



Final Evaluation Report

Under Autism Mapping Project in the ASEAN Region



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ACRONYM

AAN	ASEAN Autism Network
AMMSWD	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development
AMS	ASEAN Member States
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
APCD	Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibilities
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
JAIF	Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PWA	Persons with Autism
PWD	Persons with Disabilities
SOMSWD	Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development
UN	United Nations
UTHM	Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia

Section

1

OVERVIEW

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Persons with autism are a group of complex neurodevelopmental disorders and the prevalence of persons with autism in many ASEAN countries is still unknown. Approximately one in 68 children are identified with autism according to estimates from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network in 2016. The project evaluation finding is according to these five (5) main criteria: (i) Relevance, (ii) Impact, (iii) Partnerships, (iv) Achieving Value for Money: Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness, and (v) Sustainability: Ensuring Ownership and Lasting Change.

Relevance

This project, in particular, focuses on persons with autism at the ASEAN region and provides an opportunity for professionals to share ideas and connect with advocacy groups on issues related to autism. AMS and ANN are assigned organization to handle matters on persons with autism.

Impact

The project brought significant impact to the policy, laws, regulations and future strategic plan related to persons with autism, their stakeholders and society. It might also strengthen the relationship between AMS and AAN. The impacts of this project can also be seen in how government agencies react to the services provided to persons with autism throughout their life.

Partnership

Apart from that, this project is a bridge to strengthen the collaboration among ASEAN Secretariat, Government agencies, APCD, SOMSWD, the Japanese government, AAN, families, and caregivers at the community, national and international level in promoting and protecting the rights and empowerment of persons with autism in ASEAN region.

Value for Money: Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness

This project manages to achieve valuable insight into how autism should be handled and ways to enhance awareness for the efficiency and effectiveness of activities that cater to the needs of persons with autism. Hence, instructional or teaching and intervention services for persons with autism should concentrate on an appropriate and systematic approach, style, techniques, strategies, methods, and models such as pedagogical, psychological, psychosocial, technological, psychiatric, biological, neurobiological, sociological and geological.

Sustainability: Ensuring Ownership and Lasting Change

This project could ensure the sustainability of any activities for persons with autism and the ownership of the respective governance is clearly stated for better implementation.

1.2 PROJECT BACKGROUND

Project Background	Autism Mapping Project in the ASEAN Region
Responsible Organizations	<p>The Proponent: ASEAN Secretariat Guidance: The Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD)</p> <p>Implementing Agency: Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)</p> <p>Cooperating Agency: ASEAN Autism Network - AAN</p>
Target Location	10 ASEAN Member States
Project Duration	24 months (May 2018-April 2020)
Project Description	<p>It is found out that Autism is new to the world. Very few people know about autism. The accurate data on autism is then so important for making public policies and providing services for persons with autism. The project aims to contribute to the promotion and protection of the rights and empowerment of persons with autism in the ASEAN region. This will be done through a mapping of the situation of persons with autism in ASEAN and developing country profiles which will include an accurate data source on the prevalence of autism; a mapping of organizations of and for persons with autism to facilitate exchanges and cooperation between these organizations; and a directory of support services and interventions which may include the newest trends and innovations available to persons with autism in the ASEAN region. The above information will be vital as a basis for developing laws and policies to promote and protect the rights and empowerment of persons with autism in ASEAN.</p>

Project Objective	The overall objective is to contribute to the promotion and protection of the rights and empowerment of persons with autism in the ASEAN region. This will be done through the mapping of autism in the ASEAN region on the aspects of data availability on the prevalence of autism; mapping of organizations concerned with autism; and identifying support services, newest trends, and innovations related to autism.
Expected Results	Result 1: An ASEAN profile on autism is developed. Result 2: Developed policy recommendations by the ASEAN Autism Network and its members. Result 3: A mechanism for celebrating an annual autism awareness day is developed at the ASEAN level.

Main Activities	<p>1) Workshop on the development of the methodology for mapping country profiles by APCD</p> <p>2) Mapping of country profiles on autism in ASEAN by AMS's Government organizations</p> <p>3) Organization and conduct of national autism awareness events by AAN</p> <p>4) Mid-term Evaluation (online basis) by APCD/ASEAN Secretariat</p> <p>5) National Workshop for the development of policy recommendations on autism in each ASEAN Member States by AAN</p> <p>6) Regional workshop for the finalization and adoption of policy recommendations on autism by the ASEAN Member States by APCD</p> <p>7) Organization and conduct of regional autism awareness event by AAN</p> <p>8) Publication of Autism at a Glance in ASEAN document by APCD</p> <p>9) Final Evaluation by APCD/ASEAN Secretariat</p> <p>In terms of responsible agency:</p> <p>1. Government agency in AMS (Activity no.2)</p> <p>2. AAN (Activity no.3, 5, 7)</p> <p>3. APCD (Activity no.1, 6, 8)</p> <p>4. ASEC/APCD (Activity no.4, 9)</p>
Budget Source	<p>Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)</p>

