

# Social Work Report April 2012

## Department Summary of the work done for April 2012

- Follow up of the students who were absent
- Visit families in various communities such as Psatouch, Samaky, Railways, Daemkwet villages
- Conduct a counseling session and discuss with the families and children of these communities
- Conceive and provide a training course on the important aspects of child development to parents from Psa Touch village.
- Recruit fifteen women into the vocational training project - internal and external (Hagar International Org)
- Take action in the S and S sexual assault cases by lodging a complain to the court and the following up on the action of the court
- 6-GRG's parents' meeting for the new course of Get Ready Girl project

## Keys highlights

- Visited Psa Touch to understand the individual family situation, build a good rapport with them. Followed up with 42 families from Psatoch, Daemkwet, Samaky, Railway community to maintain good relations with them.
- Provided counseling for 5 families.
- Provided counseling for 10 children.
- Provided a training course on child development to parents from Psatoch village. This training dealt with the development of a child in the family and in the environment around them. It was specially designed to understand what are the needs and the progress of children who fall between the ages of one year to 20 years old. The aim of the training was to enable the parents to understand the progress and needs of children according to their age i.e.; from 1 to 2 yrs old, 2 to 6 yrs. old, 6 to 11 yrs. old and adult from 11 to 20 yrs. old. It also aimed to make the parents aware of different needs of the children as they progress from 1 year old to 20 years old in order to prevent any vulnerability. They were also told how to motivate their children to go to school regularly like for example by saying good things and motivating them. This training was facilitated by Virak and Davan
- Among fifteen women we have selected 7 women for the vocational training project. 4 women were sent for an interview to Hagar International to learn different kinds of skills and 3 continued at the Riverkids sewing class. We plan to recruit 8 more women to complete the course as currently we lack 8 candidates. Social Team will seek for more candidates to complete. We met some obstacles in recruiting women into project because people in the community often ask us about the benefits of RK and compare them to the benefits they derive from their present jobs. If the benefits derived from the Riverkids project are less than their personal income they are not

interested to attend the course. The other reason for some of the women who met all the criteria for getting selected was, that they have small babies and so they could not attend course with Riverkids.

- In the sexual assault case, the old man, who was the culprit, was invited by the police a few times, but he did not go to meet. The court also summoned that guy but he did not present himself to the court, probably he escaped. The police observe that they have never seen him at his business place or at home. The court may issue an arrest warrant since he was absent few time from the court said the APLE staff. The social team already informed the families of the affected children about this progress.
- Eleven Get Ready Girl have been selected to the new course which will be opened in the beginning of May 2012.

## Department Challenges

1. Some parents had little time to meet us even if we made an appointment with them and at times they were not at home to meet the social worker or at other times they were busy with their business and income generation activities.
2. Some families moved very often and did not let us know their new addresses while others have made certain requests which we cannot support.
3. Some families did not cooperate with us in encouraging absent students to come back to school.
4. Some absentees often make an excuse when we follow up them at their home. One big concern to Riverkids is family issues and the other is laziness of children. Resources of RK and Labor of social team not enough to respond to difficulties of the community.
5. We have some challenges in recruiting women into the project because some candidates need high degree of support from Riverkids. And we are having difficulty to inspire them to attend the course. They often compare the benefits that they would derive from our programs. If the benefits from Riverkids are lower than what they are already getting they will not register. Some women, who decide to attend the course in the first meeting, later on change their mind and express their disinterest for the course. Some candidates do not turn up at the appointed time. This delays the entire process of recruitment.
6. We met challenges in the process of recruiting women and girls for the Get Ready Girl program, following up of the absent students, visiting and resolving cases of family issues, counseling during the month since this month has many holidays. All these factors have delayed the recruiting of candidates.

## Next Plan:

1. To strengthen the procedures and forms that will be used by social worker.
2. To recruit more women to attend the vocational training course at Hagar and Riverkids.
3. To continue to visit and provide consultation to family and follow up on the absent children in the community in order to encourage parents to push their children to school regularly.
4. To assess family situation of H. S., C. R.. To follow up with the four children who study at Met Samlanh Organization.
5. To provide a training course to the community people about domestic violence in the family. This will make them understand what is domestic violence and how to prevent this?
6. To prepare a meeting with social community networker
7. To visit the families who are out of the project.
8. To recruit 8 women into vocational training project both internal and external of Riverkids that is funded by Oxfam.
9. To attend the family forum at CHAP DAI

Sign-off by Department Head \_\_\_\_\_



## Family Visits and Counseling

### *Reporting:*

Staff in charge of report: Miss. Sokkhim, Miss, Davan, Mr. Chin Chea, Mr. Theany, Mr. Virak

### **Highlights**

1. Number of visiting family: 42 families
2. Number of children who were provided counseling : 10 children
3. Family counseling: five families

### **Challenges**

1. Some families within the community often went outside to generate income and hence it got difficult to meet them.
2. The parents within the community often failed to co-operate with social work support i.e. did not keep appointments or encourage children to go to school.
3. Some families failed to notify the social work staff when they moved to another area.

