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STOP-TB Project

Ratanakiri Province

Summary Report of Activities
October 1st, 2006 to September 30st, 2007

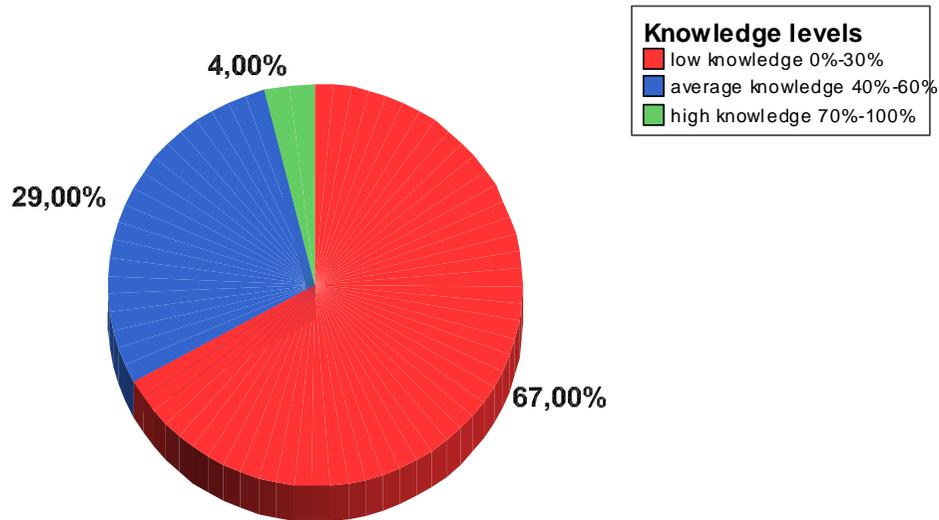
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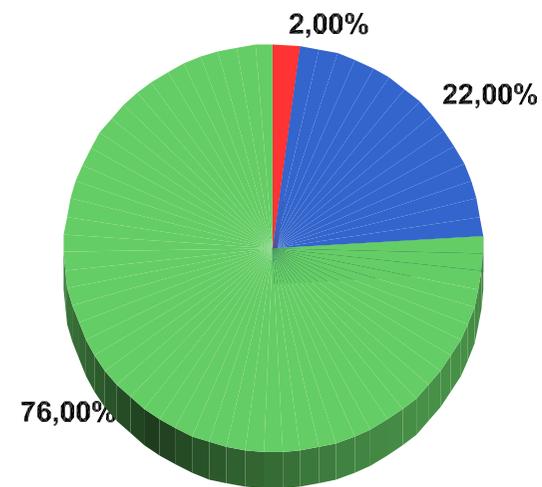
1. Community Awareness Raising + Active Case Detection

- ⇒ From October 2006 until the end of September 2007 VOR ORT implemented 40 awareness raising performances with a total number of 2387 participants (1230 female). The number of participants varies according to seasonal availability of village population that is connected to the occupation of the population with their farming. Especially during the beginning and the end of dry season which represent the planting and harvesting seasons people are less available in their villages to participate in activities like awareness raising performances. Other outreach activities were 27 missions with a focus on only collecting sputum from TB suspects, 32 community DOTS follow ups and 7 follow up visits to prevent patients from defaulting from treatment.
- ⇒ During active case finding in the community a total number of 212 TB suspects were identified. Sputum was taken on the spot of 124 TB suspects and 88 persons were referred to a health facility for a sputum examination.
- ⇒ 79 times the project cooperated with local counterparts from public health care facilities in awareness raising and case finding activities.
- ⇒ *Since July 2007 one of the projects trainers joined back to his government profession and had to stop working with the project. The replacement for this trainer position was postponed due to a pending insecure funding situation for this position. Due to this reason and a serious illness of one other employee who had to undergo surgery, the field team was reduced to only 2/3 of its capacity for the implementation of outreach activities.*
- ⇒ In order to assess the effectiveness of awareness raising performances, the knowledge of participants was evaluated before and after the awareness raising performances. For this purpose 200 persons were interviewed twice up to now. The results show that before the performance only a minority of about 4% had a high knowledge about TB and could answer 7 to 10 questions about symptoms and treatment of TB correctly. After the performance a proportion of 76 % of the same group showed high knowledge about TB.





