

CDMAT CORE GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Date: 04 Dec 2020 **Time:** 1700 Cambodian time **Location:** Skype Meeting

Members and attendees

Name	Affiliation	Title	Status
Lina Saem Stoey	AHC	cDMAT Core Group, member	Present
Pheaktra Ngoun	AHC	cDMAT Core Group, member	Present
Piet de Mey	Consultant	cDMAT Core Group, member	Present
Klaus Baesel	GIZ	cDMAT Core Group, member	Present
Lisa Yunker	Children in Families	cDMAT Core Group, member	Present
Jessica Whitney	Safe Haven	cDMAT Core Group, member	Present
Lori Baxter	Save The Children	cDMAT Core Group, member	Absent
Rachana Khoeun Khann	AHC	cDMAT Core Group, member	Absent
Rany Khut	AHC	cDMAT Core Group, member	Absent
Sothy Tan	AHC	cDMAT Core Group, member	Absent
Pheary Luy	Safe Haven	cDMAT Core Group, member	Absent
Virak Seng	Consultant	cDMAT Core Group, member	Absent
John Ames	Chief of Party of IECD	Key speaker, guest	Present
Rany Khoy	Child Development Manager on IECD	Key speaker, guest	Present

Lina took minutes

Introduction

The meeting began with everyone introducing themselves. Lisa was welcomed to the Core Group, and Lina briefly mentions the structure of our group. The group welcomed our key speakers John and Rany from RTI. Lina presented the slides presentation and agenda (attached):

Part 1:

IECD and RTI

Before the meeting, RTI approved and added a couple of slides on the IECD program (see Slide 4–7). John informed the group the productive meeting he had with Jess (Safe Haven) and that he hopes to meet the Dr Pheaktra (AHC) shortly.

John described the IECD and the tasks RTI set to implement. In particular, he highlighted the purpose and the 3 objectives set out by USAID:

1. Improved physical, cognitive, linguistic, socio-emotional development of young children
2. Decreased stunting rates for children under five among the target population
3. Children with developmental delays and disabilities receive appropriate care in target provinces

Although RTI sees that cDMAT and the CB-DMAT can be useful in all 3 objectives, the tools will be leveraged mostly to achieve Objective 3. The IECD program will implement cDMAT and CB-DMAT

to identify children at risk for developmental delays and disabilities, increase referrals and strengthen local capacity to provide specialised care. They intend to expand local capacity to administer the cDMAT and CB-DMAT in Preah Vihear and Kampong Thom provinces. RTI hopes to form collaborations with the member of the Core Group. RTI has already approached Save the Children and Safe Haven. The idea is to have a holistic approach in its implementation. A more detail description of the IECD and approach is described in Slide #7.

Lina informed RTI that the Core Group is an informal entity who meets twice a year to notify each other of the contacts and experiences the members have had with the cDMAT and CB-DMAT. Lina also pointed out that RTI or any organisation can contact the Core Group member directly for any future collaboration/contracts.

Piet informed that an android app for CB DMAT and cDMAT has been developed but not yet piloted.

The group thanked John and Rany for their time and offered to be available shall they have questions about the tools.

Part 2:

Activities and contacts since May 2020

- Translation of stimulation guide: Jess and Pheaktra updated the group on the translation progress. Please see Slide #8. Jess expects to have all translation and internal review done by February 2021. Dr Pheaktra will try to finish his QC and eventually give his approval by Khmer New Year (2021).

Piet expressed dissatisfaction with how Lina re-assigned the translation tasks to SH. Jess and Lina will try to solve any issues surrounding translation with Piet offline.

Post-meeting notes (08DEC2020): Jess indicated that she would ensure prompt payment on the invoice Piet submitted.

- OSCar (CIF): Lisa provided a thorough update on the OSCar program, part of CIF's ABLE's project, including links (<https://www.childreninfamilies.org/what-we-do/oscar/> and <https://oscarhq.com/>). She mentioned that there had been some minor glitches during its pilot run, but were quickly attended to. We look forward to more update on the project at the next Core Group Meeting.
- cDMAT / CB-DMAT in WHO's manual and Save the Children Early Intervention Training: In the interest of time at the meeting, we did not get a chance to hear the updates about these activities. Lori had submitted Slide #10 and #11 respectively on the activities before the meeting since she could not attend.
- Slide 12- 14 describe the update on the other activities and contacts the Core Group has had since the last meeting (May 2020).

Future activities and projects

Lina opened the floor to discuss future activities for the first part of 2021. Ongoing activities such as below will continue:

- Completion translation of Family Stimulation Guide
- Development of apps
- OSCaR

From our discussion on and introduction to the IECD program, it appears that some members from the group may have a chance to work more closely with John and Rany (RTI). We hope to hear more about any development on this front from the members at the next meeting in May 2021.