4. Resources of RK and the social team did not have enough manpower to respond to the various difficulties in the community.

### Next Month

Please briefly describe activities planned for next month:

### Special events and workshops

#### Family Visits

Name	RKID	Staff Visiting	Date	Reason	Our Help	Outcome
BN		Chea	04/04/2012	Was absent-gone to visit home land	Advised to bring him back	Promised to bring him back
ES		Chea	04/04/2012	Moved to province	Comment to bring back to learn	Will bring to class
CR		Chea	10/04/2012	Was sick	Took him to meet the nurse	When better he will back
PP		Chea	23/04/2012	Had gone to attend the funeral ceremony of his parent in his home land	Comment to bring him back to class	He will be back to class once he returns
RS		Chea	23/04/2012	Absent from extra class because her mother wants her to study only in the state school	We advised that if the girl has the free time to attend the extra class it is better to improve her knowledge	Her mother has decided to stop her from extra class even after her discussion with the social worker
US		Chea	24/04/2012	Visiting home land with parents during Khmer new year and there met an accident	They are recovering at province until the wound get better	When they get better they will back to class
MR		Chea	24/04/2012	Mental sickness	Visited to motivate him to be better	He is still in the same condition
VPM		Chea	24/04/2012	Absent	Advised parents to motivate the child to attend school regularly, do not trouble the child emotionally	Parents promised to encourage the child to go to school regularly
NP		Chea	26/04/2012	Absent from class because of family	Meet the family and discussed the	We educated the parents and

				<i>conflicts that has affected him</i>	<i>effect of conflict in family and how to solve it</i>	<i>let them see the effect of family conflicts in children, they promised to push the child to go back to school</i>
<i>HS</i>		<i>Chea</i>	<i>27/04/2012</i>	<i>Moved house</i>	<i>We left message for parents to bring the student back to school</i>	<i>Did not get any feedback from the parents</i>
<i>Ms. SL(SM's mother)</i>		<i>Sokkhim &amp; Davan</i>	<i>17-04-2012</i>	<i>Followed up on her illness and moved her to live in the room under compassion house at Railway II.</i>	<i>We encouraged her to care of her health and go to check with the doctor at Chhouk Sor clinic about her illness. Moreover, we posted her child to help the house mother at Alex when Ms. SL got better.</i>	<i>They agreed and followed what we said.</i>
<i>Miss. HC (get ready girl VI)</i>		<i>Sokkhim &amp; Davan</i>	<i>17-04-2012</i>	<i>Followed up on her case. She dropped out from get ready program since she was sent for training outside.</i>	<i>We discussed and encouraged her to join the training at Hagar again if she liked it. We let her discuss with her mother again about that and were ready to help her if she needed help.</i>	<i>Not yet made any decision.</i>
<i>Miss.HC (get ready girl VI)</i>		<i>Sokkhim</i>	<i>19-04-2012</i>	<i>Followed up on her decision-whether she had decided to join the training or not.</i>	<i>We discussed with her the issues in her house and encouraged her to solve those problems. We offered her help for the same.</i>	<i>She decided not to attend the training because of her family problems. Her elder brother did not allow her to train or work far from</i>

						home.
Miss. SS		Sokkhim	20-04-2012	Followed up on why her absence at Beltie school.	We encouraged her to ask permission when she want to relax one day or busy at home. We encouraged her to be responsible towards her studies.	She will go to school regularly and ask permission if she needed a break from school.
Mr. MSR		Sokkhim	20-04-2012	Visited the family and followed up on her work.	We encouraged her to work hard, work regularly and pay attention on her work.	She agreed to what we said.
Miss.RT		Sokkhim	20-04-2012	She stayed at home and didn't find work to do after finished sewing training.	We encouraged her to contact Hagar for her work and told her mother to encourage her to work.	Not made any decision yet.
Ms. SL (SM'smother)		Sokkhim	20-04-2012	Followed up on her illness.	We encouraged her to have her meals regularly and take care herself. We asked her daughter to stay near her always.	They agreed.
Ms. SM (LK's mother)		Sokkhim & Davan	26-04-2012	Followed up on KE's absence in the state school.	The reason KE for absence was she got sick and no one informed the school about this. However, we encouraged her mother to inform when she got sick.	She agreed.
Ms.TP		Sokkhim and Davan	30-04-2012	Followed up on her son's absence in the training skill program.	We encouraged her to tell her son to join training again and told her to think about what was better for her son's future.	She will tell her son to go and join the training again.