1.3 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

1.3.1 Framework for Project Evaluation

The framework for the project evaluation is based on the five evaluation criteria of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Development Assistance Committee (DAC). The five evaluation criteria have been a strong foundation for international development evaluation since 1991. The followings are the current definitions of the OECD/DAC criteria:

- (i) Relevance: The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.
- (ii) Effectiveness: A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome).
- (iii) Efficiency: Efficiency measures the outputs - qualitative and quantitative - in relation to the inputs.
- (iv) Impact: Efficiency measures the outputs - qualitatively and quantitatively - in relation to the inputs.
- (v) Sustainability: Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn. Projects need to be environmentally as well as financially sustainable.

1.3.2 Data Collection

The data collection strategy adopted in this project is through an in-depth interview and survey. The development and design of interview questions are based on the categories of the respondents. The semi-structured interview would allow us to explore the answer more deeply during the interview session. Moreover, in-depth semi-structured interviews are conducted with a fairly open framework that allows for focused, conversational, two-way

communication. It can be used both to give and receive information. In fact, semi-structured interviewing can guide and provide a platform for a new direction for the interviewer.

1.3.3 Instrument Design

Semi-structured tool based on Evaluation Criteria and Guiding Questions have been developed to evaluate the project. The designed questionnaire is based on the type of criteria of the respondents for this project, there are;

- (i) Question Set A: Top Management of Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)
- (ii) Question Set B: Government
- (iii) Question Set C: ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) and Related Stakeholders

1.3.4 Respondents

Purposive sampling is used to select the respondents for an in-depth interview. Purposive sampling allows us to use our judgment to select respondents that enable the evaluation team to answer the project evaluation questions and meet evaluation objectives. Therefore, the evaluation team selected the respondents that directly involved with project implementation. There are three categories of respondents participated in this project evaluation, which are:

- i Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) top management;
- ii Nine (9) ASEAN Member States; and
- iii Ten (10) ASEAN Autism Network

The total respondents for this study are 20 participants from ASEAN countries except for Singapore Government Agency. Table 1 shows the list of respondents from the respective organization and countries.

Table 1: List of respondents participated in the interview sessions

Country	Institution	Month/Year
Brunei Darussalam	SOMSWD Brunei Darussalam	Dec 2019
	SMARTER	
Cambodia	Disability Action Council	Jul 2019
	Cambodia Autism Network	
Lao PDR	Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare	Jun 2019
	Association for Autism	
Indonesia	Ministry of Social Affairs	Dec 2019
	Autism Foundation of Indonesia	
Malaysia	Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development	Jul 2019
	National Autism Society of Malaysia	
Myanmar	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Jan 2020
	Myanmar Autism Association	
Philippines	National Council on Disability Affairs	Nov 2019
	Autism Society Philippines	
Thailand	Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability	Jun 2019
	Ministry of Social Development and Human Security	Jun 2019
	Autistic Thai Foundation	
Singapore	St. Andrew's Autism Centre	Mar 2020
Vietnam	Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs	Jun 2019
	Vietnam Autism Network	

Note: Singapore government agencies are not included in this survey due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in February 2020.

1.3.5 Data Presentation and Analysis

Data presentation and analysis forms an integral part of this report. The presentation of data is necessary to make use of collected data which considered to be raw data in the forms of tables, figures, and text. Moreover, data analysis helps in the interpretation of data by using thematic analysis as a means to gain insight and knowledge from data gathered. The method enables researchers to develop a deeper appreciation for the group or situation of the research area. By using thematic analysis to distill data, researchers determine broad patterns that will allow them to conduct more granular research and analysis. It is highly inductive: themes emerge from the data that is gathered and are not imposed or predetermined by the researcher. The finding is presented in five (5) main criteria: (i) Relevance, (ii) Impact, (iii) Partnerships, (iv) Achieving Value for Money: Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness, and (v) Sustainability: Ensuring Ownership and Lasting Change.

