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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES. Please summarise the main activities coor the World Day.						
#	Date	Activity coordinated for the World Day Against Child Labour				
1.	26 May	A joint event to begin the 17day observance of the World Day Against Child Labor 2011 in Cambodia and to Celebrate the International Children's Day presided over the Deputy Prime Minister held in Phnom Penh.				
		The observance of the World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL) in Cambodia this ye began on 26 May 2011, a few days before the 12 June, the WDACL at a very impressive ever that also marked the celebrations of the 62 nd Anniversary of the International Children's Day (ICD). While the World Day Against Child Labour focused on the theme "Warning! Children Hazardous work – End Child Labour!", the International Children's day focussed on the them "Equal right to life for all children – work together to reduce child mortality across Cambodia".				
		A Circular N0. 06, dated 18 May 2011 (Annex I) was issued and signed by Samdech Hun See Prime Ministry of the Royal Government of Cambodia to mark the observance of the WDAC and the ICD. H. E. Samdech Hun Sen also circulated a letter addressed to children ar dignitaries in occasion of the 62 nd Anniversary of the International Children's Day and of the 10 th Anniversary of the World Day Against Child Labour (ANNEX II). The events were aimed contributing to achieving the Twin Goals of reducing child labour by 8% in 2015 and elimina all the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Cambodia by 2016 and promoting the Conventions of the Rights of the Child for all public in order to pay full attention on the wellbeing of children.				
	The May 26 event marked the beginning of a 17 day observance of the 10 WDACL in Cambodia. It was held at the Diamond Island Convention and Phnom Penh was presided over by <i>H.E. Ms. Men Sam An</i> , Permanent De and Representative of Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Ro Cambodia (RGC).					
		The event was attended by 2000 rehabilitated children, 750 students, and more than 250 oth participants, including members of senate, the national assembly, senior officials of the RG the Diplomatic Corps, international and local NGOs, UN Agencies, teachers, children etc. T issue of the need to end child labour and achieve Cambodia's Twin Goals of ending the WFC by 2016 and reducing child labour over all to 8 per cent by 2015 was highlighted throu various addresses, statements, speeches, posters, banners, backdrops, slogans, press a media and other display materials. The fundamental rights of children, especially the equivisite to life for all children, the need of reducing child mortality and improving maternal hea were also highlighted.				
		The material highlighted the need to end the Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL) calling all children to be in school, reaching the Twin Goals.				
		At the national level, the event was supported by UNICEF and ILO. Other UN Agencies, Children's Committee, Local and International NGOs, Civil Society Groups, private companies etc also contributed to the events either financially, technically, or materially.				
		ILO IPEC, UNICEF, with the Cambodian National Council for Children (CNCC), the Ministry of Social Affairs Veteran and Youth				

Rehabilitation, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Information played a very significant role in the event marking the start of the observance of the WDCAL in the country.

The Minister of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Affairs, the Minister of Labour and Vocational Training and the Minister of Women's Affairs of the RGC were personally present on the occasion.

Mr. M. P. Joseph Chief Technical Advisor ILO IPEC, Cambodia and Ms. Isabelle Austin, Representative of the UNICEF in Cambodia addressed the gathering on the occasion.

While highlighting the excellent and still growing commitment and response to child labour by the



RGC, Mr. Joseph stressed the need for budgetary funding on child labour and donor resources to flow into ending the WFCL in Cambodia. The Deputy Prime Minister in her inaugural address responded to Mr. Joseph's request and said that she would take steps to bring the matter to the attention of the Prime Minister.

2. 3 June Press Conference at the Ministry of Information

The Minister of Information H.E. Mr. Khieu Kahnarith hosted and chaired a Press Conference in the presence of many TV and newspaper and radio correspondents at the Ministry of Information. The press conference was also attended by Employers' and Workers' organisations.

Among those who responded to the questions from the press were representative sfrom CARD, from the Non-formal Education Department (MoEYS), from the DoCL/MLVT, ILO-IPEC, Cambodia Federation of Employers and Business Association (CAMFEBA), Cambodia Labour Con-Federation (CLU), and Winrock International.

The Conference was backstopped by Mr. Pang Nath, Deputy General Director of TVK and Mr. Theng Chhorvirith, OP ILO IPEC. There were more than 60 media networks participated to the conference. The event had wide echo on national media. Please see two moments of the Press Conference in the pictures below.





3. 3 June

Observance of the WDACL in Kandal Province.

Observing the World Day Against Child Labour: *"Warning! Children in Hazardous Work – End Child Labour!"* held on 03 June 2011 *at Chheu Teal primary school* in Mok Kampul district of Kandal province. There were about 750 participants of whom 172 were target children, 528 students, local authority representatives, teachers, representatives of the Provincial Departments of Labour and Vocational Training, employers of brick making factories, and workers, non-governmental organisations (KHANA), civil society groups and ILO IPEC staff etc fully participated in the World Day Against Child Labour: *"Warning! Children in Hazardous Work – End Child Labour!"*

The event at the community level was presided over by _H.E. Mr. Thul Neang, Director of PDLVT in Kandal following the message of the Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen for the occasion of the 62^{nd} Anniversary International Children's Day and the 10^{th} Anniversary of

WDACL in Cambodia was read out. In his remark highlighted the goal of eliminating the worst forms of child labour by 2016 and the ILO's support to the Royal Government of Cambodia to reach this Goal by replicate the programme to other areas and sector in the province.

Continuously, traditional game, a quiz question on child rights, child labour and about the WDACL had been prepared and organized by Save Incapacity Teenager (SIT) in collaboration with Provincial Department of Labour and Vocational Training for over 200 children participated in order to promote understanding among the children and public, resulting 80 children were received gifts of education materials as for their rewarding of giving the right and appropriated answers.

Awareness raising materials including Street Banners, T-Shirts, Balloons, Leaflets, Posters, Brochure, Press and media etc. on child labour on the theme *Warning! Children in Hazardous work – End Child Labour!* were developed, produced, and widely distributed and disseminated drowning great attention of the public, employers, workers, NGOs, civil society, etc on child labour in the province. The promotional materials produced were funded by ILO IPEC and KHANA.





4. 8 June Observa

Observance of the WDACL in Kep province

On 08 June 2011 the observance of the World Day Against Child Labour was held at the Wat Chakrya Vong Pagoda, Okrasar Village, Okrasar Commune, Damnak Chang Oeur District in Kep Province. Around 725 participants of whom 270 were the Direct Beneficiary children of the ILO IPEC Project, 90 parents', 38 representatives of local authorities, 11 teachers, 22 members of the Provincial Committee on Child Labour, 10 representatives of employers and trade union, 5 NGOS, 10 civil



society groups, etc. participated in the event, wearing t-shirts printed with this year's theme of the WDACL.

The event was presided over by *H.E Has Sareth*, Provincial Governor of Kep and Chairman of PCCL. The message of the Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the WDACL in Cambodia was read out by Mr. Dith Lay Heak, PDLVT Director. HE Has Sareth, Provincial Governor in his speech, he mentioned that the province will support the RGC's commitments and efforts for ending the worst forms of child labour in Cambodia. He expected that Kep province would be free of the WFCL by 2012.



5. 9 June Observance of the WDACL in Kampot Province

On 09 June 2011 the observance of the WDACL in Kampot Province was organized at Wat Daunbon Pagoda, Svaytorng Commune, Kg Trach District in Kampot Province. There were nearly 640 participants at the event of whom 368 were the ILO IPEC Beneficiary children, 110 parents, 9 representatives of the local authorities representatives, 5 teachers, 29 members of the Provincial Committee on Child Labour, 10 representatives of employers, salt producers and trade union members, non-governmental organisations, civil society groups etc fully participated in the Observance of the World Day Against Child Labour: *"Warning! Children in Hazardous Work – End Child Labour!"* at community level. All participants wore t-shirts printed with this theme of this year's WDACL print on it. The event was presided over by *H.E Khouy Khun Hour*, Provincial Governor. The message of the Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen on the occasion of 10th Anniversary of WDACL in Cambodia was read out by H.E Mr. Doung Savann, PDLVT Director.

HE Mr Khouy Khun Hour, Provincial Governor highlighted his committed to make the Salt Sector in Kampot Child Labour Free by end of this year 2011. He also mentioned that the province will support the RGC's commitments and efforts for ending the worst forms of child labour in Cambodia.

6. 31 May and 9 June 5. 31 May on 'Can EFA be Achieved in Cambodia without Ending Child Labour?'

