by the Cambodia Wheelchair Basketball Federation (founded by ICRC) has garnered formal recognition from the Cambodian government, reinforcing the importance of inclusive sports.

Key Activities

- Outreach program supporting service implementation in Kompong Speu and Battambang PRC and the five neighbouring provinces, Koh Kong, Pailin, Pursat, Odder Meanchey, and Bantey Meanchey.
- Holistic approach to empower services users, beyond the realms of education and rehabilitation that includes social inclusion activities, vocational and professional training, and support for students to undertake University degrees. And

through micro economic initiatives, which empower and support women and men to meet employment and livelihood aspirations.

- System strengthening activities to ensure a successful transition of the rehabilitation sector from MoSVY to MoH including the establishment of a referral system for service users between both ministries, to ensure social inclusion of person with disabilities.

Beneficiaries

Person with disabilities (PWD) of Cambodia

Geographic Location

Through Battambang Physical Rehabilitation Centre, Battambang, Pailin, Pursat, Bantey Meanchey, Odom Meanchey get served and Kompong Speu PRC serves PWD in Kompong Speu and Koh Krong provinces.

Project Partners

MoSVY/PWDF, MoH, further we collaborate with all stakeholders involved such EXCEED

Duration

From 1 January 2024 – 30 June 2026

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