

CDMAT CORE GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Date: 28 May 2021 **Time:** 16 and 1800 Cambodian time **Location:** Skype Meeting

Members and attendees

Name	Affiliation	Title	Status
Lina Saem Stoey	AHC	Member	Present
Pheaktra Ngoun	AHC	Member	Present
Klaus Baesel	GIZ	Member	Present
Lisa Yunker	Children in Families	Member	Present
Jessica Whitney	Safe Haven	Member	Present
Lori Baxter	Consultant	Member	Present
Rachana Khoeun Khann	AHC	Member	Present
Rany Khut	AHC	Member	Absent
Sothy Tan	AHC	Member	Absent
Pheary Luy	Safe Haven	Member	Present
Virak Seng	Consultant	Member	Absent

Introduction

Lina, Pheary and Rachana met separately as they could not make the 6 pm meeting when the Core Group met. Thanks to Lori and the members in Cambodia for accommodating those in Europe with the meeting's odd hours. Lina presented the agenda and the slides (enclosed). Lina took minutes

Activities and contacts since May 2020

- **USAID IECD projects**
 - AHC has contracted with RTI, who received the USAID IECD grant, for 3 training sessions (4 attendees per session). Before the corona lockdown in the region, AHC (Sethy, Rany, Pheaktra and Rachana) provided the first session. The following 2 sessions are scheduled for 2-4 June and 8-9 June 2021.
 - SH has also contracted with RTI to provide training and other collaborative activities for at least the next 2 years. Jess reported that the SH budget had been approved.
- **The University of Massachusetts.**
 - Lina met with 2 graduate students from Uni Mass via Skype. She provided introduction information on cDMAT with a focus on CB-DMAT.
 - The 1½ hours meeting was taped.

- **Change in CB-DMAT.**
 - During the training session for RTI staff, Pheaktra realised that a few items on the CB-DMAT age group did not include all 4 domains. Lina worked with Pheaktra and reminded him that it was, at 'that' time, Piet wanted all items to be those of 100%. Pheaktra and Lina agreed that it would be ok to pick milestones that are 99% pass as long as we have one from each domain for each age group. Please refer to the slides attached to see those items that were changed. Virak and Pheaktra worked hard on making the changes in both English and Khmer versions. Both updated versions are updated onto www.cdmat.org.
 - Post-meeting: Klaus recall that the CB-DMAT would cover all 4 domains across the age groups and that Piet wanted all items to be of those of 100%. We had in mind a wide application in the health system, i.e. even a 1% difference would make a substantial different in absolute case numbers, certainly overwhelming the public system. Also, there were further considerations, e.g. feasibility of the milestone assessment, not all age groups are equally covered by each of the 4 domains.

Translation of stimulation guide:

- Jess and Pheaktra confirmed that the translation had been completed in early 2021 (before the deadline they set for themselves – which was by Khmer New Year). The only pending activity is formatting.
- Jess confirmed that the payment to Piet for his work in the partial translation was paid upon invoice received.
- The Core Group has commissioned (funded by Lina) the drawings from the stimulation guidelines to be redrawn. Through SH, we have contracted with an artist named Rida Srun from Phnom Penh. Lina and Jess met him via Skype to discuss the tasks. He is contracted to illustrate 240 drawings and agreed to deliver them by the end of June 2021. Once SH received these drawings, Jess will finish the formatting. THANKS, Jess!



Experience from the ground:

Lina met up with Pheary and Rachana before the meeting to hear, share and discuss their experiences working with the cDMAT.

