Practical Guide Working
With Orphans & Vulnerable Children “OVC”

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### Epidemiological Background

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<td><strong>Adult Prevalence</strong></td>
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<td><strong>ANC Prevalence</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Number of People Living with HIV (15-49 yrs)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Number of Children Living with HIV</strong></td>
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Source of Information: HIV Sentinel Survey (HSS)- NCHADS 2006
About Orphans & Vulnerable Children: OVC

- 9% aged 0-17 estimated as orphans or vulnerable (NIS/ORC MACRO 2005)
- 1% have lost both parents (NIS/ORC MACRO 2005)
- 3,870 ages of 0-14 living with HIV (NCHADS, 2007)
- 142,715 AIDS-affected orphans represent one quarter of orphans in the country.
Our Works with OVC:

- Currently work with 63 Implementing Partners (IPs)- work in both prevention, care & support & Impact Mitigation at 17 Provinces in Cambodia
- 31 IPs work directly with OVC and covered of 17,000 OVC under home care team (HCT)
- Standard Package of Activities (SPA) is a guide for IPs to work with OVC in comprehensive services
- Practical Guide/ Pathway for Children is additional tools to support program implementation reaching OVC for sustainable community mobilization & resources meeting the needs of children
Background to the development of Practical Guide/Pathway for Children

- June 2003, KHANA joined and worked together with a regional group of OVC experts from India and Thailand to produce "Building Blocks Asia", published by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance.

- The generic tools were then taken away to the country and then through participatory writing workshops, finally we were able to produce it into our local Khmer language version.

- The practical guide has been widely used in Cambodia by both KHANA and Non-KHANA Implementing Partners (IPs) throughout the country.
This overview is divided into two sections:

- **Issues** – summarizes the impact of HIV/AIDS on children, and explains why program should pay attention to the needs of infected and affected children.

- **Principles and strategies** – outlines general principles of programming to strengthen support for infected and affected children, families and communities, in line with the Principles to guide programming for orphans and other children affected by HIV/AIDS.
Toolkit/Pathway for Children

The guides cover the following topics:

- Health and nutrition
- Livelihoods and economics
- Education and training
- Care and psychosocial support
- Social inclusion
- Protection
Illustrating Pictures within the Practical Guide/Pathway for Children
Challenges in the development of a Practical Guide/Pathway for Children

- Language is still a great challenge for the NGOs/CBOs to access more documentation and or toolkits working with children.
- Most NGOs/CBOs working with OVC have limited knowledge and skills in working with children in particular the understanding of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).
- Although national policies and guidelines existed, but there is a limitation of dissemination and accessibility of the policies and guidelines to NGOs/CBOs working with children.
Lessons Learned & Move Forward

• Patience and commitment and investing time by all involved in the development are the key success to make the practical guide possible.
• Although English is a challenge for all involved in the development of practical guide, but it is so critical to use it as an entry of the development.
• Booklet companion is very important to support the effective utilization of those interested in the practical guide.
• Training, coaching, exchange learning and sharing on the usage of practical guide are the phenomenon to improve the practical guide for the best interest of children.