Define the role and purpose of cDMAT Core Group

Currently, we are 12 in the Core Group. The current role (function) of the group was briefly discussed. Lina asked if we needed to make changes. For example, form a research sub-committee? There was no take on this suggestion, and the members at the meetings did not express the need for structural changes. Lina offered to continue to be the coordinator of the group. Since there was no objection at the meeting no in-writing post-meeting, Lina accepted to continue to be the coordinator.

The roles of the Core Group, listed below, were discussed. The members agreed to keep them unchanged.

- Improve cDMAT and CB-DMAT where needed
- Maintain public interest through update website and meetings
- Implement cDMAT and CB-DMAT

News about www.cdmat.org

None

Next meeting:

The next cDMAT Core Group meeting will likely be in May 2021.

Action:

- Lina to obtain permission from John (RTI) for including their slide in our minutes which will be on public domain via www.cdmat.org. **Post-meeting notes (08DEC2020):** Lina received approval from John.
- Lina will finalise the minutes and send for website uploading by Virak
- Lina to arrange the May 2021 meeting

Meeting slides 1-4



cDMAT | Cambodian
Developmental
Milestone
Assessment
Tool

cDMAT Core Group Meeting

December 4, 2020

Telephone conference meeting

Agenda

Part 1:

1700 – 1710 Welcome!

1710 – 1730 Introduction to IECD and RTI (John)

Part 2:

1730 – 1800 Activities and contacts since last meeting (LSST)

1800 – 1830 Future projects, meetings and implementation (All)

1830 – 1845 AOB

cDMAT Core Group Members

 Chanpheakta Ngoun MD Founder of cDMAT Hospital Director 	 Lina Saem Stoezy RN & MPH Co-founder and cDMAT Core Group Coordinator 	 Piet De Mey MD Disability Specialist Consultant 	 Khoeun Rachana Khann MD Pediatric neurologist 	 Klaus Boesel Rights-Based Family Planning and Maternal Health Project 	 Lisa Yunker Physical Therapist JABA Technical Advisor 
 Jessica Whitney Country Director 	 Sophieary Luy Senior Interventionist 	 Rany Khut Physiotherapist 	 Sethy Tan Physiotherapist 	 Lori Baxter PT, DPT, MPH 	 Virak Seng Illustrator and web design Consultant 

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Introduction to IECD and RTI

NEWSROOM

New RTI and USAID Partnership Aims to Help Young Children Thrive in Cambodia

August 13, 2020

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. — RTI International (RTI), an independent nonprofit research and international development institute, is embarking on a new five-year project to support the Royal Government of Cambodia's efforts to improve child development for children under five years of age. With support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Cambodia Integrated Early Childhood Development (IECD) Activity will work to advance the physical, cognitive and social development of young children, improve their nutrition, and help ensure that children with developmental delays and disabilities receive appropriate care.

"We know that early interventions that improve a child's physical, emotional and cognitive wellbeing — from good nutrition to nurturing, responsive interactions — support brain development and have a significantly higher return on investment than interventions undertaken later in life," noted Venera Reddy, USAID/Cambodia Mission Director. "This activity is at the forefront of integrated early childhood development efforts, bringing together critical aspects of nurturing care, nutrition and child protection to positively impact children's developmental outcomes. We're excited to partner with RTI to support Cambodian children — including those with disabilities — to thrive and reach their potential."



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HIGHLIGHTS

- RTI and USAID are partnering on a new five-year project to improve child development for children under five years of age in Cambodia.
- The activity will work to advance the physical, cognitive and social development of young children.

John Ames
Chief of Party of IECD

Rany Khoy
Child Development
Manager on IECD

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IECD and RTI

USAID Cambodia Integrated Early Childhood Development Activity

Objective: Increased developmental monitoring and early identification of children with developmental delays and disabilities

cDMAT CB-DMAT

Monitoring and early identification

Health centres

- Digital and tablets
- Nurturing Care Sessions
- Referrals
- Collaborate with MoSVY and MoH
- Commune Development Leaders

USAID Cambodia Integrated Early Childhood Development Activity

Purpose

Support children to thrive and reach their full developmental potential by supporting the RGC to promote nurturing care for all children, including the most vulnerable, starting from before birth.

Objectives

- Improved physical, cognitive, linguistic, socio-emotional development of young children
- Decreased stunting rates for children under five among the target population
- Children with developmental delays and disabilities receive appropriate care in target provinces

Approach Centered on Inclusive Nurturing Care

- nutrition
- health
- responsive caregiving
- early learning
- protection

IECD Objective 3

IECD will

- leverage existing screening tools (e.g. **cDMAT** and **CB-DMAT**) to identify children at risk for developmental delays and disabilities
- increase referrals
- strengthen local capacity to provide specialized care

We would like to talk with the Core Group about collaboration to expand local capacity to administer the cDMAT and CB-DMAT in Preah Vihear and Kampong Thom.