Two TV roundtable discussions were held and telecast during the Observance of the World Day Against Child Labour in Cambodia this year. The TV round table discussions was aimed at underlining the RGC's political will and commitment towards ending the WFCL in Cambodia by 2016, while highlighting the role played and policies, programmes and interventions being put in place by the different government's institutions such as the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, the Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, the Council for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD), etc and the ILO towards realizing the 2016 Goal.

The first of these was on the topic "Can Cambodia End the WFCL by 2016?"

In responding to an invitation by *H.E. Mr. Khieu Kanharith*, Minister, Ministry of Information, senior officials of the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, the National Council for Agricultural and Rural Development, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Information, and ILO IPEC in Cambodia participated in the discussion. The discussion was held by the Ministry of Information (MOI) at the studios of the National Television of Kampuchea on 31 May at TVK studio in Phnom Penh.

The participants of the first discussion on *"Can Cambodia End the WFCL by 2016?"* were HE Ms. Prak Chantha, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training and Chairperson of the NSC-CL, HE Dr. Sann Vathana, Deputy Secretary General of the CARD, Mr. Kouch Kulum-A, Director of Non-formal Education Department, MoEYS,

Mr. MP Joseph, CTA ILO IPEC participated in the discussion on behalf of ILO IPEC Cambodia. Mr. M. P. Joseph pointed out that while it can realistically be said that if the present pace of work against child labour continues in the country, the WFCL can end in Cambodia by 2016, yet there were areas were serious and pressing attention needed to be paid in the next five years. This he pointed out included the need for the RGC to provide budgetary support to implement Projects and Programmes to eliminate the worst forms of child labour, the need for donors to fund child labour initiatives in Cambodia, the need for economic ministries of the RGC to begin to play a part in the elimination of child labour and for up scaling the work againt child labour to all the 24 provinces in the country and to all the 16 sectors identified as the WFCL in the National Plan of Action for the Elimination of the WFCL.

The overall sense emerging from the discussion was that while the country's goal of ending the WFCL by 2016 can be achieved, there was a lot of serious efforts to be initiated and put in place. Most of all the necessary resources for the purpose had to be mobilized.

The Round Table discussion was organized by ILO IPEC, in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and the national TV network TVK, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the Council for

Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD).

The topic of the second Round Table discussion was "*Can EFA be achieved in Cambodia without Ending Child Labour?*" The participants at this discussion were *Mr. Theng Chhorvirith, PO ILO IPEC Cambodia and Mr. Im Samrithy, Executive Director of NGO Education Partnership* participated in the discussion was moderated by *Ms. Kuch Meardei, moderator form TVK.*

The TV discussion was held on 09 June 11 at the TVK studios. The main points that came at the discussions included the causes and consequences of child labour and the important of education in combating child labour, as well as the roles and responsibility of teachers, schools, and parents to send their children into schools not to work.

Both the discussions were widely telecast in the country through state-run and private TV Radio stations such as the National Television of Kampuchea (TVK), TV 3, TV 5 and CTN, TV Bayon, TV Apsara, National Radio FM, Apsara Radio and Bayon Radio stations.

7. 9 June Observance of the WDACL in Battambang province.

An event to observe the WDACL 2011 in Battambang Province was held on 09 June, at the Sangker District Hall. The theme of the event was *"Warning! Children in hazardous work – End Child Labour"*. The event was presided over by *H.E Mr. Sok Kong*, Deputy Governor of Battambang and around 500 participants (270 direct beneficiary children of IPEC and 50 were from WVC's Social Mobilisation Against Child labour Project) including representatives from the DOCL/MLVT, Provincial Governance, Provincial Council, Provincial Department of Labour and Vocational Training of Battambang, other Provincial Departments, representatives from Sangker District Governance, from NGOs and Civil Society Groups, teachers, parents, school children, and representatives of targeted children in Battambang participated in the event.

Games, dancing, music, and quizzes for children were organized on the occasion and in addition to packages of food, toothbrushes, toothpastes, soap and karma, the Cambodian shawl was distributed to the children. Through the quizzes, children and adults have understood about child rights and child labour issues.

An introduction to the WDACL 2011 was made by *Mr. Suon Savath*, Governor of Sangker District. Mr. Phuong Chea, Director, Provincial



Department of Labour and Vocational Training – BTB read the Prime Minister's Message, highlighting the RGC's commitment towards ending the WFCL in Cambodia by 2016. Mr. Ouk Sisovann, Senior National Programme Officer of the TBP Support Project, on behalf of ILO IPEC Cambodia highlighted the RGC's commitments and efforts for ending the worst forms of child labour in Cambodia by 2016, and the participation and contribution of stakeholders and partners of BTB.

A **Street March** in Battambang's Omal Commune was organized by World Vision Camboida (WVC) and LICHADO who joined hands for the third year in a row under the core theme *"I protect children, do you?"* The Street March gathered approximately 600 people, including community members, brick factory workers, school pupils, local authorities and partner organizations. The rally was 2.5 km long, from Wat Rokar pagoda until Chrab Krasang primary school where recreational activities were organized (songs, drama performance, quizzes, games, dance performance).

The event was presided over by *Mr. Sieng Em Wounzy*, Deputy Municipal Governor of Battambang town who gave a speech remarking the strong support to the government policy and ILO-IPEC programme on elimination of WFCL set by 2016. Along the route of the Street March, bystanders stood watching the rally with people walking with banners, speaking out loud messages against the WFCL and for the promotion of child rights on the microphones. Moreover, lots of materials including posters, stickers, brochures and leaflets were distributed.

8. 9 June Speaker Event on "The life of a child labourer" held at the Cambodian – German Cultural Centre (Meta House).

A Child Labour Speaker Event was held in the evening of 9 June featuring five former child labourers in the relaxed setting of the *Meta House*, the Cambodian-German Cultural centre in Phnom Penh, an establishment which often hosts similar events and provides an intimate setting that allowed the children to communicate their experiences to a receptive audience.



At the beginning of this event child labour spots provided were screened and HE Mr. Kem Gunawadh, Director General of the National Television of Cambodia, TVK and the Royal Government's spokesperson on child labour, Mr. M. P. Joseph CTA of ILO-IPEC, Ana Dionela, Winrock International, spoke.

The floor was then handed over to the ex-child labourers who told their stories. Their stories were not only very interesting but extremely moving with some of the children breaking down while recounting their past. It was an emotional time for the audience as well with some of them seen wiping away tears. One of the Masters of Ceremony broke down and had to be substituted. A Q&A session followed the story-sharing.

The evening was well attended with government representatives, media personnel who interviewed the children as well the government and ILO IPEC representatives and others as well as general public who gathered to attend the novel event. This was a unique event for the children to make their voice heard. (Please find invitation attached: ANNEX III).

9. 9 June **Photo Exhibition on Child Labour.** A series of images of child labour and rehabilitated children were compiled into a itinerant exhibition.

10. 9 June A Kingdom Without Child Labour: An Analysis on Child Labour in Cambodia by Mr. M. P. Joseph published in the Phnom Penh Post

Phnom Penh Post: published an Analysis of Child Labour in Cambodia written by M. P. Joseph Chief Technical Advisor of ILO IPEC, Cambodia. In the Analysis Joseph attempted to examine the prospects of Cambodia being able to end the WFCL in the country by the year 2016. Joseph pointed out that while the country has the commitment and the necessary strengths to end reach that ILO global goal on child labour, challenges remain. There is need, he pointed out to get more donors interested in the issue of child labour in Cambodia and funding child labour programmes in the country. The Analysis was published on 10 June 2011 under the very eye catching title *A Kingdom Without Child Labour* (Please see ANNEX V for a copy of the Analysis..

11. 10 June Observance of the WDACL in Poipet, Banteay Meanchey Province.

The WDACL was observed on 10 June 2011 in Banteay Meanchay Province, within the compound of Palelei Pagoda in Poipet, starting with a Children's rally against child labour that started from the Poipet Circle and wound its way to Palelei Pagoda where a public gathering was held. The focus of the rally and the event was on theme *"Warning! Children in Hazardous Work – End Child Labour"*. Around 600 participants





including representatives from the DOCL/MLVT, Provincial Governance, Provincial Council, Provincial Department of Labour and Vocational Training of Banteay Meanchey, other Provincial Departments, representatives from Poipet Municipality Governance, NGOs and Civil Society Groups, teachers, parents, school children and representatives of targeted children in Poipet, Banteay Meanchey participated in the event.

