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Agreement

BETWEEN

**National Center for
HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD
(NCHADS)**

AND

**Reproductive and Child Health Alliance
(RACHA)**

**For the Implementation of
STI/RTI case management
(Including syphilis screening among pregnant women)**

2009 – 2013



INTRODUCTION

The National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STIs (NCHADS) of Ministry of Health (MOH) of Cambodia, Provincial Health Departments (PHD) and Reproductive and Child Health Alliance (RACHA) agree that close collaboration and coordination between government and NGOs will strengthen the quality, increase usage of sexually transmitted and reproductive tract infections (STI/RTI) services at health centers (HC) level and syphilis screening among antenatal care (ANC) clients.

RACHA is a Cambodian NGO, officially recognized by the Ministry of Interior in February 2003. RACHA received funds from the American people through USAID to support the implementation of STI/RTI case management and syphilis screening among pregnant women within the framework of the Strategic Plans for HIV/AIDS and STI Prevention and Care of the MOH, 2006-2010. RACHA will jointly support and collaborate with NCHADS, PHDs, Provincial AIDS office (PAO) and Operational Districts (ODs) to strengthen STI/RTI services and syphilis screening integrated in selected HCs (with laboratory) of all ODs in Siem Reap, Pursat, Banteay Meanchey, Prey Veng, and Koh Kong province upon the agreement between NCHADS and RACHA during the period from 2009 to 2013.

During the year 2009-2013, RACHA will continue to collaborate with NCHADS/PHDs/PAOs/ODs to strengthen linkage between sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and the voluntary confidentiality counseling testing (VCCT) services in the supported HCs. RACHA will ensure that all activities and budget supported by its donors are included in the annual work plan of ODs, PAOs, PHDs and NCHADS Annual Operational Comprehensive Plans (AOCP).

Objectives, activities and locations included in this joint collaboration for the period 2009-2013 are listed below:

1. OBJECTIVES

- To increase the accessibility of house wives and their partners and other high risk groups at rural areas (migrant couples) to receive STI/RTI prevention, care and treatment services especially syphilis screening among pregnant women.
- To improve the capacity of health care providers (HCPs) in providing high quality of counseling, diagnosis making and treatment of STI/RTI case management based on syndromic approach and syphilis screening using the lab test.
- To increase knowledge about HIV/AIDS/ STD prevention among general population and high risk groups at rural areas (migrant couples) and enable them to reduce high risk behaviors.

2. LOCATIONS and AREAS of SUPPORTS:

Under this agreement, RACHA is committed to support STI/RTI case management in 3 selected HCs per OD (existing selected HCs approved by NCHADS and 35 HCs/RH as syphilis screening sites in 19 targeted ODs of 5 provinces and possible expansions of supporting services will be upon the agreement with NCHADS/PHDs and RACHA. The names of provinces and locations of each HC are listed as following:

A. STI/RTI case management at health center (Total 51 HC)

1. Siem Reap province (4 ODs):
 - Siem Reap, Kralanh and Angkorchum OD (functioning)
 - Sonikum OD will be supported in this period.
2. Banteay Meanchey province (4 ODs):
 - O Chrov and Preah NetPreah OD (functioning)
 - Thmar Pourk and Mongkul Borey OD will be supported in this period.
3. Koh Kong province (2 ODs):
 - Smach Mean Chey and Sre Ambel OD will be supported in this 5 years period