CS		Try Davan □□□□ □□□□ □□□	23,04,2012	Absent in class because she just come back from her home land	Encouraged her to go back to school after visiting her homeland	Co-operate to push the child back school
NC		Davan	23,04,2012	They had to go to their homeland to take their birth certificate in order to enroll in the skill learning program	Told them to take original birth certificate so that they can take copies to send to the program co-ordinators.	Agreed to Co-operate
SS		Davan	23,04,2012	Visited a woman who was five months pregnant to ask about her health	Encouraged her to learn regularly. If she wanted to take leave she must inform the teacher.	She agreed to co-operate.
SS		Davan	23,04,2012	Asked about her health and checked whether she can work or not.	If she can work we will seek a job for her to do	When she can work she will inform us
VP		Virak & Thearny	28/04/2012	<i>Followed up on the family situation</i>	<i>Discussed with the head of the family in order to find a way to encourage the children to learn regularly</i>	<i>We met their grandma and child and counseled them. They agreed to go to learn regularly.</i>
SV		Virak & Thearny	28/04/2012	<i>Followed up on the family situation</i>	<i>Discussed with the head of the family in order to find a way to encourage the children to learn regularly</i>	<i>Mother agreed to send her children to school</i>
SV				<i>Followed up on her absence</i>	<i>Discussed with the head of the family in order to find a way to encourage children to learn regularly</i>	<i>Parents often encourage but child has no willingness to attend class</i>
ST				Followed up on her absence from the	<i>Discussed with the head of the family</i>	

				English class	<i>in order to find a way to encourage the children to learn regularly</i>	
TC				Followed up on her absence from the English class		
SN		Thearny	09/04/2012	Absent from class because a dog bit him	Advised parents to send him back to school	Parents agreed to send him back once he got better
CD & CS		Thearny	09/04/2012	Absent from class since mid-April	Discussed and advised the parents to push her child back to learn	
KS		Thearny	09/04/2012	Was Sick	Motivated her to get back to school once she felt better	Promised to go back to school
SH		Thearny	23/04/2012	Absent from class since she went to her home land but no one brought her back to Phnom Penh	Discussed and informed her relatives to bring her back to Phnom Penh	They will bring her back to Phnom Penh
SL		Thearny	23/04/2012	Absent from class. Her mother will send her child to live with Grandma in Vietnam	Explained about importance of studying to her mother	Her mother did not agree and was planning to send her to live in VN even after we explained to her
NYT		Thearny	23/04/2012	Went to VN with mother (mother sick)	Explained and discussed about bringing the child back to learn after mother got better	Child will come back to Cambodia once the mother got better
KR		Thearny	23/04/2012	Parents were scared about the safety of the child coming to school. So they did not want their children to go to learn	According to this situation we try to motivate parents to send their children back school	Parents were concerned about their children since no one accompanied them to school. We tried to

						draw up safe trip to learn.
CR(Ki)		Theany	23/04/2012	Absence from school to go for a walk and collect scrap	Consulted with the parents to motivate the children to go back to school	Parents promised to push their child to go back to school
SS		Theany	28/04/2012	Sick after Khmer New year	Visited and motivated the mother to send the child back to school once the child got better	When the child got better , will attend school
VR		Theany	30/04/2012	Absence after Khmer New year	Met parents then discussed how to motivate the child to go to school	Child back in school to learn
KC		Theany	30/04/2012	Absence from class	Persuaded the child to go to learn and also encouraged mother to motivate the child to go to school	Child came back to class after the mother's encouragement
NT		Theany	30/04/2012	Sick because of Typhoid	Visited and motivated the child to get better.	
NTB		Theany	30/04/2012	Absent because it costs much money to go to school	Discussed with the parents and motivated them to push the child to learn	The child still scared to go to school and so did not want to go to school.

### *Counseling*

<b>Name</b>	<b>RKI D</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Our Help</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
SS		Davan	19,04,2012	Missed school because she	We asked her about her health since that affected to her study. Her health was weak, and that does not enable her to learn. We tried to motivate	She decided not go to learn

				went to learn external skill vocational training	her to learn some skills and discuss about her future after she has learnt the skill to work for income.	skill even after her health got better.
CS		Theany	28/04/2012	Stole a cell phone from the next door	Provided counseling	Agreed to change attitude
CS		Theany	25/04/2012	Did not listen to midwife	Provided counseling	Promised follow the housemother's advise
CS		Theany	24/04/2012	Did not listen to any body and did not want to learn	Provided counseling	Promised to follow the housemother's advise and agreed to learn
MSI		Theany	24/04/2012	Absent in class after Khmer New year	Provided counseling	Promised to go to learn regularly
ST		Theany	27/04/2012	Absent from Beltie English school	Advised and provided counseling	She came back to learn
CK		Theany	28/04/2012	Preferred to go for a walk and so missed class	Met and provided counseling	Promised to stop go for a walk and learn regularly
TC		Theany	28/04/2012	Preferred to go for a walk and not go to learn regularly	Met and provided counseling	Agreed to change
YYT		Theany	30/04/2012	Absent from class go to collect scrap	Met and provided counseling	Not yet back to school .Will consult and follow up again
TK		Theany	30/04/2012	Trouble in school	Met and provided counseling, advised to uncle, grandma	Promised to change bad attitude (trouble in school)
CR (Ki)		Theany	30/04/2012	Often missed class	Met and provided counseling	Promised to learn regularly