The public gathering was presided over by *H.E Mrs. Chou Bun Eng*, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Interior together with other dignitaries such as the former Provincial Governor of Banteay Meanchey H.E. Mr. On Sum, now Member of Parliament in the National Assembly representing Banteay Meanchey province. In her address, she highlighted the background of

the WDACL, focusing on the purpose of its observance and the RGC's commitment and efforts to protect the fundamental rights of the children and to realize the 2016 goal for ending all the WFCL in Cambodia.

Mr. Lim Sothet, Director, Provincial Department of Labour and Vocational Training – BMC read the Prime Minister's Message, highlighting the RGC's commitment towards ending the WFCL in Cambodia by 2016.

Mr. Ouk Sisovann, Senior National Programme



Officer of the TBP Support Project, on behalf of ILO IPEC – Cambodia reiterated the RGC's commitments and efforts for ending the worst forms of child labour in Cambodia by 2016, the participation and contribution of stakeholders and partners of BMC, especially in the elimination of child labour in the Porter Sector in Poipet and the ILO's support to the Royal Government of Cambodia to reach the 2016 Goal.

The WDACL in Poipet, Banteay Meanchey this year attracted a great public attention (see picture below on the left) and raised the awareness on child labour issues and on the goal for ending the WFCL in Poipet, BMC by 2012 and in Cambodia by 2016 through the distribution of awareness raising material (see picture below).



12. 11 June A Mini Marathon Against Child Labour held in Siem Reap to Observe the WDACL.

On 11 June 11, the Angkor Wat Children's Mini Marathon against Child Labour was held in Siem Reap. Around 250 competitors of whom 200 were children and over 50 were adults took part in the marathon to highlight their stand against child labour. The competitors wore t-shirts printed with the theme of the WDACL 2011 *"Warning! Children in Hazardous Work – End Child Labour"*. They ran from the outskirt of Siem Reap through the main streets of the town

where many businesses are located and amongst crowds of tourists and public who had gathered to see them at the finishing post which was in the area in front of the historic Angkor Wat temple, where later the Prize Giving Ceremony was also held.

Over 1,000 school students as well as about 200 parents, teachers, representatives from

provincial governor office, Apsara Authority, provincial departments, employers and workers' organizations, civil society groups, tourists and public, etc observed the marathon and participated in the Prize Giving Ceremony at the conclusion of the marathon. At the conclusion of the marathon a Prize Distribution Ceremony was held presided over by *H.E Mr. Mao Vuthy*, Deputy Governor and Chairman of the Provincial Committee on Child Labour in Siem Reap. Mr. Ouk Sisovann, Senior National Programme Officer of the TBP Support Project also spoke.



Children attending the ceremony

Prize distribution

The focus of the theme of the marathon, *"Warning! Children in Hazardous Work – End Child Labour"* was highlighted through the introductory remarks made by the PDLVT-SRP Director and was repeatedly highlighted in the speeches and remarks delivered at the event.

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13. 12 June A Festival to Observe the WDACL held in Siem Reap

A Festival in Siem Reap's Preah Dak Commune, was carried out at 2 p.m. on 12 June and was jointly coordinated by World Vision, Cambodia and LICHADO a national NGO. The event included a drama on child labour performed by child protection group members, games for local children, and dancing. The event ended in the evening with the screening of a documentary film and video spots on child labour. Participants were also tested on their understandings of those documentaries with quizzes.

The WDACL in Siem Reap this year reached more than 2,000 people raising public awareness on child labour issues and the goal for ending the WFCL in Cambodia by 2016. This was possible also thanks to the activities that Winrock International, NGO with which ILO-IPEC has been extensively collaborating who organized:

- A comedy video depicting the value of education. The video was shown in a public place where the community gathered. After watching the show, the public responded to several questions regarding child labour. Those who responded correctly were given educational materials as incentives.
- In the communities, children's role play about child labour in agriculture were staged, distinguished community leaders gave speeches, and finally a video showing CHES good practices was screened and followed by a quiz show on child labour.
- In primary schools drawing contests were conducted among the students on the theme hazardous child labour in agriculture. Educational materials were given to the three best drawings.

14. 12 June The Main Event of the World Day Against Child Labour 2011 held in Phnom Penh with the Launching of a One Year Programme to Declare the Riverside Free of Child Labour by 12 June 12.

The main event to observe the World Day Against Child Labour in Cambodia was held in Phnom Penh on 12 June 11. The event was presided over by H.E. Mr. Vong Sauth, Minister of Labour and Vocational Training who not only launched a one year programme to declare the Riverside in Phnom Penh free of the WFCL by 12 June 12, but also launched a Child Labour Free Logo to be used countrywide.

The speakers on the occasion included the H.E. Ms. Touch Sarom, Deputy Governor of the Municipality of Phnom Penh and Mr. M. P. Joseph CTA, ILO IPEC, Cambodia.

The Chief Guests on the dais included HE. Mr. Nath Bun Reoun, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, HE Mr. Kem Gunawath, Director General of TV, Kampuchea, and Spokesperson of the RGC on Child Labour.

A one year programme for declaring the Riverside in Phnom Penh a Child Labour Free Zone was launched at that event. The event included a series of other activities such as:

- a) A Public gathering in front of the Botom Vadei Pagoda of Phnom Penh presided over by the Minister of Labour and Vocational Training.
- b) A Children's Rally starting from the South of Royal Palace and finishing at the Botum Vadei pagoda.
- c) Distribution of school materials to the rehabilitated child labourers
- d) Personal anecdotes related by former child labourers



- e) Children's performances, including a children's song on "Remember the WDACL"
- A Role Play on Child Labour performed by former child labourers and children's peer educator groups
- g) The official launch of the Child Labour Free logo and the erection of the first such logo with release of balloons.
- h) Distribution of stickers with the Child Labour Free Logo.

i) Q&A Session with the Press.

On behalf of the ILO, Mr. MP Joseph Chief Technical Advisor, complimented the efforts of the country in its drive towards ending the WFCL and promised the support of the ILO in its efforts to realize in Cambodia the ILO's Global Goal of ending the WFCL by 2016. Two representatives of the children then spoke from a children's perspective on the WDACL and their contributions towards ending child labour in Cambodia.

The Phnom Penh Municipal Department of Labour and Vocational Training, the Municipal Department of Education Youth and Sports, Municipal Department of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, as well as, Children's Committee, HealthCare Center for Children, CAMFEBA, Cambodian Labour Confederation, etc. collaborated with the ILO in organizing the event.

The event confirmed again the strong collaboration between ILO-IPEC and local organisations as well as NGOs especially Winrock International, World Vision, and LICHAO.

Awareness materials including street banners, T-shirts, Billboards, Balloons, Leaflets, Posters, Brochure, stickers, etc. on child labour on the theme *"Warning! Children in Hazardous Work – End Child Labour!"* were developed, produced and widely distributed as it can be seen in the pictures below.







Through the website <u>www.onlinevolunteering.org</u>, a professional designer, Kathleen Morf, was identified, who offered her skills voluntarily for designing a Child Labour Free logo that was during the riverside ceremony on 12 June 2011 by the Minister for Labour and Vocational Training.

Her voluntary work, conducted from Switzerland, was facilitated via email over several months. This has been a valuable contribution to ending the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Cambodia. Authorities, ministries, NGOs, and all organisations were encouraged to use the logo and display it at their workplaces.

15. 12 June A Children's Rally Against Child Labour on the theme: "Warning! Children in Hazardous Work – End Child Labour!" held on 12 June in Phnom Penh

On June 12, a Children's Rally Against Child Labour was held to mark the occasion of the World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL) in Phnom Penh. The Children's Rally Against Child Labour had over 500 children who included children rehabilitated from the worst forms of child labour, children from regular schools. Over 400 adults who were representatives of various Government Departments, employers organizations, trade unions, NGOs, ILO officials, NGOs,

civil society groups, local public also participated in the Rally.

The Rally (images below) covered a route of about 1 kilometer starting at the north of Botom Vatbei Park near the old building of National Assembly. The rally went through one of the biggest boulevards of Phnom Penh, the Sothearos Boulevard, passed in front of the old building of National Assembly, the Paññāsāstra University, Sihanouk Boulevard, and ended in front of Botom Vadei Pagoda.



The event also included a song and a role play on WDACL and on child labour performed by children from the Children's Committee, distribution of study materials to 300 target children, and finally release of balloons by children and members of the presidium.



