

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS FACT SHEET

Disability Workstream



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Project Brief

Chamroeun Microfinance Plc. and Good Return are collaborating with the government, Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), and other relevant disability stakeholders to contribute to the implementation of the National Disability Strategic Plan (NDSP 2019-2023). The project aims to facilitate the economic empowerment of persons with disabilities in Cambodia through a combination of financial literacy training and inclusive financial services for women and men with disabilities.

Project Outcomes

- Persons with disabilities are empowered to manage their finances to achieve positive outcomes and their potential vulnerability to unethical loan practices is reduced.
- Persons with disabilities benefit from access to appropriate client-centred and ethical financial products to support sustainable income-generation activities.
- Financial services are inclusive and accessible to persons with disabilities.

Key Interventions

- Train and support staff of Chamroeun, partner organisations and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities to deliver Good Return's adapted Consumer Awareness and Financial Empowerment (CAFE) financial coaching to persons with disabilities.
- Provide a tailored loan product to persons with disabilities who want to invest in business activities.
- Create and implement a disability inclusion action plan across Chamroeun's operations.
- Create accessibility guidelines to increase inclusion of persons with disabilities in all Good Return's CAFE implementations in Cambodia.
- Disseminate a replication manual to help financial services providers in Cambodia make their products and services accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Engage the government, industry associations and financial service providers to promote disability inclusive financial services in Cambodia.

COVID-19 Intervention

- Travel assistance for CAFE participants to attend coaching sessions.
- Remote support to coaches instead of face-to-face assistance.

- Support to clients with disabilities to apply for loan restructure if their business was affected by COVID-19.

Beneficiaries

- **Direct:** Persons with disabilities and their families, Chamroeun staff and partner organisations
- **Indirect:** Family members of persons with disabilities who are not directly involved in the training; persons with disabilities outside the target areas and in the wider community

Geographic Location

Kampong Cham, Kampong Speu, Siem Reap, Battambang, Phnom Penh, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Thom, Tbong Khmum

Project Partners

Cambodian Disabled People Organization (CDPO), People's Action for Inclusive Development (PAfID), Persons with Disabilities Foundation (PWDF), Phnom Penh Centre for Independent Living (PPCIL), Women and Children with Disabilities Forum Kampong Cham (WCDFK), Samrong Tong Disabled Persons Federation (SRTF)

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