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Regional guideline on Juvenile Justice:
Promoting cross-border safeguards and defining strategies on the elimination of violence against children in conflict with Law

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I. General Situation

- The Royal government of Cambodia has been progressing and made achievement in all sectors through strategic for growth employment, equity and efficiency.
- The Ministry of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation issue and adopted a policy on alternative Care for Children which aims to ensure that children grow up in a family and the community.
- Through this policy, the ministry also encourages other relevant ministries and institution, NGOs to be committed to implement policy relate programs on alternative care. Child welfare issue have been care fully taken into account and in cooperated as the second priority. The ministry, Policies, Principle and legal instrument related to child welfare have gradually been reviewed and improved to suit the current context of the development of the nation. The Cambodian Royal Government (CRG) has taken significant step to implement the Right of children contact with law. as.
- The Juvenile Justice Law has been passed and adopted by national assembly on 30 May 2016.
II. Intervention

Ministry of Social Affair, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation has Youth Rehabilitation department that on duty implement the Juvenile Justice program.

➢ To provide child appropriate proceeding include program and service for crime prevention, diversion, Rehabilitation, to integration to the community and family.

➢ To promote and protect the Right and interest of the Children

➢ To provide treatment activities program to address issue that cause the child to commit on offense.

➢ To follow up after care of child in conflict with a law and to ensure that the child have a good confidential living with the social development.

➢ To counseling skill training education and other activities that are aimed to improve and enhance the child’s Psychological, emotional and social well being and integration to the family.

➢ To follow up after care of children in conflict with law an ensure that they are hopefully life and become a good person in the society.
III. Challenges

The reason that venerable children separate from family and conflict with law. The situation and difficult circumstances that cause children or young people to be risk of family disintegration and conflict with law:

- Children whose parent or guardians are not living with them.
- Actual or threatened separation of children from family through abandonment in presentment, trafficking or migration.
- Actual or threatened violence in the home or physical or sexual abuse or abandoning the child or exploitation.
- Children whose parents or guardians do not have the capacity to fulfill their obligation because of a serious lack of basic necessities and service such as shelter, food, education and health care.
- Chronic, illness and disability of the parent care given, that children are not able to receive appropriate care.
- Family with alcoholism, gambling, drug addiction or other substance abuse that are not able to provide the children with appropriate care.
- Lack of human resource implementation staffs and limited of the capacity building.
- Limited of the budget for the implementation of the programs.
IV. Plan

In order to fulfill of the implementation of the Juvenile Justice law, we need:

➢ To create principles and legal instrument relate to the Juvenile Justice law

➢ To create sub degree, Prakah and other relevant document for establish the center for Juvenile Justice and collaboration.

➢ More strengthening with ministries, institutions, NGOs to protect and promote rights of the children.

➢ Strengthen and expand community base programs and mechanism for the prevention diversion and restorative Justice for children at risk and in conflict with the law.

➢ Strengthen the functioning of the child protection network and the committee of women and children at the commune level

➢ Further strengthen and collaboration with all countries, Asia-pacific and member of ASEAN on Justice system for Juvenile Justice.
V. Recommendation

In order to strengthen the implementation on child protection and helping the children who conflict with the law we have the recommendation as follow:

➢ to developing training course for all sectors including social workers and law enforcement that dealing with young people in conflict with the law and juvenile with risk.

➢ to strengthen aware campaigns and developing national action plan for juvenile at risk and children in conflict with the law

➢ to improve data collection on children conflict with the law and network of juvenile justice systems and sharing to each others.

➢ to establishing after-care programs for juvenile released and partnership with non governmental and community service.

➢ to promote the development of community based sentencing options.

➢ further strengthen in collaboration and cooperation work on the program juvenile justice and sharing the solution to the challenges among ASEAN, Asia-Pacific member country and others.
Thank You!