

**Organization
of People with Disabilities
DPI-Cambodia
-Inclusion-**

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Problem Statement

- o. At the end of the war, there was no organization in Cambodia that were led by and represented the rights of people with disabilities**
- o. The capacity of the organization of PWD is weak to ensure sustainability in Cambodia**
- o. Disability organization is not recognized by broader community**

Objectives

- **To establish a disability led rights oriented institution**
- **To empower persons with disabilities**

Activities

- **Established DPI Cambodia (1994)**
- **Secured Support**
 - Finland, Japan, Holland, ADB, UK, France, Belgium, Canada and others
- **Advocacy, networking, awareness and policy**
- **Participated in the International Campaign to ban landmines**
- **Technical Assistance from a number of I-NGOs**
 - DPI-APRO,
 - DAC
 - HI
 - ADD

Process

- **DPI spearheaded in partnership of MOSALVY in the establishment of Disability Action Council**
- **DPI participated in training**
 - **Leadership**
 - **Advocacy**
 - **Policy development**
 - **Public Awareness**

- Inclusion - Result: Output

- **Over 2,500 people with disabilities were registered**
- **Draft disability legislation**
- **Networking in 21 provinces over Cambodia**
- **Initiated the sign language for the deaf Cambodians**
- **Conducted the DPI-19th Leadership Training Seminar attended by over 100 people with disabilities from 27 countries, supported by Japan.**

- Inclusion -
Result: Outcome

- **DPI has increased access to employment and better access to services,**
 - **E.g. Over 300 people with disabilities are employed, etc**
- **People with disability have significant voice in policy development**

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- Inclusion - Result: Outcome

- Capacity building in:
 - Advocacy
 - Public awareness
- Lack of capacity building in:
 - Management
 - Technical assistance as disability consultant, peer counselors, special educator,..etc.
- Competition with other disability agencies
 - One of the issues is the DPO the service providing or not service providing?

- Inclusion - Impact

- Demonstrated the value of DPOs as essential institution for development and poverty reduction for people with disability
- The vulnerability is sustainability
 - Mainstreaming DPOs would address this problem