- Lina shared these experiences with the members:
 - Rachana felt that the attendees at the USAID RTI training session showed a quick understanding of cDMAT
 - Pheary mentioned that it takes up to 45 minutes (at times) to complete cDMAT
 - PTs mainly use the cDMAT at AHC
 - The cDMAT is used on all new kids and as a follow-up on existing kids at SH
 - AHC and SH wants to share and compare what's in their toolkit

- Pheary will join the USAID RTI training on Jun 8-10
 - Pheary discussed with Rachana some wording difference between English vs Khmer versions – Rachana: minor differences; no need to change the current versions
 - Pheary and Rachana to establish communication for when Pheary has a question on milestone assessment
- Lina suggested the Core Group host a workshop between SH (6 interventionists) and AHC (2 PTs and 2 MDs) at the next meeting in December 2021. The members agreed that the workshop would give the ‘people’ on the ground the opportunity to share their experiences using the cDMAT/CB-DMAT. Lisa added that the workshop would allow the Group to establish a good cohort and to agree on the standard.
 - Pheary and Rachana will meet to share what’s in their toolkits. Lisa mentioned that the Malawi group (e.g., Dr Gladstone’s group) has published a list of the everyday items used during the MDAT assessment. cDMAT also provides a very specific list of items needed for the toolkit, and each organization who uses it gathers their own materials.

Other updates from members:

- **OSCAR.** Lisa updated on the OSCar programme. She mentioned that it had been a slow start. CIF has submitted a proposal to USAID to integrate cDMAT. Lisa asked if any members would object to CIF integrating the cDMAT in OSCAR with other platforms with USAID. All members endorse the move.
- **HI.** Lori updated on her involvement and working with the global staff at HI. She reported that HI has incorporated the MDAT (Malawi) and that the cDMAT came up during their discussion.
- **Video.** Jess reported that Pheary and her husband have started making videos of her child demonstrating and performing the cDMAT milestones. They have filmed ‘almost all’ items. The members thought it was a great initiative. Lina agreed but voice concern over the legality of consent if any. Lina proposed, and the members decided to consider purchasing the videos. She will start looking for funds. Lisa suggested that if/when the Group owns the video, it can be uploaded onto www.cdmat.org. Special access can be created to know and control where, who and how these videos would be used.

Future activities and projects for the rest of 2021

- Continues work with IECD and USAID projects (CIF, AHC and SH)
- Completion formatting the translated Family Stimulation Guide (SH)
- Recruit more members (Lina). It was suggested that Channy from RTI and Sambath from NPH be invited to join the Core Group.

News about www.cdmat.org

- Uploaded updated CB-DMAT versions

Next meeting:

- Lina has booked a flight to SR in December. It is planned for Dec 6 or 7, 2021, in Siem Reap!

Action:

- Lina will finalise the minutes and send them for website uploading by Virak.
- Lina will set up a workshop between SH and AHC staff in December 2021.
- Pheaktra will contact Channy from RTI and ask if he wants to join the Core Group.
- Lina will contact Sambath from NPH to ask if he wants to join the Core Group.



cDMAT Core Group Meeting

May 28, 2021
Telephone conference meeting

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Agenda

May 28 (Cambodian time)

- 4pm – 530pm (Lina, Rachana, Pheaktra)
- 6pm – 730pm (Lina, Lisa, Lori, Jess, Klaus)
 - Welcome!
 - New contacts since last meeting (Lina)
 - USAID/IECD projects (Jess and Pheaktra)
 - Stimulation Guideline and translation (Jess)
 - Experience from the ground!
 - Changes to CB-DMAT (Pheaktra and Lina)
 - Status on other projects (all)
 - Activities planned for rest of 2021 (All)
 - AOB

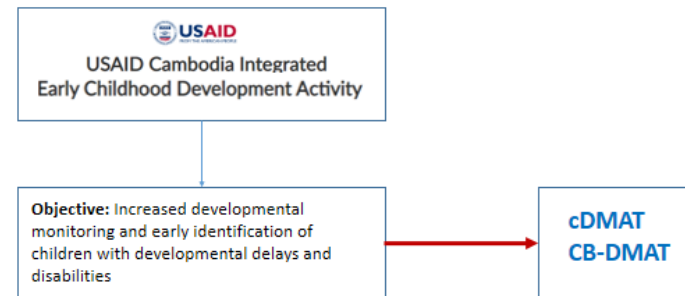
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Activities since Dec 2020

- Pheaktra, Rany, Sethy and Rachana provided training to USAID IECD
- Lina met with graduate students from University of Massachusetts
- Pheaktra and Virak worked on updated the CB-DMAT
- AHC and Safe Haven worked on finishing translating the stimulation guidance manual

