



Monthly Digest June 2017

Welcome to June 2017 monthly digest! NEP organized and participated in several meetings and events such as Network of Early Childhood Care and Development Quarterly Meeting, Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) 2017 Reflection Meeting and Exposure Visit of CCOSC Project at Kampong Speu and Preah Sihanouk Provinces.

1. Network of Early Childhood Care and Development Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of NECCD (Network of Early Childhood Care and Development) was organized on 7th June 2017 for the first time by NEP secretariat by its handover. A total of 20 members (6 Female) from 17 NGOs and PUC University attended this meeting.

The meetings aimed to elect the NECCD representatives (chair), to consult on SDG 4.2 for concrete inputs to Cambodian SDG4, to consult with members for identification of the priority policy issues (on which to base the checklist) and to update about early childhood subsector by all members.

Based on the ToR of NECCD, 5 representatives will be in the executive committee. Ms. Khoy Rany from Save the Children (elected as chair), Mr. Sok Sothirak from Bandos Komar, Mr. Andrew Hill from Plan International, Dr. Sok Sovannarith from E&D and Mr. Chin Chanveasna (NEP with permanent seat).

NECCD members have provided a lot of recommendations and important inputs on SDG4.2 documents consolidated by NEP through different consultations at the provinces in Cambodia. The important input is to put pre-primary education as a free education for all children in Cambodia. Capacity building needs to be improved for preschool teachers in order to improve the quality pre-primary education.

Discussion was also focus on the criteria to be member of NECCD. Participants suggested that NGOs should complete an application form in order to become member of NECCD. Further criteria will be discussed in the executive committee.

For the next step, the executive committee will meet soon in order to discuss about the communication strategies of NECCD and some procedures for its functioning.

2. Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) 2017 Reflection Meeting

On 13th June, 2017, NEP and Leading Committee of GCE team conducted a reflection meeting on the GAWE 2017 at NEP office. This meeting aimed to identify the key achievements, lessons learnt, main adversities facing during the Campaign which ran from 23 to 29 April, 2017 and suggested way forwards as well as to enhance collaboration space for Global Action Week for Education in 2018 with other Civil Society Organizations. There were 11 participants (1 female) representing 9 NGOs including NEP, AEA, World Vision, BCF, World Education, CTO, MPC and COFAP from 5 provinces and capital city:



Preah Vihear, Koh Kong, Ordor Meanchey, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Thom and Phnom Penh. The highlighted results of the meeting were:

- All main challenges facing during the campaign have been raised and came up with collective solutions.
- All 5 NGO representatives from the provinces commit to set this Global Action Week for Education Local Campaign in their annual organizational planning with sufficient budget.

3. Exposure Visit of CCOSC Project at Kampong Speu and Preah Sihanouk Provinces

From 20th to 22nd June, 2017, NEP organized an exposure visit of the Cambodian Consortium for Out of School Children (CCOSC) Project to Kampong Speu and Preah Sihanouk Ville Provinces. A total of 39 participants (14 Women) from 30 NGOs attended. The objectives of the study visit were to:

- Share best practice of PSE and M'lob Tapang to NGO members of Primary Education Sub-Sector
- Possibly replicate these programs by other NGO members.

As results, participants learned more about best practices and reflections of two programs in two different NGOs: 1) PSE's Accelerated Learning Program to support the over age children with poorest families and PSE also provided the capacity building to teachers for quality education for those children; 2) M'lob Tapang's program in Sihanouk Province area which worked with 5,000 children, youth and families to have ability to access the learning tools, specialize services, resources and opportunities to build a better future. According to these two programs, members will set their plan to implement both programs of PSE and M'lob Tapang in their organizations work plan. Furthermore, participants also shared about report against the last exposure visit of BSDA and KAPE in Kampong Cham and Kratie provinces in 2016 and provided prioritize policy to development primary education checklist.