16. 12 June Trade Unions observed the WDACL with the theme of "Where There are Unions, There is no Child Labour" in Phnom Penh.

More than 500 workers of the following Trade Unions were actively involved: Cambodia Confederation of Trade Unions (CCTU), Cambodian Labour Confederation (CLC), National Union Alliance Chamber of Cambodia (NACC), Cambodian Confederation Union (CCU), National Labour Confederation of Cambodia (NLC), and the Khmer Youth Trade Union Federation (KYFTU). The Trade Unions organized an event on 12 June 2011 with the theme "*Where there are Unions, there is no child labour*". This was a unique event held by the Trade Union movement in the country in order to display solidarity with child labourers and to reiterate trade unions' policy of promoting child labour free workplaces, freedom of association and union rights for working men and women.

In addition, 80 Trade Unions leaders and representatives from the 5 Confederation and 2 Non - Affiliated Trade Unions attended the Main Event of the WDACL on 12 June where the one year programme for declaring the Riverside in Phnom Penh a Child Labour Free Zone was launched.

17. 01-12 SMS Campaign Against Child Labour by Mobile Companies.

A standard SMS on child labour was sent out by many Mobile Service Providers in Cambodia during this period. The standard SMS read (in Khmer and English):

"Cambodia, a Kingdom of Wonder! Let's make it a Kingdom without Child Labour!!!" Please pass on this sms to your friends and help end child labour in Cambodia.

Mobile companies in Cambodia were contacted by ILO IPEC and asked to give wide publicity to the message to their staff, clients, customers, friends and relatives starting from 26 May and at least until 12 June. Major mobile companies accepted and sent out the standard SMS. It is estimated that this SMS may have reached many millions of subscribers as the SMS was sent out by the Service Providers themselves to all their subscribers.

18.		Display of Placard with the SMS Messages on Child Labour at WDACL Events.				
	June	A placard with the above Message in English and Khmer was printed and displayed at the WDACL events.				
19.	May and	Posting of above Message on Facebook				
	June	The above message was also posted on Facebook and sent via e-mails to contacts.				
20.	May and	A Song/Poem Writing Contest on Child Labour				
	June	A child labour song/poem competition was launched in Secondary Schools where students were involved in composing a song/poem on child labour under the guidance of their teachers. The songs/poems were sent to Winrock International and the best one was chosen and the winning class was awarded education materials.				
21.	May and	An Essay Competition on Child Labour				
	June	An Essay competition for high school students who wrote about a prominent/pressing issue in child labour in agriculture. Each student wrote write his/her thoughts or suggestions for improving education and ending child labour in communities or in Cambodia. The winner was awarded education materials. This event was also carried out by Winrock International				
22.	May and	A Drawing Competition on Child Labour				
	June	A Drawing contest for primary school students on hazardous child labour in agriculture, fresh water fishing, and tobacco and cassava plantation was held by Winrock International. The winner was awarded education materials.				
23.	May and June	Developing and Distribution of a Training Package on Child Labour to Teachers Through the Teachers Union				
		ILO-IPEC collaborated with the Cambodian Independent Teacher Association (CITA) that developed a classroom training package on child labour for teachers, using the material uploaded on the ILO-IPEC website, as well as the material that ILO-IPEC Cambodia developed in Khmer. The training package was distributed to schools where CITA works as well as to ILO-IPEC's partners.				
24.	May and June	A Radio Talk Show Programme on the theme: "Warning! Children in Hazardous Work – End Child Labour!"				
		A series of radio discussions were broadcast many times live on the theme of this year's WDACL and other issues related to child labour in the country and many hundreds of thousands of Cambodians would have listened to the radio discussions, increasing their understanding and knowledge about child labour in the country and the country's efforts to combat it.				
		On 31 May 2011a Radio call-in programme "Our Life, Our Society" was on the topic "Minimum Age of Children in employment". Mr. Un Vuthy, Programme Officer, ILO IPEC Cambodia participated in the programme as a guest speaker. During this one hour programme, 11 listeners called-in to the programme asking questions related to the topic and sharing their ideas on child labour issues.				
		On 07 June 2011 a Radio call-in programme on the theme " <i>Warning! Children in hazardous work - End child labour</i> " was held by the National Radio of Kampuchea FM 96 Mzh. Mr. Theng Chhorvirith, PO ILO IPEC Cambodia, Mr. Yao Ny, Chief of International Relation Bureau of DoCL/MLVT participated in the radio call-in programme as guest speakers. The programme				

was moderated by Mr. So Sophy, programme producer of the National Radio station.

June 2011: Winrock's CHES call-in radio program aired live on FM 106.5MHz. The participants were Mr. Nuth Sohporn, Deputy Director of DoCL/MLVT; Ms. Nuth Theary, Chief of Bureau, DNFE; Mr. Theng Chhorvirith, PO ILO IPEC Cambdia; Mr. Preoung Sopheap, of Winrock International; Mr. Kong Channak, Community Network Monitor; and former child labourer Kim Rithy from Pursat. The radio guests reviewed all relevant child labor conventions as well as took note of the linkages that need to happen between child labor and education policies in order to effectively address children's schooling and prevent them from engagement in hazardous labour.

25. June Observance of the WDACL in Pursat Province

Winrock International organized a rally in Pursat where children, parents, child labour monitoring committee members, and teachers from various villages marched to the commune to observe the WDACL. During the march, the participants carried banners and posters bearing key messages on the prevention of hazardous work for children.

Other activities in the schools and communities consisted of role play by the children, drawing contest, showing of the CHES video documentary followed by quizzes, speeches of guests; essay and poem competitions in schools.

Winrock and Wathnakpheap also organized an exhibit of products made by the trainees of CHES. This exhibition was an opportunity to raise awareness about CHES and the child labour theme this year. The big evening event in Pursat mobilized donations by generous people while the exhibition of products made by trained beneficiaries successfully sold several items. The income will be spent on the treatment of child labour victims who had accidents due to the performance of hazardous tasks in agriculture.

The Provincial Department of Labour, mobilizing funds from government, Winrock and other NGOs organized another event in Sophy Temple where they provided school uniforms and study materials to 315 very poor children at –risk of child labour.

26. June Observance of the WDACL in Kampong Cham

Winrock International organised a commune level activity in Kampong Cham which was preceded by a convoy of trucks bearing child labour messages.

The commune chief and representatives of the parents shared information on the progress of child labour prevention activities in their communities. Children staged role plays depicting their lives. Quizzes on child labour were also conducted and educational materials given out as prizes for the winners.

The Provincial Department of Labour and Vocational Training, organized a school-based activity in one secondary school. The event was presided by the Deputy Governor (chair of the Provincial Committee on Child Labor) His Excellency Meng Suon. Other guests from government institutions attended this activity and gave their messages. At this school event, the CHES progress report was shared together with a presentation of this year's global theme on hazardous work.

Children who won in the essay and poem contests done in the school prior to this activity recited their pieces to the audience. They were awarded educational materials by the government leaders.

27. June Observance of the WDACL in Prey Veng

Winrock International organized a rally, and child labour messages were read out through loud speakers on their way to the main venue of the WDACL commemoration. Children's poems written during a school contest were also read out loud during the rally. Government was well represented in various activities and the PCCL Chair, Deputy Governor led the other participants in issuing the call for more action and resources to prevent child labour. Children participants shared their life stories before and after CHES support, expressing their interest to access higher education if possible. Children depicted their lives through role plays too.

7. MEDIA COVERAGE: Please list below newspapers, radio and television programmes in which an article on the World Day appeared.

The many activities of the WDACL 2010 received good press coverage, with many newspapers reporting the events with photographs, write ups etc. and many TV channels and radio stations covering the events in great detail. The Ministry of Information under the leadership of H.E. Mr. Khieu Kahnarith, Minister of Information, played a very crucial rule role in this. H.E. Mr. Kahnarith hosted and chaired a Press Conference in the presence of many TV and newspaper and radio correspondents on 3 June 2011 at the Ministry of Information. The press conference was also attended by Employers' and Workers' organisations.

Among those who responded to the questions from the press were: HE Dr. Sann Vathana, Deputy Secretary General of the CARD, Mr. Kouch Kulum-A, Director of Non-formal Education Department, MoEYS, Mr. Nuth Sophorn, Deputy Director of DoCL/MLVT, Mr. MP Joseph, CTA of ILO-IPEC, Mr. Teh Singh, Secretary General of Cambodia Federation of Employers and Business Association (CAMFEBA), Mr. At Thon, President of Cambodia Labour Con-Federation (CLU) and Ms, You Porny, Communication Officer from Winrock International.

