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## Strengthening Parents Protecting Children

The high prevalence of harsh, poor and/or negative parenting – with violence against children at the most extreme – calls for nationwide positive parenting support for all parents and caregivers, including expecting and future parents and caregivers. Though, different parents and caregivers represent different levels of risks for harsh, poor and/or negative parenting. ICS-SP has provided locally coordinated Positive Parenting training sessions to 1,900 (393 are fathers) parents and caregivers, giving them the confidence and skill to be excellent role models for 4,750 children and their communities.



## Group-based Fatherhood Engagement



The risk factors for child abuse are varied and include parents' lack of understanding of child development. There are 30 fathers have been engaged in positive parenting training enabling them to increase protective factors in families by increasing fathers' positive parenting skills, appropriate discipline, effective communication, emotional support, and stress management. Help fathers improving their parenting can have a double effect, by reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors. not only can children face a reduced risk of maltreatment, but they can also benefit from positive father involvement.



Based on findings from pre and post tests with 973 parents/caregivers, found that percentage of parents/caregivers who performed child-rearing with low risk of violence against children has increased from 10% to 39%. Percentage of parents/caregivers who executed child-rearing with significant risk of violence against children has fallen from 16% to 4%. Percentage of parents/caregivers who executed child-rearing with high risk of violence against children has dropped from 44% to 7%.

Behavior Change  
of Positive  
Parenting Practices

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- មានការគ្រប់គ្រង ក្នុងការប្រតិបត្តិការងារ
- ការគ្រប់គ្រង ក្នុងការសម្របសម្រួល ភាពស្មោះត្រង់ និង ភាពស្មោះត្រង់
- មានការ គ្រប់គ្រង ក្នុងការសម្របសម្រួល (គ្រួសារ, គ្រួសារ, គ្រួសារ...)
- គ្រួសារ គ្រប់គ្រង ក្នុងការសម្របសម្រួល

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បញ្ជាក់ ក្នុងការងារ ប្រចាំថ្ងៃ

Capacity Development for Effective Implementation

While the Positive Parenting implementation was being directly reached in a big number of parents and caregivers, there are 40 excellent community-based facilitators have been trained and gradually mentored by the ICS-SP program teams. They are now becoming local-based resources to continue implementation.



## Testimonial: Positive Parenting Session Improve Marriage Relationship

*By Mr. Chum Kosal, Field Officer, ICS-SP*

**BATTAMBANG, Cambodia, December 2019** – A friendly and welcoming atmosphere family, and lovely couple, Mr. Vith Saoloy, 36-year old and his wife, Yai Chantry, 35, are happily living in a small wooden house, in Sdao village, Baydomram commune, Banan district, since their marriage that arranged by both sides of their parents; with their newborn baby and daughter, 5 years old, who is really enjoying her community.

Similar to most early married couples in the rural areas, Vith Saoloy and Yai Chantry were preached and taught of how to live as a couple life by the grandmaster, elders and parents as well as family and society. But they never told of how to take care the children.

Thus, Vith Saoloy and Yai Chantry did not understand how to nature and cultivate their children properly. They followed the ancestral pattern and norms of the past that allowed masculine members to use violence to the family. For example, man often hits his child and wife whenever he is angry.

In addition, Vith Saoloy did not know any child's rights, the basic human right that his child should receive proper care.

Moreover, he never took his children to health center (HC) when they were sick. He knew only one thing is to earn money to feed the family.

*Mr. Vith Saoloy (left), Loy Srey Sor (middle) and  
Yai Chantry with her newborn baby (right)  
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His wife, Yai Chantry said, "In the past, my husband had never learned how to raise a child, and in each discipline that attamed, he failed to do so." Sometime child abuse created conflict and let this couple bickering. Chnatry recalled "I felt so pity for my little girl, I can hardly stand for some time,". And she added "My husband just left this duty to me; I personally did not know much either of how to raise the child. I just did what I believed ad followed the usual practices and norms."

This training course made Saoloy wake up up and felt regretfully. "I've done lot things that were wrong to my children and my wife." Saoloy recalled sadly. As he studied each lesson and became clear to him that parenting is not an easy task. From one lesson to the next he was remind him to admit the mistake that he had done to his poor daughter. Ever since then realized how to raise children in a positive way, Saoloy reduced the violence and he committed to take care of his wife and children especially his small daughter. When his daughter was sick, and he took her to health center immediately.

