



Battambang Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team

The CNVLD Women's Wheelchair Basketball Program

Progress report to ICRC
Monday, May 27, 2013

1. Memo of understanding between MOSVY Centers and CNVLD

MoU's have been successfully signed between the CNVLD and the MOSVY Centers in Battambang and Kampong Speu with the core objective to establish Wheelchair basketball for Cambodian Women with a Disability and sporting programs for PWD's within MOSVY Physical Rehabilitation Centers. The MoU includes support from MOSVY via the provision of local transport costs, food and accommodation for athletes during training, sports courts facilities and assistance with wheelchair maintenance

2. Purchase of Motivation wheelchairs

The CNVLD has now successfully completed the purchase of Motivation chairs with 49 chairs now in hand with half distributed to each Center where they are securely stored

3. Establishment of wheelchair clubs in Battambang and KPS Centers

Following a strict selection period, 2 teams of highly committed athletes have been established at both Centers

Battambang – 14 athletes in total– Highly committed team with significant technical skills as a result of Gary Conner tenure (Australian Wheelchair basketball adviser) in 2012 – this team will benefit greatly from the tenure of Jess Markt as they are exceptionally keen to learn more about the game/competition formats and classification

Kampong Speu – 9 athletes now on board with number increasing – except 14-16 athletes by end June (Interesting note – there are many women interested in playing however many of the women have secured employment within the garment factory industry that has proliferated in Kampong Speu province)

Again – an excellent group of committed athletes in KPS with Sreyda nominated as Captain / Coach of the Kampong Speu team



CNVLD Kampong Speu athletes

4. Leadership Skill's development:

Excellent progress with local leadership: Sochan and Chanda have traveled to Kampong Speu on 4 occasions to train and successfully and professionally introduced the game to the new athletes at Kampong Speu

5. Athlete's registration:

All athletes are required to undergo a lengthy interview and complete the CNVLD athlete's registration form. Considerable time is taken to get to know each individual athlete and their current socio economic circumstances. Example of registration form below – note the athlete's registration process is now successfully carried out by CNVLD senior staff member Sochan (localization)

CNVLD athlete's registration form
(Example)



5. Media Coverage

Significant mainstream media coverage in Khmer and English language Phnom Penh Post including 3 pages feature on Battambang team in 7 days magazine of the Phnom Penh Post

6. Reduction in Operating costs

The CNVLD has relocated to much smaller premises and has reduced operating costs by over \$600 per month without any major impact on the operations

7. Artisans Cambodia:

CNVLD has established a link to Artisans Cambodia who travelled to Battambang to meet the team with the objective that sewing employment and training be sought for all 14 members of the Battambang team. Artisans Cambodia are currently seeking funding to the value of \$70 K for a one year's training program for the Battambang CNVLD athletes and purchase of 14 high quality sewing machines

8. Srey Nith – CP patient – a remarkable transition

At the onset of the program 1 year ago, Srey Nith was extremely withdrawn, had significant issues with mobility control and no self esteem whatsoever – a year later she is a transformed woman – confident, outgoing with a marked improvement in her mobility skills – she has undergone a remarkable transition and I even noticed on my last visit that she is now dressing very “Chic”- a remarkable improvement indeed – “the power of sport!”



In addition

- (a) Negotiations underway with Wheelchair Victoria (Australia) for 2 coaches to travel to Australia in 2014 to participate in Wheelchair basketball Training Camp
- (b) Funding Proposal to Hong Kong Malaysian Foundation for support to value of \$25,000 to construct a roof at Battambang and Kampong Speu Center Sports Courts

Forward Planning-July – Dec 2013/ 2014

- Increase number of women participant in program - * subject to funds required to support athletes subsidy and training costs
- Hold national competition – all teams (Battambang – November)
- Select National Team for 2014 Myanmar Para Games
- Establish Cambodian National Women's Wheelchair basketball Federation and join International Federation
- Establish cooperation with Nation Basketball Federation (able bodied) - leading to competition games at Beeline stadium (broadcast on National TV) - 2014



Training session at Kampong Speu