The Conference was backstopped by Mr. Pang Nath, Deputy General Director of TVK and Mr. Theng Chhorvirith, OP ILO IPEC. There were more than 60 media networks participated to the conference. The event had wide echo on national media. Please see two moments of the Press Conference in the pictures below.

Discussions on child labour with special emphasis on the theme "*Warning! Children in hazardous work - End child labour*" were broadcast widely through the TV, radio, website, newspapers etc. Many hundreds of thousands of Cambodians listened, watched, and read these reports no doubt enhancing their understanding and knowledge about child labour in the country and the country's efforts to combat it. Performances by artists, comedy shows, TV

documentaries, news coverage, websites, TV and Radio discussions etc. on the media further enhanced this publicity on child labour.

The media coverage included:

a) Newspapers

- Raksmei Kampuchea: an article on the Press conference held on 3 June 2011 at the Ministry of Information was published on 4 June 2011 (ANNEX IV).
- Phnom Penh Post: an opinion piece was published on 10 June 2011 (ANNEX V).
- Phnom Penh Post: an article on the event held at the riverside in observance of the WDACL on 12 June 2011 was published on 13 June 2011 (ANNEX VI).

b) Websites:

- http://www.akp.gov.kh/?p=7043
- http://www.akp.gov.kh/?p=7052
- http://cen.com.kh/localnews/show_detail/135?token=NTMyMDcyYjJjZWFiYmIxNjg4ZDcwMWVINDU1MzM1
- http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/14286/cambodians-rally-against-child-labor
- http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2011/06/12/cambodians-rally-against-widespread-child-labor/
- Theran Times: http://www.tehrantimes.com/Index_view.asp?code=242376
- http://www.investors.com/NewsAndAnalysis/Newsfeed/Article/132505338/201106120000/Cambodian-govt-tradeunions-call-for-end-to-child-labor.aspx
- http://news.naver.com/main/read.nhn?mode=LS2D&mid=sec&sid1=104&sid2=64f&oid=091&aid=0003053187

c) Radio and Website:

- 01-12 June 2011: Radio call-in programmes on the theme of this year's WDACL: *Warning! Children in hazardous work End child labour* in collaboration with Winrock International CHES radio program were broadcasted and saw the participation of ILO-IPEC staff as well.
- Radio Free Asia: on 03 June 2001
 <u>http://www.rfa.org/khmer/indepth/govt_pledge_2eliminate_child_labor_worst_form_by2016-06032011044026.html</u>
- Voice of America (VOA): on 03 June 2011 <u>http://www.voanews.com/khmer/news/Officials-Look-To-Nix-Most-Severe-Forms-of-Child-Labor-123117228.html</u>
 Radio France Internationale (various links on child labour among which):
- Radio France internationale (various links on child labour among which).
 On 2 June 2011: <u>http://www.khmer.rfi.fr/Cambodia%20rally%20against%20child%20labour</u>

d) TV:

- 08 June 2011 at 09:00pm and on 09 June at 03:00pm: TV Round Table Discussions on the Topic of *"Can Cambodia Achieve the Goal of Eliminating the WFCL by 2016 in Cambodia?"* were telecasted through the State run television TVK.
- 10 June 2011 at 17:00 and 11 June at 10:30 am: TV Round Table Discussions on the Topic of "Can EFA be achieved in Cambodia without Ending Child Labour?" were telecasted through the State run TVK.
- 07 June 2011: A Talk Show at the National FM Radio Stung Meanchey.
- 12 June 2011: A Comedy show on child labour telecasted on a popular programme with famous artists through the Bayon TV, CTN, SEATV etc.
- 12 June 2011: CTN telecasted a concert and during the breaks they interacted with the audiences asking questions on child labour, on the Twin Goals on child labour, etc.
- e) Two press releases were issued:
- A press release and Press-Conference on the event for the WDACL on theme of Waning! Children in hazardous work child labour was held on 03 June at Ministry of Information (ANNEX VII).
- A press release on the events and activities organised for the World Day Against Child Labourr on 12 June 2011 that launched a one year effort "Towards creating a model of a Child Labour (Worst Forms) Free Zone in an Urban Setting in Phnom Penh Municipality" (ANNEX VIII).
- f) A media advisory from 53 Union Federations and Associations affiliated with major confederations was issued on the observance of the World Day Against Child Labour 2011 that the Trade Unions organized on 12 June 2011 the theme "Where there are unions there is no child labour" (ANNEX IX).
- g) Production of materials and their distribution: The materials for awareness raising included street banners, t-shirts, posters, stickers with "child labour free" logo etc. The material was produced and distributed to the provinces from the 1st to the 12th of June 2010. The production of materials was co-funded by ILO/IPEC, Winrock International Organisation, and World Vision Cambodia that extensively contributed with funds for launching event on 12 June including the printing of WDACL 2011 materials.
- h) Interviews for newspapers, radio shows and television channels were made and broadly telecasted across the country during all the events organized for the World Day Against Child Labour from 26th May till 12th of June 2011 in Cambodia.

Some of the articles and press-clips from local newspapers have been unofficially translated and attached for reference and information.

12. Please list the number of occasions you or your team were contacted by individuals or organisations (i.e. media, NGOs, etc) for further information. Where possible please provide details.

Below is the list of the number of occasions that Project and Staff members were contacted by individuals or organisations (i.e. media, NGOs, etc) for further information on the WDACL in the country.

1. Media:

- Newspapers: Cambodia Daily, Phnom Penh Post, Reaksmey Kampuchea, Koh Santepheap, Kampuchea Thmey.
- From AFP on Saturday the 11th
- Radio: National Radio AM, 918, FM 96, and Radio: FM 102.75, FM 105, FM 103, FM 93.5, Voice of America, Radio Free Asia, Radio France Internationale, Radio Australia (they conducted a phone interview with ILO-IPEC CTA MP Jospeh on 14 June 2011).
- o Television: National Television of Kampuchea (TVK), TV 3, TV 5 and CTN, TV Bayon, TV Apsara.
- 2. Government, International NGOs, Local NGOs, Employers, Trade Unions and Civil Society groups to the Project and Staff members.

#	Institution	Name	Title	Address	Remarks		
	Government Institutions						
1.	Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training	H.E. Mr. Vong Sauth	Minister, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training	# 3, Russian Federation Blvd, Phnom Penh	H.E. The Minister presided over the ceremony at the riverside on 12 June 2011.		
2.	Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training	Mr. Veng Heang	Director of Department of Child Labour	# 3, Russian Federation Blvd, Phnom Penh			
3.	Ministry of Information	H.E. Mr. Khieu Kanharith Minister of Information	Minister, Ministry of Information	Monivong Blvd.	H.E. The Minister presided over the press conference held at the Ministry of Information on 3 June 2011.		
4.	Ministry of Information/TVK	H.E Mr. Kem Gunawadh	Director General, TVK	Monivong Blvd.	H.E. Mr. Gunawadh participated to the Speaker Event and gave a speech, as well as to the Event at the riverside on 12 June 2011.		
5.	Municipality of Phnom Penh	H.E. Ms. Touch Sarom	Deputy Governor of Phnom Penh Municipality		H.E. Ms Sarom participated to the Event at the riverside on 12 June 2011		
6.	Municipal Department of Labour and Vocational Training (MDLVT) of Phnom Penh	Mr. Nou Nim	Director of MDLVT	No.14, St.26BT, Tnot Chrom village, Beoung Tompun commune, Meanchey district, Phnom Penh.	Municipal Department of Labour and Vocational Training (MDLVT) of Phnom Penh		