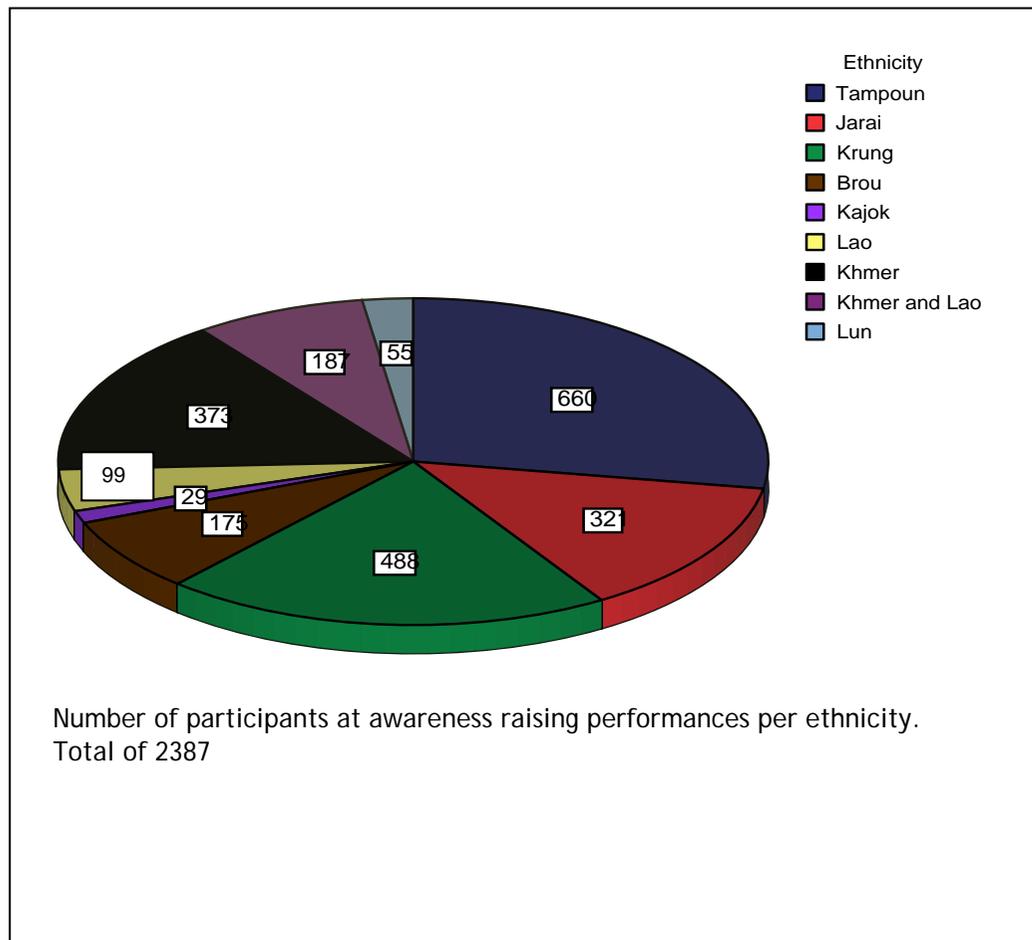
Knowledge of participants at awareness raising performances in pre test



Knowledge of participants at awareness raising performances in post test

The pie charts above show the results of the knowledge tests implemented with a sample size of 200 participants.

⇒ World TB day was celebrated in Ou Ya Dav district with the presence of the director of the PHD, the chief of OD, the Program manager of the contractor Health Net International and approximately 300 hundred participants.



2. Patient Education and Support

- ⇒ In order to ensure that financial constrains do not inhibit poor patients from accessing treatment, the project continued to provide nutrition and utensil support to all TB patients hospitalized. Also transportation expenses to get medication in the treatment facilities were reimbursed to patients in continuation phase.
- ⇒ The project implemented 207 patient education sessions about TB, peer education in the community, community DOTS and nutrition in the TB units of the province.

Period October 2006-September 2007		Frequency of patient education sessions
TB-unit	Provincial Hospital	35
	Lumphat Health Center	41
	Veun Sai Health Center	46
	Borkeo Health Center	41
	Ou Ya Dav Health Center	44
	Total	207

3. Training and Workshops for Government Staff

⇒ VOR ORT facilitated an evaluation meeting -in cooperation with the counterparts from the PHD and the OD- with participants from all Health Posts and Health Centers (including Laboratory staff). The meeting was also joined by the deputy program manager of Health Services in the Province Health Net International. During the meeting participants identified once more the different obstacles and threads they are facing in implementing TB activities and formulated alternatives for the solution.

⇒ VOR ORT in cooperation with the TB supervisors from the OD and the PHD developed a slide presentation focussing on refreshing the knowledge of health center staff about TB who are not necessarily linked to the NTP. It was seen as a great weakness that in many Health Centers the regular OPD staff that has the first contact to patients coming for examination, do not have sufficient knowledge about TB symptoms and are not clear about the diagnostic process.

This presentation is shown to the staff from Health Centers when the

OD/PHD TB supervisors perform monitoring visits to Health Centers together with VOR ORT. The Presentation summarizes:

- Identification of TB suspects
- Diagnostic procedures
- Laboratory work
- Targets and results per Health Center

⇒ 3 medical doctors from the referral hospital and the OD TB supervisor attended a training in the interpretation of chest x-Ray that was organized by the CENAT

Capacity Building for Project Staff

- ⇒ Trainers of the project participated in training course about basic health education implemented by Medicam in Battambang
- ⇒ The Finance Assistant joined a one weeks course : "Internal Financial Controls" facilitated by SILAKA
- ⇒ The Office Manager participated also in a SILAKA course about "Office Management"
- ⇒ The Team Leader and the Project Adviser joined a training about "Organization Assessment and Development" implemented by MDF in Hanoi Vietnam.
- ⇒ And Team Leader, Project Manager and Project Adviser participated in a one week training in intercultural cooperation that was facilitated by AGEH in Bali, Indonesia.
- ⇒ As a preparation for the localization of the organization all project employees participated in a review of project policies and regulations as a step to drafting statutes for the local NGO.
- ⇒ The management style within the project is participatory and all staff on all level is at all time involved in decision making and design of activities.
- ⇒ Computer skills are improved on the job for the different levels of staff skills.

Other

- ⇒ VOR ORT has been approached by the directors of the Ratanakiri Referral Hospital to become member of the hospital management committee and the technical meeting. VOR ORT is the only NGO participating and was selected to participate because of its long term experience, engagement and commitment working in the Ratanakiri Referral Hospital.
- ⇒ VOR ORT also facilitates the implementation of Health Sector and general NGO meetings every month