Section

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FINDINGS OF FINAL EVALUATION

This section elaborates on the findings of the evaluation of the Autism Mapping Project in the ASEAN Region. The final evaluation is evaluated on three (3) main activities of the project which are: (i) Mapping of country profiles on autism in ASEAN by AMS's government organizations, (ii) National awareness event; and (iii) National workshop for the development of policy recommendations on autism in each ASEAN Member States by AAN. The finding is presented in five (5) main criteria: (i) Relevance, (ii) Impact, (iii) Partnerships, (iv) Achieving value for money: Economy, efficiency and effectiveness, and (v) Sustainability: Ensuring ownership and lasting change.

2.1 RELEVANCE

2.1.1 Autism Mapping Project in ASEAN Region is initiated by ASEAN Secretariat and implemented by Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) under the leadership of the Senior Official Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD) with the support of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF). This project aims to contribute towards the promotion and protection of the rights and empowerment of persons with autism in the ASEAN region. This initiative has shown the significance of the project correlated with the current issues on persons with autism globally. It is estimated that around 6 million persons with autism live in the ASEAN region, which is home to more than 625 million people.

2.1.2 APCD has been assigned as an implementing agency of this project. APCD management team has given their support on this project to achieve its goal.

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- 2.1.3 The activities for country autism profiles are done by the government agencies of all ASEAN Member States (AMS) which are relevant in data and information gathering on persons with autism. This activity is beneficial to all government agencies to better understand the current situation of persons with autism in their respective countries.
- 2.1.4 The activities for policy recommendations on autism are done by ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) that are relevant to link-up between the family, public and social agencies in dealing with autism issues.
- 2.1.5 All respondents who participated in this study have agreed that autism is part of the society and the total number of persons with autism is a grey area of the total number of persons with disabilities. This is due to the classification of persons with autism is under the categories of persons with disabilities.
- 2.1.6 All respondents agreed that the increased number of persons with autism are because of the growing awareness among societies.
- 2.1.7 These two activities (country autism profile and policy recommendations) are relevant to the ASEAN community needs. Activities for country autism profiles provide extensive data, information, and services to the persons with autism in the current scenario of the AMS. Activities for policy recommendations on autism provide the platform to discuss the policy, strategies and action plan for better services to the persons with autism in the respective country.
- 2.1.8 The project is a platform to look into persons with autism throughout their life. Persons with autism's quality of life depend not only on the basic needs in childhood but also depend on their ongoing supports that are specific to their educational, medical, social, recreational, family and employment needs.
- 2.1.9 The AMS and AAN highlighted some problems in the promotion of the rights and empowerment of persons with autism which are:
- Limited knowledge among parents about autism,
 - Cultural stigma,

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- Lack of knowledge among educators and primary care clinicians about persons with autism,
 - Non-reliable of the educational syllabus for persons with autism,
 - Lack of trained clinicians to perform targeted screenings and evaluations,
 - Lack of trained professional to provide co-ordinated and evidence-based therapies,
 - The high cost of service,
 - Lack of connection in the community and other families,
 - Lack of continuity of services,
 - Lack of research capacity & network,
 - Lack of data management & system,
 - Need to improve the relationship among governments and NGOs,
 - Need the standard on definition and classification of autism,
 - Not highlighted in current laws, regulations, and policy,
 - Lack of skill and vocational school,
 - Adult autism problems,
 - Lack of sports facilities,
 - Lack of reliable data,

- Limited capacities and readiness of the government agencies in terms of staffing and budgeting,
- Non-existing policies, laws, and strategies plan,
- Lack of special school for persons with autism; and
- Lack of employment opportunities.

2.1.10 This project, in particular, focuses on persons with autism in the ASEAN region. It provides opportunities for professionals and advocacy groups to be equipped with the target needs mentioned in the autism country profiles and policy recommendations for persons with autism.

2.1.11 APCD strongly highlighted that most persons with autism needed access to all kinds of services but they did not know where and how to get the services. At the same time, the government service providers do not have reliable data on persons with autism so this project puts the emphasis on data collection on persons with autism in order for the agencies concerned could use such data for planning and developing their programme and services.

2.1.12 APCD supported AAN to promote the World Autism Awareness day at the national and regional level. This event is internationally recognized which in line with the world commitment and takes place every 2nd April yearly. Moreover, this event encourages Member States of the United Nations (UN) to take measures to raise awareness about persons with autism throughout the world. It was designated by the United Nations General Assembly resolution “62/139. World Autism Awareness Day”, passed in council on 1st November 2007, and adopted on 18th December 2007.

2.2 IMPACT

2.2.1 The activity for country profiles delivered by AMS to APCD was done according to plan and managed to be completed on time. This report has been published in the ‘Autism at a Glance in ASEAN’ report.

