

June Report B - CNVLD Women's Wheelchair Basketball Program

A Kampong Speu Focus

Remarkable progress has been made by the 9 women who make up the Kampong Speu team with 2 additional women joining in mid July. The Kampong Speu team is interesting insofar the majority of the athletes have an arm disability however they have dealt with this issue exceptionally fast and have become very mobile with the wheelchairs successfully using one arm to move, along with a vastly improved agility and handling of the ball with great energy and even aggressive playing tactics. **All achieved in the period of 2 months.** Like Battambang's team, the athletes train 6 + hours on training days and are already feeling the significant benefits of an improved physical well being along with the vital economic support through the monthly training subsidy and an obviously improved self esteem – they all feel good about themselves - **Hope** is now in the equation

Sochan and Chanda (Coaches team from Battambang) have done an excellent job in providing preliminary instruction about the game to all the KPS athletes through 4 visits to the KPS Center (no further visits required as SreyDa is now very capable of training the team herself with the assistant coach). **The progress has been truly exceptional**





SreyDa: newly appointed Coach / Program Manager of the Kampong Speu Wheelchair Basketball

Program

Athlete evaluation: In July / August, CNVLD will be visiting all Kampong Speu athletes residencies and work places in order to evaluate their current soci-economic status and what potential employment / training support that can be sourced for the athletes





Court issues: Hoops / poles – new system required at correct height for wheelchair basketball– Funding to be sought by CNVLD for 2 Bball poles via Rotary Phnom Penh / Poles to be installed by Center staff (as agreed)



Other: Teams at both locations have been reminded that training must be from Friday afternoon to Monday morning inclusive with athletes departing for home on Monday afternoon – flexibility will be allowed due to gaining employment, study or other factors as considered however the CNVLD must informed at all times before any changes to training times are made