USAID and IECD (Jess and Pheaktra)



Family stimulation guide translation (Jess and Pheaktra)



- Translation status
- Translation timeline
- Status of video project

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Family stimulation guide translation (Jess and Pheaktra)



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Experience from the ground (Rachana and Pheary)

- Attendees at USAID RTI training showed quick understanding of cDMAT
- Up to 45 minutes (at times) to complete cDMAT
- AHC: tool used by PTs
- SH: Tool used on all new kids and as follow-up on existing kids
- AHC and SH wants to share and compare what's in their toolkit
- Pheary to join the USAID RTI training on Jun 8-10
- Wording difference between English vs Khmer versions – Rachana: minor differences; no need to change the current versions
- Pheary and Rachana to establish communication for when Pheary has a question on milestone assessment
- Lina to suggest holding a workshop between SH (6 interventionists) and AHC (2 PTs and 2 MDs) staffs

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Changes to CB-DMAT (Pheaktra)

Community Based-DMAT (CB-DMAT) **ahc giz**
Age 6 months - 2 years

Age	Illustration	By age [age], your child can:	yes	no
6 months		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smile back to you during interaction? Follow object passed midline? Turn head to sounds? Head up 45 degrees? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 months		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore environment? Follow object 180 degrees? Squat? Chest up with arm support? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 year		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize strangers? Take loto seed (s1 / 3 attempt)? Babbling? Pull up to stand (s2 seed)? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.5 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold and drink from cup? Transfer objects between hands? Say 'Ma' or 'Pa' (non-specific)? Walk alone (s3 steps)? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play 'peek-a-peek'? Bring 2 objects together? Say at least 1 word besides maa/paa? Scoop and recover? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>


Change from *smile responsively*

Change from *sit without support* and amended the photo






Version: 3.0 (April 2021)
The CB-DMAT is created by the cDMAT Core Group in affiliation with AHC and GIZ. For usage of the CB-DMAT, please contact Dr. Nigoun Pheaktra (nigoun@bongkokhospital.org) or Linh Stern Storey (linhs@ahc.org.kh).

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Changes to CB-DMAT (Pheaktra)

Community Based-DMAT (CB-DMAT) 

Age 2.5 years - 6 years

2.5 years		By age 30 months, your child can: • Use spoon? • Turn step clockwise? • Take object with thumb / index finger? • Run with good balance (2 meters)?	yes no	no
3 years		By age 36 months, your child can: • Put on simple clothes with help? • Scribble with pencil? • Say 6 words? • Walk backward (2 steps)?	yes no	no
4 years		By age 48 months, your child can: • Play well with others (sharing)? • Wiggle with thumb? • Know use/function of objects (1/2)? • Kick ball forward?	yes no	no
5 years		By age 60 months, your child can: • Draw without help (2nd bottom)? • Fold a paper? • Use pronouns correctly (me, you)? • Trace object backward?	yes no	no
6 years		By age 72 months, your child can: • Play kid games (bean/bark game)? • Catch soft ball? • Count 1 to 5? • Straight head to toes walk (4 steps)?	yes no	no

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Change from *point to 2 body part*

Change from *know use a cup or spoon*

Change from *Speak understandably to outsider*

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Status on other cDMAT projects (all)

- OSCAR (Lisa)
- Save the Children
- AHC
- Safe Haven
- Others...

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Contacts up-to-date

- AHC
- GIZ
- Health Care Volunteers International
- Humanity and Inclusion (HI)
- Ministry of Health, Cambodia
- National Pediatric Hospital, Cambodia
- Laos Friends Without Borders
- RTI
- Safe Haven
- Save the Children
- USAID
- UNRISD
- University of Wisconsin
- Weill Cornell Medical College
- World Bank
- Children in Families
- WHO
- Uni of Mass

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Future activities and projects

- AHC and Safe Haven continues work with IECD and USAID projects
- Completion translation of Family Stimulation Guide
- Recruit more members?
- Next meeting – Dec 6 or 7 2021 in Siem Reap!

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