



“Local Communities that Support Elderly ”

Cambodia Presentation
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on Caring Societies
Theme “Active Ageing”

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Background

- Number of elderly:
 - Before 2000: 4.4 % among 11,437,656 millions
 - 2008: 6.4 %(880,000 persons) among 13,395,682 millions
 - 2013: 14.6 millions
 - 2025: Predict Elderly 1.5 million
- Per capita income is around 1,000 dollars in 2013

Gov't Policy for Elderly Welfare

- RGC commits to mainstreaming aging into development policy:
 - Cambodia National Committee for Old People – honor chaired by PM
 - RGC has policy to support OPA (569 OPA)
 - Ministry of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MOSVY) collaborate with Help Age International-Cambodia
 - Independent income generating activities

Gov't Policy for Elderly Welfare (cont')

- In the whole country, there are 4,237 pagodas.
95% of Cambodian are Buddhist.
- Cambodian Red Cross and National Committee for Disaster Management assist old people through emergencies aids during disaster such as flood, storm.
- Government provides social land concession and build house for veterans.

Public Health Structure Supporting Older People

- MOH policy so far focus on child maternal health and has no specific policy toward elderly
- Poor identity card for free of charge treatment
- Health Equity Fund
- Social Health Insurance by NGOs

Public Health Structure Supporting Older People (cont')

Health Facilities	
Hospital in country	90
National Hospital in Phnom Penh	8
Referral Hospital	82
Health Center	1,004
Health Post	123
Beds of all hospitals in country	12,051

Good Practices

- Government Policy toward elderly.
- Active OPA.
- Community Center: Pagoda especially to vulnerable elder people.
- Strong support from Development Partners.
- Health services close to communities.

Lesson-Learnt

- Culture and Tradition of family responsibility to take care of older people.
- Health Sector needs to increase resources and attentions to non-communicable disease affecting older people.

Recommendation the 11th AJHLOM

- Strengthening cooperation through AMS and plus 3 in sharing success in taking care of elderly.
- Encourage further Government commitment to provide social welfare for elderly.
- Encourage more local research and analysis on need of elderly in each country.