7.	Municipal Department of Education, Youth, and Sports of Phnom Penh	Mr. Meas Ngek	Director of MDEYS	Blvd, Norodom	Municipal Department of Education, Youth, and Sports of Phnom Penh
8.	Children Learning Center				
9.	National Union Alliance Chambers Cambodia				
10.	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports	H.E. Dr. Nath Bunroeun	Secretary of State	#80, Blvd, Norodom	
11.	Cambodian National Council For Children	Mrs. Khieu Bory	Secretary General	Doung Ngeab II Phum Kok Chambak, Chom Chao Khan Dongkor	
12.	Children's Committee				
40		E	mployers' Organization		
13.	CAMFEBA	Mr. Teh Sing	Secretary General	#44A, St. 320, Sangkat Boeung Keng Kang III, Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh	Mr. Sing participated and gave a speech during the Press Conference held at the Ministry of Information on 3 June 2011.
14.	CAMFEBA	Mr. Van Sou Ieng	President	#44A, St. 320, Sangkat Boeung Keng Kang III, Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh	
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15.	Cambodian Confederation Trade Union	Mr. Vong Sovann	President	#263, St. 107, Sangkat Boeung Prolit, Khan 7 Makara, Phnom Penh	Trade Unions organized an event on 12 June 2011 on the theme "Where there are Unions there is no child Labour".
16.	PACT Against Child Labour	Mr. Chuon Mom Thol	President	#242A, St.376, Sangkat Boeung Keng Kang III Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh	
			JN Specialized Agencie		_
17.	ILO Better Factory Cambodia	Mr. Tuomo Poutiainen Ms. Catherine Vaillancourt Laflamme	CTA Training Specialist	#9, St 322 Boeung Keng Kang 1, Phnom Penh	
18.	Gender (SPG)	Ms. Undraa Suren	Project Manger	Phnom Penh Center, Building B, 2nd Floor Corner Sihanouk (274) and Sothearos (3) Blvd. Phnom Penh	
19.	ILO JPO	Mr. Sophorn Tun	National Coordinator Cambodia	Phnom Penh Center, Building B, 2nd Floor Corner Sihanouk (274) and	

	Internation	al and National Or	ganizations/NGOs, Civi	Sothearos (3) Blvd. Tonle Bassac, Chamkarmorn, Phnom Penh	nd Others
20.	WINROCK	Ana Dionela	Project Manager	#48, St. 242	
	International	Mr.Porny You	Communication Officer	Phnom Penh	
21.	World Vision – Cambodia	Mr. Pen Chantra	Advocacy Officer	#20, St. 71, Tonle Bassac Chamcar Morn, Phnom Penh	
22.	Cambodian Independent Teachers Association (CITA)	Mr. John C. Friend-Pereira	Advocacy Management Adviser	#54Eo, St. 95, Sangkat Boeung Keng Kang 3, Khan Chamkamon, Phnom Penh	CITA developed a training package on child labour to distribute in schools and they participated to the Speaker Event on 9 June 2011.
23.	LICADHO	Ms. Galabru- Kek	Director	#16. St 99 Phnom Penh	
24.	Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance (KHANA)			#33, Street 71 Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Khan Chamkarmon Phnom Penh - P.O. Box 2311 Phnom Penh 3	
25.	Meta House "German-Cambodian Cultural Center"	Nicolaus Mesterharm	Manager	#37 Sothearos Boulevard, Songkhat Tonle Bassak, Phnom Penh	Meta House hosted the Speaker Event on 9 June.

Annex I

KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA NATION KING RELIGION

Royal Government of Cambodia Circular (ຄະເລີກສິດແອສະດີ) The Observance of the 62nd Anniversary of International Children's Day and 01 June a the 10th Anniversary of the World Day Against Child Labour 12 June, 20

(UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

Every year the Kingdom of Cambodia celebrates the International Children's Day on 01 June and observes the World Day Against Child Labour on 12 June to remind the need of promoting and protecting children's rights as stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and in the International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention 182 on the Immediate Action to Eliminate Worst Forms of Child Labour.

The International Children's Day on the 1st June also commemorates the tragic massacre of women and children in the town of Lidice in the Czech Republic and in Oradour-sur-Glane in France, 1942-1944, during World War II perpetrated by the fascists led by Hitler, and therefore this day wants to remind us the importance of working together to appease violence and maintain peace in the world.

Moreover, the observance of World Day Against Child Labour aims at preventing the use of child labour in worst forms of labour, such as child slavery, child trafficking, child prostitution, use of children in armed conflict, and other hazardous forms of work. Based on the latest ILO's report, there are approximately 115 million children aged from 5 to 17 worldwide that are currently working in the worst forms of child labour. Therefore, the ILO decided to mark the 12 June as the day to observe the World Day Against Child Labour.

Cambodia had gone through a huge and bitter tragedy under the Pol Pot Genocidal Regime during which Cambodian people, youth and children lost their human rights and were forced to work very hard, to live in very bad conditions and punished severely, and a million of them were killed unjustly. After the liberation on 07 January 1979, the survivors were mainly children and young people and their rights have so far been promoted and paid attention to by the RGC that made it clear in the government's constitution and in the current policy programmes. Meanwhile, for the best interest of children, the RGC has ratified many Conventions and Optional Protocols among which:

- 1. Convention on the Child's Rights on 15 October 1992
- 2. Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict
- 3. Optional Protocol to the Convention on child trafficking, child prostitution and child pornography in 2002.
- 4. Convention N° 29 on the forced labour in 1970
- 5. Convention Nº 138 on the Minimum Age for Child Work in 1999
- 6. Convention Nº 182 on the Prohibition and Immediate Action to Eliminate Worst Forms of Child Labour in 2005
- 7. The Hague Convention on Child Protection and the cooperation on International Child Adoption in 2007.

Moreover, the RGC has also released a statement on Cambodia for Children in 2004 and singed a bilateral agreement between Vietnam, Thailand, and other countries in the Mekong Sub-Region to improve the bilateral and multiple co-operation agreements on the elimination of children and women trafficking. The RGC has increased its action to support and protect children improving their best interests and trying to better implement the 4 major rights of the child, namely right to survive, right to protection, right to development, and right to participation. The status of

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mother-infant relation, education, and child abuse prevention has been improved providing great results for the millennium development goals. Furthermore, the RGC has increased the budget to be allocated in the areas of social affairs, education, health, rural development, agriculture and other sectors which aim at promoting people's well-being especially for children. However, Cambodian children still face challenges which need our full attention and immediate effective action. These problems consist of maternal an infant mortality, gender equity, drugs, human trafficking, underage law conflict, violence, child abuse and worst form of child labour. To improve the implementation of the rights of the child making it more effective, the RGC would like to observe the 62nd Anniversary of International Children Day and the 10th Anniversary of the World Day Against Child Labour and Cambodian Children Day in 2011 as below:

- 1. The 62nd Anniversary of International and Cambodia Children Day, 1 June will be held under the topic **"Equal** right to life for all children-working together to reduce child morality across Cambodia"
- The 10th Anniversary of World Day Against Child Labour, 12 June will be held under the topic "Warning! Children in Hazardous Work - End Child Labour"
- 3. The Ministry of Information needs to collaborate with the Cambodia National Council for Children in advising public and private media to advocate nation-wide on the history of the International and Cambodian Children Day 01 June and of the World Day Against Child Labour 12 June.
- 4. All municipal and provincial ministries and institutes have to coordinate meetings with children and organize events for them within their ministries, institutions, private and public education centres, NGOs, orphanages, etc.
- 5. The Cambodia National Council for Children, Ministry of Social Affair, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, National Committee on National and International Event, Phnom Penh Municipality, and all related institutions have to collaborate in coordinating a national meeting organizing entertainment programmes for children in Phnom Penh city.
- 6. All municipal and provincial ministries and institutions, as well as public and private establishments have to prepare and place the slogans and banners in the public places to observe the 62nd Anniversary International Children Day 01 June, the 10th Anniversary World Day Against Child Labour 12 June, and the Cambodian Children Day as below:
 - Long Life to the Kingdom of Cambodia!
 - Appreciate the 62nd Anniversary International Children Day 01 June and 10th Anniversary World Day Against Child Labour 12 June 2011
 - Equal rights to life for all children Working together to reduce child morality across Cambodia
 - Warning! Children in Hazardous Work End Child Labour
 - Children are bamboo shoot and the future of our country
 - Commit to widely advocate the 3 good initiatives: Good Child, Good Student and Good Friend
- 7. The Ministry of Economy and Finance has to properly coordinate the budget allocation for these events.

Having received this circulation, all ministries, relevant institutions and municipal and provincial authorities have to implement the required activities for these events with high responsibility and in an effective manner.

Received place:

- Ministry of Royal Palace
- Senate Directorate
- Parliament Directorate
- Government Directorate

Phnom Penh, 18 May, 2011

- Deputy Prime Minister Cabinet
- Royal Affair
- Archive

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- All ministries and institution
- Municipal and Provincial Office
- Samdach Prime Minister Cabinet

Prime Minister Samdach Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen

Annex II

KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA NATION KING RELIGION

Royal Government of Cambodia

Letter Of Samdach Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Royal Government of Cambodia on the Occasion of The 62nd Anniversary of International Children's Day 01 June and the 10th Anniversary of World Day Against Child Labour 12 June, 2011

(UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

- All venerable monks
- All Cambodian people and beloved children

On the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of the International Children's Day 01 June and of the 10th Anniversary of World Day Against Child Labour 12 June, 2011, and on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I am pleased and proud to celebrate these two events everywhere in Cambodia.