His wife was so happy while husband has changed by used the good words to praise and encourage the child as well as accept and forgive any mistakes.

Saoloy said, "By the time I finish the course, I knew whether my child is good or not is from me." Now, he has learned many things including the ager management, using good words with children and how to manage budget for his family.



*Yai Chantry with her newborn baby (right) joint the positive parenting session*

*@ICS-SP/UNICEF Cambodia*

The domestic violence ended while improving relationship and raising happiness within the family. Saoloy and Chantry understood each hearts and minds. They talked openly and discussed things truthfully. Their daughter also turned to behave better, and she dared to come and play with the father. The relationship between husband, wife and children are now very close and friendly.

They always seek to learn more about the child rights and reduction of violence against children as well as helps to mobilize the villagers to come for the parenting sessions. They also helped to explain for those whom missed the class. Both Saoloy and Chantry has requested if the positive parenting sessions to expand to every villages across the province.

Without involving with the positive parenting session level 2, Saoloy and Chantry's family was not better like today. Saoloy and Chantry's story is an example of how the interventions that used the Positive Parenting-Toolkit level 2 has contributed to lives' parents in the rural areas.



## WHO WE ARE

Improving Cambodia's Society through Skillful Parenting (ICS-SP) was born in 2015. ICS-SP aims to improve family lives that have a significant impact on the well-being of children and women. We aim to achieve this goal by working with parents and caregivers, by strengthening families and communities, and by strengthening and influencing the government, civil society and private sector towards better policies and practice to fulfill the protection of children. At the core of ICS-SP approach is Skillful Parenting program to reduce and prevent violence against children and to promote age appropriate parenting.



## OUR VISION

Create a safe, non-violent, and positive family environment where children can fully enjoy their rights and grow to their full potential.



## OUR MISSION

Promote Skillful/Positive Parenting in Cambodia to equip parents/caregivers with knowledge, skill, and confidence to prevent violence against women and children.



## OUR VALUES

We realize that many more model parents can be achieved if we work together with other organizations to achieve our mission and goals. We use a collaborative style in interacting both within our team as well as with our partners and participants.

In the year 2019, it was a great time for ICS-SP (Improving Cambodia's Society through Skillful Parenting), as the organization has been able to provide Positive Parenting intervention support to on a larger scale, to parents and caregivers, than any other previous year's implementation. More than 1,600 parents and caregivers have directly gained Positive Parenting knowledge and skill, making a considerably positive impact to the lives of approximately 2,600 children in the communities of Phnom Penh, Kandal, Battambang, and Siem Reap provinces. This is a significant effort to eliminate all forms of violence against children in Cambodia.

The above-mentioned number could not have been reached without 40 excellent community-based facilitators who have been trained and gradually mentored by the ICS-SP program teams. They are mostly represented by DCWC's officers, DoWA's officers, DoSVY's Social workers, CCWC focal point, village leaders, health support and village volunteers. They are now becoming local-based resources to continue implementing the Positive Parenting support for other vulnerable parents and caregivers in their communities.

By the end of year, two annual summative workshops on Positive Parenting Implementation had been organized at Siem Reap and Battambang provinces, which was attended by key government officials from provincial to commune level, Unicef, and community-based facilitators to share key accomplishments and challenges. A promise has been made by each targeted commune leader to continue implementing positive parenting in the whole community. They emphasized the importance of positive parenting for prevention and protection of violence against children.

Finally, I would like to thank ICS-SP donors especially Unicef Cambodia and Save the Children through FCF | REACT who provided both financial and technical supports for Positive Parenting implementation. I also express my appreciation for ICS-SP colleagues and government officials at national and sub-national level who contributed all efforts to deliver positive parenting support for vulnerable parents and caregivers in the communities where ICS-SP works.

Special thanks for parents, caregivers and children who participated with ICS-SP for the positive change of children's lives.

Yours sincerely,  
Vivodin Chhay



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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Statement of Comprehensive Income	2019 USD	2018 USD		Statement of Financial Position	2019 USD	2018 USD
Income	\$ 137,815.46	\$ 181,017.94		Total Assets	\$ 52,477.42	\$ 28,763.01
Expenditure	\$ 113,145.40	\$ 190,435.23		Total Liabilities	\$ 20,639.97	\$ 21,595.62
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	\$ 24,670.06	\$ (9,417.29)		Net Assets	\$ 31,837.45	\$ 7,167.39