

**Cambodian Participation on Experts Group Meeting on Implementation of the national reviews
and Consultations on legal and policy barriers to universal access to HIV services**

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1. As a following up on the recommendations of National reviews and Consultations on legal and policy barriers to universal access to HIV services, a delegation which is composed of Dr. Tia Phalla, Vice Chair of National AIDS Authority, Ms. Narmada Acharya, UNAIDS and Mr. Horn Bonvirak, CPN+ joined 59 participants from 12 countries in Asia and the Pacific to discuss on the experiences of the national review and draft country and regional action plan in implementing of those recommendations. This meeting is supported by UNAIDS Regional Support Team, UNDP and UN- ESCAP along with the participation of regional network of PLHIV and MARPs in Asia and the Pacific.



2. Sharing experiences and lesson learnt to other countries in Asia and the Pacific
 - a. Dr. Tia Phalla, Vice Chair of the National AIDS Authority and Mr. Horn Bonvirak, CPN+ were invited to present experiences and lessons learnt on National reviews and Consultations on legal and policy barriers to universal access to HIV services in Cambodia
 - b. The presentation stresses on the current situation and response to HIV and AIDS where the implementation of Cambodia 3.0 of the health sector is striving implementing priority actions on continuum of prevention, care and treatment to accelerate case detection, maximize retention, and prepare for sustainability. The presentation also

highlights the need on social protection knowing that the country is having relatively high death prevalence amidst of high coverage of ART provision to eligible PLHIV.

- c. In interference between relatively low retention (rate 74% at 60 months) and migration was also stressed out as another issue that deserves attention from stakeholders.
- d. The audience was impressed with the establishment of joint network of policy makers, program implementers and representatives of PLHIV and MARPs from local to national level on enabling environment which has been facilitating interventions to the people in need of services. Police Community Partnership Initiative is one of those examples.



3. Action plan

Based on the inputs of the meeting in the first day, Cambodian team revised the recommendations of the National reviews and Consultations on legal and policy barriers to universal access to HIV services and come up with a list of the following activities:

- a. Endorsement and Dissemination: The National Legal and Policy Review report will be submitted for endorsement by the National AIDS Authority, disseminated to GDJ TWG on HIV and AIDS. The National Legal and Policy Working Group will develop a concrete action plan by making use of relevant institutions and mechanism to address the recommendations of the National Legal and Policy review report.
- b. Follow up actions : A number of activities have been proposed such as Strengthening the leadership and coordination of PCPI; Dialogue with Parliamentarian on relevant legal and policies issues that need adjustment and legal or policy support; Protection of KAP rights in the existing laws or policy such as HIV and AIDS control law, Penal code , Anti-Human Trafficking (e.g. age of consent and access to HIV testing and health services); Review of national guidelines for the implementation of HIV and AIDS Law; Strengthening the community network (FoNPAMs, Forum of Network of PLHIV and MARPs) from local to National level; Scaling legal services for KAP, Bring key recommendations of the National Legal review into NSPIV and Concept Note

development for NFM application, Joining inter country dialogue addressing HIV and Migration.

This draft action plan will be submitted to the Enabling Environment, Human Right and Policies Working Group of National AIDS of Authority for revision and finalization.