Principles of our approach

- Inclusive Nurturing Care – all objectives and topics are integrated in service delivery
- Use of tablets and digital data management to enhance case management and use of data for targeting resources to needs
- Collaboration with MoSVY and MoH
- Building capacity at Commune level (via CDLS, for example) for screening and referral
- Screening must be linked to referral; capacity building for intervention

Activities and contacts since May 2020 (Jess and Pheaktra)

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Safe Haven


Family Stimulation Guide Translation

- All domains have been translated. After translation, each will be reviewed internally by SH's Senior Interventionist, then sent to Dr Pheaktra for final review and approval. We just sent the Gross Motor domain to Dr Pheaktra earlier this week.
- We expect to have all translation and internal review done by February 2021.
- Safe Haven is also working on making video examples of children demonstrating milestones, which could be useful when training others to use CB-DMAT/CDMAT.


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Activities and contacts since May 2020 (Lisa and Jess)



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CHILDREN IN FAMILIES
 ...where they belong




OSCaR (Open Source Case-management and Record-Keeping) System is a web-based system that enables accurate information gathering and customisable program modelling in a central hub.

<https://www.childreninfamilies.org/what-we-do/oscar/>

<https://oscarhq.com/>

Activities and contacts since May 2020 (Lori)



Monitoring children's development in primary care services: moving from a focus on child deficits to family-centred participatory support

Report of a virtual technical meeting 9-10 June 2020

Methods and findings


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when administered among linguistic groups among whom the tool was not initially developed, developmental assessments may not be valid. There is the possibility of testing milestones charts where a reduced number of items (for instance, as in the Cambodia cDMAT study [Ngoun and colleagues, 2020]) are used to identify children for further developmental assessment. These include "red flag"

Full Text: <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/335832?locale-attribute=es&>

Lori: WHO recently organised a technical meeting related to child development monitoring tools for frontline workers. cDMAT was mentioned in the report from this meeting. There will be more consensus among WHO, UNICEF, and other key stakeholders, regarding developmental milestone monitoring tools in the near future. It will be useful for the cDMAT core group to follow these discussions closely.


Activities and contacts since May 2020 (Lori)



Save the Children

Early Intervention – Individual Level
 Cambodian Development Milestone Assessment Tool (cDMAT)

- 129 Milestones
- 4 Developmental Domains
- 0-6 years
- Completed by health professional (doctor, nurse, rehabilitation worker)




Source: <http://cdmat.org/>

Save the Children | Disability Inclusion Technical Working group | Nov 2020

Early Intervention training for Save the Children staff, globally

Activities and contacts since May 2020 (Piet and Lina)



OIC Cambodia
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 Organization to Improve Communication and Swallowing Therapy Services in Cambodia

September 03, 2020

Hi Piet,

I'm following up our conversation about OIC accessing the data from the DDA research for people with communication disabilities. We are keen to use the data collected to help ppl in Cambodia see the extent of the issue. Are you still working with them at the moment? Is there a convenient time for us to meet up with you at CDPO?

Ruth Bryce (Ms.)
 University Strategy Manager - Speech Therapist
 OIC Cambodia

Lori is currently a Disability Technical Advisor Consultant with Save the Children (based in Mexico, which is why she couldn't join today's meeting). As part of her role, she is developing a 2-part training module on Early Intervention and will present it to global staff in the coming weeks. Lori will mention cDMAT and CB-DMAT during the upcoming trainings.

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Activities and contacts since May 2020 (Lina)

Academic Foundation Doctors is a programme is a UK based, 2-year programme for graduating medical students.

02 July 2020:

Dear Ms. Stoey,

My name is Dr. Maria Neocleous and I am currently working as an Academic Foundation doctor in Liverpool, UK...conducting a systematic review on child development screening tools used in low- and middle- income countries with a specific focus on training provision. The project is supervised by Professor Melissa Gladstone, Professor of International Child Health and Neurodevelopmental Paediatrics at the University of Liverpool... contacting with regards to the paper entitled: Cambodian Developmental Milestone Assessment Tool (cDMAT): Performance reference charts and reliability check of a tool to assess early childhood development in Cambodian children....

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Other activities since May 2020

- Meeting with MoH for formal adoption of cDMAT (Pheaktra)
- CB-DMAT dissemination (all)
- WHO International (Lina)
- Follow-up email to RTI (Lina)
- cDMAT in the News: AHC Annual Report (Lina)
- Uni of Wisconsin (Lina and Lori)
- World Bank (Piet, Lina and Klaus)
- Others?

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Contacts up-to-date

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

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Future activities and projects

- IECD and USAID
- Completion translation of Family Stimulation Guide
- cDMAT and CB-DMAT dissemination
- Development of apps
- OSCaR

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Role and purpose of cDMAT Core Group

- **Core Group purpose:**
 - Improve cDMAT and CB-DMAT where needed
 - Maintain public interest through coordination and update website
 - Implement cDMAT and CB-DMAT
- **Administration:**
 - Coordinator: Lina
 - Website: Virak