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Welcome to NEP’s Monthly Digest for August 2018!

Pchum Ben has started. Before the holiday, we have fruitful information related to each sub-sectors. Make sure to check them out in the following sections.

1) Technical review of the Provincial Joint Technical Working Group on Education 2018

The workshop was organised successfully on 6-7 August 2018 at Battambang Provincial Department of Education (PoE). The purpose of the meeting was to review the practice of Provincial Joint Technical Working Group (P-JTWG) on Education 2018 and discuss on the next practice direction. NGO Education Partnership also presented the effective communication and how to do the reports and minutes to all the participants especially to P-JTWG as additional knowledge to advance their writing reporting skills. In the closing speech, H.E Lim Sothea, General Director, Policy and Planning General Department, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, encouraged the P-JTWG to strengthen their cooperation more effectively with development partners. Also, he inspired PoE to do the annual budget proposal to support the meeting smoothly in accordance with the Annual Action Plans. For the second semester practice, H.E suggested developing the necessary skills relevant to the Secretariat of the P-JTWG and preparing the national executive syllabus, in collaboration with representatives of development partners, to increase stakeholder awareness and performance, to be more responsive and sustainable. The detail of the meeting will be added to our newsletter.

2) National Consultative Workshop

On August 8, NEP successfully prepared the National Consultative Workshop on "Formulation Education Strategic Plan 2019-2023" at Himawari Hotel with 69 participants (24 Females). The workshop mainly focused on the orientation of NGO members at the national level on Cambodia Sustainable Development Goal 4 (CSDG4) and the outline of Education Strategic Plan (ESP) 2019-2023. Besides, NEP presented the Civil Society Organization inputs on ESP 2019-2023 from sub-national level as well as collected inputs

intervention in each sub-sectors of the ESP 2019-23. To follow up the key points from this meeting, NEP will do the consultation with four sub-sector groups (Early Childhood Care and Development, Primary, Non-Formal Education, Working Group on Education and Disabilities, and develop CSO input document. Besides, we will coordinate members to participate in the ESP consultation that will be held by MoEYS at both national and sub-national level as well as NEP will make a follow up the progress of ESP formulation progress at the steering committee of ESP formulation of the Ministry.

3) Key Finding from The NEP Member Satisfaction Survey

NEP has done the membership survey to find the feedback from our NGO members for the first half of 2018. There were 84 NGOs have completed the survey. From the survey, 95.29% of the participants satisfied NEP activities and support to members. Besides, 96.35% rated NEP did well on representing member view in national policy discussion. Meanwhile, talking about how NGO members' works have improved because of NEP support, 4.88% said they have improved a lot, 42.68% said they have improved quite a lot, 50% said they have improved some, and just only 2.44% mentioned that they have not improved. Moreover, 97.54% of participants found it is useful from NEP meetings and other events NEP organized.

From the survey, members also suggested to share more information related to Global as well as Cambodian Education to help the NGO's improve their practices. Members also suggested NEP to continue current activities by conducting the meeting regularly, so they can learn and share with other NGO members.

Last but not least, NEP thanked for all the feedbacks and the corporation between members. NEP hopes that we and all the members could be a part of Cambodian Education Reform.

4) Non-Formal Education 3rd Quarterly Meeting

Non-Formal Education Sub-Sector Group meeting was held their 3rd quarterly meeting by NEP at Tonle Bassac II restaurant on 22 August 2018. There were 29 participants (14 Female) from 21 NGOs. The research finding of Memory Building and Reconciliation in Community Peace Center was shared with the participants. To download this research, please find it the library section below. Besides, they got a better understanding of the strengthening of management in the Community Learning Centers (CLC) that engaging with the library. NEP also guided the participants on how to use Kobotool to complete the survey on Basic Need Assessment of CLC and Checklist on Textbook Policy. Non-Formal Education Sub-sector members have to complete the survey of Basic Need Assessment of CLC in their designed provinces. The survey could be accessed here (<https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/#OJQneTtb>). Another survey is basically about the checklist on textbook policy that developed under the guideline from Ministry of Education and Sports to monitor textbook quality. You may access this checklist in the provided link (<https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/#lgESSWFE>).

We recommended this checklist to be used to interview the students in your organization's designated schools. Notably, this meeting was supported by the European Union, BMZ, and DVV international under the project framework "Tackling the Implementation Gap in Education Reform, Mobilizing Civil Society".

5) Library

We have added new research and advocacies which you can download through our website library:

- **Advocating for Indigenous Women's Access to Education:** Indigenous women's access to education is a core issue of the Ratanakiri P-ESWG. Many of the members focus on working with women and girls to bring sustainable changes to their communities and to promote the rights and interests of marginalized groups and communities. Check out the case study here <https://goo.gl/E8EPmZ>

- **Advocacy of NEP at National Level:** NEP has been sitting in many technical working groups as members and observers established by MoEYS. For instance, the working group on the development and localization of Cambodian Sustainable Development Goal 4 (CSDG4), NEP has been a member of the three layers; steering committee, technical working group and statistics working group. Access the document through this link <https://goo.gl/owUjH4>

- **Community Learning Centers in Prey Veng:** Linking Approaches to Impacts Through a Comparative Research:

ACTED Cambodia just published the research finding "Community Learning Centers in Prey Veng: Linking Approaches to Impacts Through a Comparative Research" which you can access it through this link (<https://goo.gl/VFrEaS>).

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