



**THE 18th SEA RCRC
LEADERSHIP MEETING**
16-17 SEP 2021

Facing the Challenges of COVID-19, Responding to, and Recovering from the Pandemic



CRC Intervention on Best practices, lessons and opportunities to collaborate in supporting national vaccination roll-out

**Her Excellency PUM Chantinie,
Secretary General, Cambodian Red Cross
at the 18th SEA RCRC Leadership Meeting
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Dear Mr. Tej Bunnag, Chair of the meeting/Secretary General of Thai Red Cross
Leaders/Secretaries General and colleagues of SEA NSs;
Mr. Francesco Rocca, IFRC President;
Mr. Robert Mardini, ICRC Director General
Movement and external honorable guests;
NS youth representatives/SEA Youth Network focal points
Observers

Under the leadership of **Samdech Kittipritthibindit Bun Rany HUNSEN**, President of the Cambodian Red Cross (CRC), we would like to address the intervention progress on best practices, lesson learnt and opportunities to collaborate in supporting national vaccination roll-out that CRC has contributed as an auxiliary role to the Royal Government of Cambodia in **Combating with COVID-19 pandemic**.



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- Covid-19 widespread in Cambodia since end of 2020.
- To date, 101,443 cases confirmed; 95,367 cases recovered; and 2,067 fatality.
- According to MoH/WHO, Cambodia remain in stage 1 & stage 2 of the pandemic.

❖ **Best practices:**

- CRC strongly committed by working closely with the government, all 25 RC Branches, IFRC, ICRC, NSs, UN Agencies, Development Partners, and the community.
- As of August 2021, CRC reached out to 421,464 people (40,48 migrants) with immediate action support on Covid-19 prevention, Vaccine awareness/injection/ epidemic control measures, distribution relief assistance, IEC material, vaccine inject coordination, PPE support, and safe migration through distribution of hygiene kits; personal protection items to communities people; coordination at the quarantine & vaccination centers; and support on logistics arrangement.



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- Two main activities are carrying out at NHQ & 25 RC Branches including Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA), funded by IFRC and ICRC. Total 797 persons (female 307) has been trained on MHPSS & CEA.
- National Society of China RC donated 100,000 Doses of Vaccine Sinopharm; Singapore RC donated 21 washing hand facilities; and Korean RC donated 37 sets of washing hand facility/water tank storage & hand pump well.
- CRC express the traditional of solidarity by helping other NSs since July until now (donated in cash USD 50,000 to Nepal RC through IFRC COVID-19 Appeal; bilateral donated USD 100,000 to Viet Nam RC; and USD 100,000 to Myanmar RC).



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❖ Lesson learnt:

- In 2021, the government lock downed Phnom Penh City/some provinces/all education institutions; postponed international flights; imposed Covid-19's measure checkup (public markets, shopping centers, pagodas, airport, entertainment clubs, factories); restrict the gathering of large crowd above 15 people, cancelling of national festive and official ceremonies/events.
- The government restricted employee and official to take turn between office and working from home, pay strong attention on people health and safety by working hard on bringing Covid-19's Vaccine for vaccinate to front line medical team, arm-forces and official staff. Vaccine is voluntary and became duty for front line staff and official employees. People are keen and voluntaries to vaccinate as they worried the public health and fast widespread of new variant virus.



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- Cambodia is among the first two countries in the world that had high rate of people vaccinated. As of 15 Sep, 97.88% of adult (above 18-year-old) out of targeted 10 Million people and 87.38% of adolescents (below 18-12-year-old) out of targeted 2 Million people has been vaccinated.
- The government announced the full policy “booster dose” to give people the 3rd dose from August 2021 to mid-2022. The booster can further enhance the immune response system to fight Covid-19 particularly the ‘Delta’ and other new mutations.
- Living in the new normal life since 2020, adhering to the social distancing, and widespread of new variant virus “Delta”, people are requiring to wearing protective masks in the public and while communicate each other.
- CRC distributed masks to targeted communities by regularly disseminate them to wearing masks properly. Through all the projects and during the relief distribution, we encouraged peoples to wash hand properly/regularly based on the practical measure of MoH, especially the 3 DON’T, 3 DOES of the Cambodia’s Prime Minister.



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- To maintain social distancing, we cannot have large gathering of villagers to attend any project activities, we limited home visit and community visit.
- Communities become complacent when we are relatively better in Covid-19 prevention, it is the real concern once the second wave and the new variant virus “Delta” hits.
- CRC faces difficulty in accessing to lockdown’s community. We concerned about safer access of our staff & volunteers, we adhere to local authority who has the only strict duty to access the red-zone to assist those people in most needed, but NHQ and all branches still remain close coordination with them by providing relief assistance to the people in red-zone via local authority forces.
- Walking through the difficult journey of Covid-19, CRC became more efficiency in working with all level, community and partners **via online/long distance** and its bring more forward the spirit of working closer toward the most vulnerable people in Cambodia.



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❖ The opportunities to collaborate in supporting national vaccination roll-out:

- ***“Together responsible for preventing the transmission of COVID-19 Virus!”*** CRC act as an auxiliary role to the Royal Government of Cambodia, continues maintain our efforts to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in all communities. We are continuing to educate/disseminate all preventive measures to people in all 25 RC branches. We are helping people to adapt to the new normal life with the correct attitude towards living and strictly maintaining social distancing as a multifaceted safety precaution.
- CRC coordinate with the government in disseminating people to receive Covid-19's vaccine on time, mobilizing RCYs & RCVs to support the vaccine roll out at vaccine injection centers, set up some RC compound for Vaccination Centers as the most urgent safety measure and we are ready to assist the implementation of whatever measures that impose and adopt by the government, to reach the national targeted of 10M people vaccinated (adult) and 2M people (adolescent).
- The Vaccine Injection Campaign for kid (06-12 year-old) confirmed to start tomorrow (17 Sep 2021).
- Known as the 2nd most vaccinated country in the world, Cambodia is step by step **re-opened the school** yesterday and **sets to open** for tourism in November 2021.



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In conclusion, CRC is very proud of its tremendous effort in humanitarian mission to the most vulnerable people, especially the great acknowledgment by the government of Cambodia on the **strength movement of CRC in working shoulder to shoulder** with the government in distributing government's relief items everywhere; and at the red-zone that CRC could not accessing the forces of authority has supported in delivery CRC's humanitarian relief to most vulnerable people on time.

THANK YOU!



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