I strongly support all action programmes being implemented in Cambodia so far and addressing the basic needs of children stated in the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and in the constitution of Cambodia which ensures rights to every child living in the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia regardless ethnicity and colour.

For the best interest of children, Cambodia has ratified the International Convention on Child's Right on 15 October, 1992. The constitution of Cambodia in 1993 also states that the government has to ensure the protection of children's rights as mentioned in the convention which includes the right to survive, right to development, right to protection, and right to participation. The government also provides support against those forms of work which harm the education, health and well-being of children. So far Cambodia also ratified some other International Labour Conventions, such as Convention 138 on the Minimum Age for Employment, Convention 182 on the Prohibition and Immediate Action to Eliminate Worst Forms of Child Labour, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on Rights of Children in Armed Conflict, Child Trafficking, Child Prostitution and Child Photography, the Optional Protocol on Suppression and Punishment on Human Trafficking especially women and children, and the Hague Convention on Child Protection and Cooperation related to Inter-Country Adoption.

In fact, at the time of ratifying the above mentioned conventions and optional protocols, the Royal Government also focused on providing the right to economy and social sectors where considered relevant and they have been included in the development agenda. In if we look back to the condition of economy and social rights after the liberation on 07 January, 1979, all Cambodian people, including children, possessed nothing, no rice, no clothes, and even no appropriate shelter. Our people in the whole country lived in poverty, distress, and were exposed to illnesses. In the last 3 decades, Cambodia has achieved a great deal in respect of infrastructure development, economy, social, cultural, and religious development which are at the basis for sustainable development, poverty reduction, and institutional growth, right to freedom, human dignity, and democracy.

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This year we celebrate the 62nd Anniversary of the International Children's Day 01 June under the topic **"Equal right to life for all children-working together to reduce child morality across Cambodia"** and observe the 10th Anniversary of the World Day Against Child Labour with the theme **"Warning! Children in Hazardous Work-End Child Labour"**. These events are celebrated within a wider policy/development framework which includes the ILO/IPEC's Time Bound Project Phase II, the Millennium Development Goals, the Education for All national strategy, and the Global Goal on the Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour. Therefore, in this meaningful day, we all need to work harder to:

- 1. Motivate all pregnant women to make maternal care visits before they deliver their baby and to have their baby delivered in a proper conventional health centre. At the same time, health service providers must focus on caring for mothers, infants, and children by providing them with the 8 basic vaccinations. They should also raise awareness on the importance of exclusive breast feeding till the infants reach their 6th month. The children should also be provided with full nutrition including micro-nutrient food such as iron, zinc, vitamin A, and iodine, etc. This is an important factor to reduce infant and child mortality rates as well as for preventing the transmission of other diseases from mother to child.
- 2. Provide opportunity for education to children by improving the quality of education through formal and informal education curricula so that all children will acquire knowledge and know-how through good education which will create valuable human resources for defending, building, and developing the country connecting the Educational Strategic Plan to peace education, respect for the culture, human rights, democracy, and justice.
- 3. Protect children from hazards such as trafficking, exploitation in the sex industry, use of drugs, and all forms of discrimination, engaging immediately in the removal of children from the worst forms of child labour.
- 4. Improve children's participation at both national and international level and accept the ideas of children integrating them in the national action.

In order to deal with the above mentioned issues, the royal government has been paying attention to the basic rights of the child and clearly stated that **Children are like bamboo shoots and are the future of the country.** Meanwhile, many national policy plans and strategies have been taking children into consideration. The RGC has committed itself to increase the intervention in the social affair sector through allocating additional national budget to education, health, rural development, agriculture, and other programmes aimed at improving children's well-being. At the same time, I would like to use the occasion of 01 June and 12 June to address the entire international community and all Cambodians, appealing for global commitment on children who will be the backbone of our future nation.

On this occasion, I would like to give my appreciation and congratulations to the parents and teachers for their love to children, for their merciful care in educating our children, sacrificing everything they have for children and students. I would like to thank civil servants of relevant institutions as well as development partners, national an international organizations for having initiated programmes to provide services to children fulfilling their duty to promote children's rights and well-being in Cambodia. At the same time, I would like to appeal to all children to study hard and preserve our Khmer culture in order to be a **Good Child, a Good Student and Good People** for the future of Cambodian society.

I would also like to give my appreciation to the Cambodia National Committee for Children, to the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation and to all other relevant ministries and institutions that always struggle to implement the national policies of the RGC and also deal with all constraints in order to develop children's well-being and contribute to creating better conditions for Cambodian children in accordance with the Millennium Development Goals.

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Finally, I would like to offer to all venerable monks and all Cambodian people, as well as teachers and my dear beloved children, the four Buddha's blessing: Longevity, nobility, health and Strength forever. Phnom Penh, 18 June 2011 Prime Minister Samdach Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen

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The Life of a Child Labourer

You are cordially invited to a unique speaker event staged by the International Labour Organizations's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (ILO/IPEC) in collaboration with Winrock International (WI). Former child labourers, now removed from hazardous work and in school will give an account in their own words of their time as working children and of the changes in their life now that they have been put in schools through the support of the Royal Government of Cambodia, ILO/IPEC, and WI. This event, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the World Day Against Child Labour (June 12th) and in the immediate aftermath of International Children's Day (June 1st) will give participants a rare opportunity to hear the testimonies of child labourers first hand and to ask these remarkable young people about their past and present experiences. The event will also showcase a small Photo Exhibition on child labour in Cambodia and participants will be given an overview of the country's progress and challenges in the struggle for Cambodia to become free of child labour.





Where: META HOUSE PHNOM PENH (German Cambodian Cultural Center) #37 Sothearos Boulevard, Songkhat Tonle Bassak, Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh. When: June 9th at 6.30 pm

A Kingdom free of child labour

Analysis

MP Joseph

N 12 June, Cambodia along with the rest of the world will focus attention on an issue which has for years stunted the economic, social and humanitarian potential of many nations. On that day, Child Labour will take centre stage as the world observes the World Day Against Child Labour 2011 and advocates for immediately ending its worst forms.

The theme of this year's World Day is on the need to tackle hazardous work of children, work that is likely to harm children's health, safety or morals, and which makes up more than 90 percent of Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL). The International Labour Organisation's (ILO) most recent global estimate is that 115 million children are involved in the WFCL.

Here at home, Cambodia is pledged to end the WFCL by the end of the year 2016, thereby becoming one of the very first countries to accept this global goal of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and be a model for other countries in the region. The Royal Government of Cambodia has identified 16 types of child labour including brick making, fishing, salt production, work in rubber plantation, construction, scavenging, etc. as hazardous to children below 18 and it intends to remove the over 310,000 children estimated (in 2008) to be working in them.

The country has undertaken a combination of model interventions to do so – starting with listing children who work in the hazardous sectors and counselling their parents, creating consensus to remove their children from work and sending them to school or to non-formal bridge courses or in the case of older children to vocational skills training, and providing parents with livelihood opportunities.

I have been working on child labour in Cambodia for six years now and I can realistically say that if the present pace of work continues, Cambodia can end the worst forms of child labour by 2016. Already we are seeing remarkable declining trends of child labour. In Kep province in 2008, a study found 2000 children working in the worst forms of child labour. In



Two Cambodian boys sell garlands at Kandal Market in downtown Phnom Penh yesterday. WILL BAXTER

December 2010 however this number was found to have been reduced to 400. In 2008 there were 2000 children working in the salt industry in the Kampot province, but by December 2010 this number had decreased to around 250 children. Similar results are reported from Banteay Meanchay. Kep province is poised to be the first child labour free province in Cambodia by June 2012 and the salt sector in the country will be completely free of child labour by December 2012.

These efforts are transforming the lives of numerous children in the country. But real change will happen only when each of us as individuals can make the responsible decision to take a stand against child labour. In the long term not actively discoursing child labour is a cruel act which keeps them out of school, impacts their health, sustains their poverty and hampers their future economic progress.

