

STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS FACT SHEET

Rehabilitation Workstream



Project Brief

Exceed Worldwide is a UK-based NGO working in Cambodia for more than 30 years to support the physical rehabilitation services and prosthetic and orthotic (PO) education to provide assistive devices for people with disabilities. With directive 907 dated on 19 October 2022 from the Royal Government of Cambodia to transfer the management of physical rehabilitation services and PO education from the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans, and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY) to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in line with the global trends and WHO standard that rehabilitation is a part of healthcare, Exceed Worldwide is committed to strengthen the integration of physical rehabilitation services and PO education into the MoH. The key objective of the project is to support the strengthening of rehabilitation services within MoH and to contribute to ensuring that persons with mobility disabilities have access to the PO services they need. Through the strengthening process, physical rehabilitation services will be integrated into the MoH's management systems, processes for semi-autonomy, and financial system that will allow sustainable funding mechanism.

Through ACCESS 2-supported activities, Exceed Worldwide innovate and establish a modern PO service capturing the emerging private sector market in addition to the publicly funded services, through a cross subsidization model.

Project Outcomes

- Innovative sustainable PO services established in selected Phnom Penh hospitals.
- Two existing Physical Rehabilitation Centres are fully integrated into the provincial hospital's management structures and funding mechanisms.
- Physical rehabilitation services are strengthened within the MoH.
- PO Education is strengthened, integrated, and sustained within the MoH.
- PO professional is recognized as healthcare professional within the civil servant employment status

Key Activities

- PO Departments, with qualified clinical staff, will be established in four (4) national hospitals and two (2) private hospitals in Phnom Penh so that a full service can be offered for persons with mobility disabilities.
- The Central Fabrication Unit (CFU) is established to produce assistive devices in Phnom Penh for six (6) PO Departments in the hospitals.
- Integrate Physical Rehabilitation Centres in Sihanoukville and in Kratie into the respective provincial hospitals.
- Exceed Worldwide, in collaboration with other rehabilitation sector partners, will participate in committees that have a role in contributing to a strong physical rehabilitation sector within the MoH.
- Exceed Worldwide, in collaboration with other partners and under the leadership of the MoH, will participate in providing advice to the Health Equity Fund (HEF), National Social Security Fund (NSSF), other social

protection mechanisms packages to promote the financial sustainability of physical rehabilitation services, and to ensure those with few resources are covered for the costs of rehabilitation.

- Exceed Worldwide, in collaboration with other partners, will work with MoH and Ministry of Civil Service to achieve professional recognition for the physical rehabilitation workforce.
- Exceed Worldwide, in collaboration with other partners, will work to secure an adequate and sustainable rehabilitation workforce in the future by supporting the formal education program.

Beneficiaries

Direct beneficiaries:

- Clients with mobility impairment who use prosthetic and orthotic devices, wheelchairs, and other assistive devices will retain the services they have been using for decades.
- Clients with non-communicable diseases such as Diabetes, Hypertension, and vascular disease will be able to directly access rehabilitation early in their rehabilitation pathway with better referral mechanism within hospitals.
- Children with congenital or early years acquired impairment may use PO devices to overcome the impact of, or to prevent future disability.

Indirect beneficiaries:

- Families of persons with disability, who are sometimes pushed into poverty by the loss of employment when a family member becomes impaired.
- Communities will improve their impression of persons with disability as contributors and the likelihood of discrimination will lessen.
- Women and girls are often co-opted to become carers for elderly relatives with disability and access to mobility and the restoration of even limited mobility reduces the burden of care on the family.
- New graduates (where many will be persons with disability) will be encouraged to spend their working lives working on rehabilitation.

Geographic Location

Phnom Penh, Kratie Province, and Preah Sihanouk Province.

Project Partners

1. Ministry of Health
2. National Paediatric Hospital in Phnom Penh
3. Kratie Provincial Hospital
4. Sihanouk Provincial Hospital
5. Three more national hospitals and two private hospitals in Phnom Penh are under discussion to establish PO Departments

Duration

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