4. Prey Veng province (7 ODs):
 - All ODs will be supported in this 5 years period.

B. Syphilis Screening among ANC women (35 sties)

1. Siem Reap province:
 - Siem Reap OD: 4 HCs are functioning (Kantraing, Banteay Srey, Mundule I and Siem Reap)
 - Angkor chum OD: 1 HC are functioning (Pourk)
 - Kralanh OD: 1 HC, Kampong Thkov is functioning and expand to 1 more HC
 - Sonikum OD: 2 HCs more will be supported in this period.
2. Pursat province:
 - Sampov Meas OD: 4 HCs are functioning (Kandieng, Krakor, Kravanh and Peal Nhek) and 1 more HC will be supported in this period.
 - Bakan OD: 1 HC, Boeung khna is functioning and 1 more HC will be supported in this period.
3. Banteay MeanChey province:
 - O Chrov OD: 2 HCs will be supported in this period.
 - Preah NetPreah OD: 2 HCs will be supported in this period.
 - Mongkul Borey OD: 2 HCs will be supported in this period.
 - Thmar Pourk OD: 1 HC will be supported in this period
4. Koh Kong province:
 - Smach Meanchey OD: 2 HCs will be supported in this period.
 - Sre Ambel OD: 2 HCs will be supported in this period.
5. Prey Veng province:
 - 2 HCs will be support in Neak Loeung OD
 - 1 HC per OD will be supported in other 6 ODs in this period.

3. RESPONSIBILITY:

Responsibility of RACHA:

RACHA will:

- a. Support all related trainings (initial and refresher trainings) to the counselors and laboratory technicians for syphilis screening among ANC women and support refresher trainings on STI/RTI syndromic case management to health care providers and OD/HIV/STI supervisors in the supported sites. The support includes per diem, transportation, accommodation for participants and trainers/facilitators.
- b. Support Equipping at the service delivery such as furniture's, office supplies, Lab material and other material as necessary for implement syphilis screening for pregnant woman.
- c. Support the quarterly and/or semi-annually monitoring/supervision/meeting from OD/ HIV/ STI coordinators, PAO and NCHADS and/or NIPH (for syphilis testing quality assurance).
- d. Support syphilis testing kits to the supported sites in the period when NCHADS could not supply.

Promote the understanding and utilization of this service through outreach activity: Comedy for health performance, Community Based Services through village health support groups (VHSGs) and Village shop Sellers and Couple/gender relationship strengthen program (targeted to Migrant Couples).

Join coordination meetings or planning workshops with the NCHADS, Provincial AIDS Office and OD and the work plan will integrate in its respective Annual Operational Comprehensive Plan(AOPC).

Responsibility of the NCHADS

NCHADS will:

- a. Provide trainings (initial and refresher) to counselors on syphilis screening counseling, laboratory technicians on syphilis testing, management and other related fields.
- b. Provide refresher trainings (syndromic approach) to STI/RTI providers, management and supervision skills to OD supervisor.
- c. Technically support to the staff at all supported sites.
- d. Provide mentorship to the new syphilis screening sites.
- e. Manage logistics and supply management through the central medical store (CMS) of Ministry of Health
- f. Manage reporting mechanism through the Data Management Unit of NCHADS.
- g. Monitor and supervise the activities done at all functioning sites on a quarterly or semi-annually basis as needed.
- h. Provide syphilis test kits to the supported sites when NCHADS has possibility to supply.

4. SOURCE of FUNDING

In support of the collaboration between NCHADS/PHD and RACHA on the strengthening the quality, increase awareness on HIV/AIDS prevention and STI/RTI service in the 5 provinces (as location stated in the section 2), RACHA will contribute the funding from the American people through USAID with the total amount of 113,395 USD to implement the activities related to STI/RTI management as described in this LOA:

- Fiscal year October 2008 to September 2009: \$ 12,147
- Fiscal year October 2009 to September 2010: \$ 31,044
- Fiscal year October 2010 to September 2011: \$ 25,750
- Fiscal year October 2011 to September 2012: \$ 23,727
- Fiscal year October 2012 to September 2013: \$ 20,726

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

RACHA will use experience gained to plan programs for 5 fiscal years, Oct 2008 - Sep 2013. These plans will be presented to NCHADS in draft format at the end of each fiscal year for feedback prior to implementation. Changes will be made in consultation with NCHADS. RACHA also commits to provide the estimated cost on HIV/AIDS prevention support activities to PHD/PAO to include in its AOP. RACHA semi-annually report (following the donor's fiscal year) will also provide to NCHADS.

For general procedures, coordination and planning of all the above activities will be carried out jointly between NCHADS and RACHA, with the focal points being the Director of NCHADS and the Executive Director of RACHA.

For NCHADS



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