Other challenges remain. If Cambodia's efforts to end the WFCL by 2016 are to bear fruition, there is need for an additional investment of about a US\$100 million on child labour over the next five and half years. Peanuts really! However the reality is that apart from the United States Department of Labour, there are very few other donors supporting Cambodia's efforts on child labour. The donor community and development agencies in Cambodia need to invest in efforts to end child labour, funding child labour elimination programmes and projects of the Government, NGOs, Civil Society etc in the country.

Lest we forget. Child labourers are among the most vulnerable groups in our society. They cannot fight for their own rights and they do not have access to the media to tell their stories. When they do speak up, they are often ignored or punished. If Cambodia is to realise its dreams of becoming a developed nation, it is paramount that our commitment in wiping out child labour continues. The ILO is working towards a Cambodia where the only job a child has to do is being a child, the only work and where a child's education always comes first.

They call Cambodia, a Kingdom of Wonder.

Let us make it a Kingdom without Child Labour.

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Children hold anti-child labour posters during a gathering at Wat Botum park in Phnom Penh yesterday. PHA LINA

Child street sellers targetted

Kim Yuthana

OVERNMENT officials announced a project yesterday to turn the capital's Chaktomuk riverside area into a "child labour-free zone" by next year as part of a plan to eliminate the worst forms of child labour in the Kingdom by 2016.

At the World Day Against Child Labour ceremony held in Phnom Penh yesterday, attended by around 1,000 people, Muńicipal Deputy Governor Touch Sarom said that the one-year project aimed to combat serious forms of child labour by placing children in the education system.

"We have to send children to school to urge them to be well-educated youths to contribute to the development of the country," she said, adding that the project would receive funding and technical support from the International Labour Organisation.

Project workers have already identified around 400 children who sell flowers, books and trinkets along Phnom Penh's riverside, as well as around 1,600 children considered at risk of participating in such activities, Joseph Menacherry, chief technical advisor at the ILO's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labour, said yesterday.

"This has been identified by the government as one of the worst forms of child labour," he said. "There is going to be a lot of work with the children, but also work with [local] shop-owners to discourage child labour."

"We [will] also help some of the poorest of the poor of the parents with income generation support," he said.

Twelve-year-old Sang Pis-

eth, who sells books and bracelets on the riverside, said yesterday that he did not like the job but had to work because his parents needed money.

"We are poor, I have not much choice to decide," he said. "I want to run any type of small business so that I can have more time to sleep."

Lau Lisa, aged eight, attends school during the day but sells books along Phnom Penh's riverside between 5pm and midnight.

"I am not sure I can stop selling books because there nine people in the family, none of them work, so I love to earn money and cover their costs," she said yesterday.

Joseph Menacherry said that the ILO plans to provide around US\$120,000 in funding for the project.

"We would be admitting around 2,000 children (into education], and some of them will go into non-formal education, vocational training, but the bulk of them will be going into schools," he said.

"We are putting in place a child labour monitoring system which would be in place by the time this one year [project] is over."

Minister of Labour and Vocational Training, Vong Sauth, said at the ceremony yesterday at Wat Botum that the programme was due to be completed by the Municipal Department of Labour and Vocational Training, in cooperation with ILO, by June 12 next year.

An ILO report released on Friday estimated that there are around 215 million child labourers worldwide, out of whom an estimated 115 million participate in "hazardous work". ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY MARY KOZLOVSKI





ILO Commends Deputy Prime Minister's Commitment to ending Worst Forms of Child Labour

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(ILO Cambodia) The International Labour Organization (ILO) today welcomed the Deputy Prime Minister's statement that she will appeal to the government to invest further in ending the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Cambodia.

In her address at the 62nd Anniversary of International Children's Day and 10th Anniversary of the World Day Against Child Labour June 12th H.E Men Sam An, Deputy Prime Minister responded positively to an appeal from the ILO for the Royal Government to next year begin to put aside special funds for the elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Cambodia by 2016, in addition to encouraging donors to fund Cambodian efforts towards ending the Worst Forms of Child Labour in the Kingdom by 2016.

The Deputy Prime Minister stated today that she will bring the issue to the attention of the Prime Minister, Hun Sen and engage the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training and the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation in herefforts. She went on to say that Cambodia's Child Labour publem was rooted in poverty. "It is poverty that has caused children to experience labour exploitation. Some work has affected their health and some is so hazardous that it has made them disabled and weakened their intelligence."

At today's event in Phnom Penh, Joseph Menacherry, Chief Technical Advisor of the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour appealed to the Deputy Prime Minister to take action to fund programmes for eliminating the worst forms of child labour in the country, estimating that it would cost 20 million USD a year over the next five years to see the Worst Forms of Child Labour ended in Cambodia. "A request from the Government to the donor community to provide this modest funding for the children who work in the country would change the lives of those child laboures on whose behalf we meet here today" he said.

Mr Menacherry went on to state that Child Labour is bad for the country's business. "There is a realisation that only an educated, skilled workforce can sustain the economic changes that we have begun to see in Cambodia in this last decade and that since child labour deprives children of the opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge and deskills not only the child but the whole country. Child Labour prevents and retards economic growth."

HE Mr. Ith Sam Heng, Minister for Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, Mrs Ying Sokary, Chief of Non Government Organization Committeee on the Rights of the Child and Ms Isabelle Austin of UNICEF also spoke on the occasion. The celebration of children's rights also featured children's dancing and a presentation of gifts to children.

Today's proceedings mark the beginning of numerous events around the country which will commemorate International Children's Day June 1" and observe the World Day Against Child Labour June 12th. The theme of this year's World Day is the need to tackle hazardous work of children, work that is likely to harm children's health, safety or morals, and which makes up more than 90% of Worst Forms of Child Labour. It is estimated that close to 300,000 Cambodian children are engaged in child labour today.

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OBSERVING THE WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR, 2011 LAUNCHING A ONE YEAR PROGRAMME FOR DECLARING THE RIVERSIDE IN PHNOM PENH A CHILD LABOUR FREE ZONE

Phnom Penh (ILO News) – On the 10th anniversary of the World Day Against Child Labour this year, the theme of the World Day Against Child Labour is *Warning! Children in Hazardous Work - End Child Labour*, which is especially relevant for Cambodia. The Royal Government of Cambodia is one of the first countries in the world that has already committed itself to end the worst forms of child labour by 2016. In Cambodia, as has been the practice for these many years, the observance of the WDACL begins with the International Children's Day (being celebrated on 26 May 11, this year) and will end on 12 June.

The Municipal Department of Labour and Vocational Training Phnom Penh supported by IPEC has been implementing an Action Programme called <u>Towards creating a model of a Child Labour (Worst Forms) Free Zone in an</u> <u>Urban Setting in Phnom Penh Municipality</u> that seeks to mobilize all stakeholders and particularly the restaurants, hotels, shops, small businesses and other business houses in the area, as well as NGOs, the children and their parents, the tourist associations and the tourists themselves, all the relevant Government Municipal Departments, local authorities, etc towards ensuring that the goal of the Action Programme of completely ending the Worst Forms of Child Labour on the Phnom Penh Riverside and declaring it a Child Labour Free Zone is achieved by June 2012.

In the context of the above it is proposed to focus an important part of this year's WDACL towards highlighting the association between a growing tourism industry in Cambodia and hazardous child labour. This is sought to be done through organizing a major event on the WDACL at the Riverside for the observance of the World Day Against Child Labour 2011. The event would be presided over by H.E. Mr. Vong Sauth, Minister of the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training. His Excellency would be launching a twelve month intensive effort to end child labour in the River Side and declare so that it can be declared a CL. Free Zone by June 2012. The event would seek support and full cooperation of all sections of government and society for the effective implementation and success of the Project towards achieving the 2015 and 2016 targets for reducing child labour and ending its worst forms in Cambodia.

The event is proposed to be held on 12 June, 2011 at 07:00 AM in front of Botom pagoda with a rally by hundreds identified child labourers targeted for rehabilitation. It will include 300 such children already integrated into non formal education centres, schools and vocational training centres. The rally will also include 200 other children from the schools nearby where the target children have been integrated as well as teachers etc. It will also include children from scouts and guides, marching bands of children, and hundreds of adults from the relevant government municipal departments, media, local authorities, employers and trade unions, etc. The rally will end with a public gathering.

We would request the media to participate in this event and give wide publicity to it and help in making the Riverside free of the WFCL by June next year, and thereby assist in ending the WFCL in Cambodia by 2016.

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Observing the World Day Against Child Labour on the theme of: "WHERE THERE ARE UNIONS, THERE IS NO CHILD LABOUR"

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