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- 2.2.2 The activity for country policy recommendations on autism was also delivered by AAN to APCD as per plan. All findings by AAN members were presented at the regional and country policy recommendations during the ASEAN Regional Workshop for Policy Recommendation on Autism held on 21st to 22nd October 2019 at Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok.
- 2.2.3 The activity for World Autism Awareness Day at the national level conducted by AAN was successfully involved various stakeholders including the government agencies, families/caregivers, persons with autism, NGOs, enterprises, and volunteers, donors, and other institutions celebrated together on 2nd April 2019. AAN and AMS believed that with such numbers of participants, it will create a better understanding and awareness for persons with autism in the ASEAN region. This will increase awareness and understanding of autism issues in their local areas, working in partnership with other local community groups, services, and businesses.
- 2.2.4 The project brought impact to the persons with autism in the form of awareness, understanding, and acceptance to avoid social stigma. It is to understand that persons with autism are complex, have a lifelong developmental disability that typically appears during early childhood and can impact a person's social skills, communication, relationships, and self-regulation.
- 2.2.5 The project brought impact to the parents' and caregiver's daily life routines. A child with autism diagnosis affects every member of the family in different ways. Parents and caregivers must now place their primary focus on helping their child with autism, which may put stress on their marriage, other children, work, finances, personal relationships, and responsibilities. Parents now have to shift much of their resources of time and money towards providing treatment and interventions for their child, to the exclusion of other priorities. The needs of a child with autism complicate familial relationships, especially with siblings. However, parents can help their family by informing their other children about autism and the complications it introduces, understanding the challenges siblings face and helping them cope, and involving members of the extended family to create a network of help and understanding.
- 2.2.6 The project strengthens the function of AAN and the relationship among AAN. AAN comprises of autism family support organisations from ASEAN member states, now they are more cooperated and united in developing non-discriminatory programmes to support persons with autism and their families in the future.

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- 2.2.7 The project brought impact to the government agencies related to the services provided to the persons with autism not only on the health care but also education jurisdictions. It needs the cross-sectoral governmental approach, where the needs of persons with autism in employment, housing, social participation, and community integration almost certainly changed as their age. There is also a need to look at the transportation access for persons with autism, including for commuting to work and traveling to school, healthcare services, and community life activities.
- 2.2.8 The project brought impact on the AMS's current and future policy, laws, regulation and strategic plans related to persons with autism. AMS suggests using the data and information to enhance the existing policy, laws, and strategic plans and it might be useful for the future policy and strategic plan on persons with autism development.

2.3 PARTNERSHIPS

- 2.3.1 This project is as the bridge that strengthens collaboration among the ASEAN Secretariat, the Government of AMS, the Japanese government, AAN and APCD on persons with autism movement at the community level, national level and further international level in promoting and protecting the rights and empowerment of persons with autism in ASEAN region.
- 2.3.2 This project is initiated by ASEAN Secretariat and it has shown that the ASEAN Secretariat's important function is to provide for greater efficiency in the coordination of ASEAN organs and for more effective implementation of ASEAN projects and activities. The ASEAN Secretariat's vision is that by 2015, it will be the nerve centre of a strong and confident ASEAN Community that is globally respected for acting in full compliance with its Charter and in the best interest of its people. This project is in line with the ASEAN Secretariat mission to initiate, facilitate and coordinate ASEAN stakeholders' collaboration in realising the purposes and principles of ASEAN as reflected in the ASEAN Charter.
- 2.3.3 This project is supported by SOMSWD and they involved in all activities of this project. SOMSWD is a subsidiary body of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD) composed of senior officials in the respective ministries in-charge of social welfare and development. The SOMSWD supports AMMSWD by recommending regional policies, developing and implementing the five-year regional work plan and managing partnerships.

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- 2.3.4 The project has created a good platform for the relationship among government agencies and AAN. This is the first time, all AMS's inter-governmental agencies discuss issues and solutions for the persons with autism in the respective country profiles and policy recommendations. Thus, inter-government and AANs interactions have shown a concentrated effort at the central government level, working together to achieve the sustainability of autism-related services in their country.
- 2.3.5 AAN comprises of autism family support organisations from ASEAN member states, this project brings along the voices of families with autism to the government. During the workshop of national autism policy recommendations, parents/caregivers with autism have the opportunity to highlight their concerns and suggestions to the policymaker on their plans and strategy of their children. With that, governments are more responsive to the issues of autism for future policy to achieve an inclusive society for all.
- 2.3.6 AAN called for the sponsorship for conducting the International Autism Awareness Day with partners to provide corporate social responsibility (CSR) funding to support AAN's activities. CSR is a win-win benefit for AAN and companies. By creating and participating in CSR initiatives, companies have the opportunity to showcase their core values and create trust among their employees and stakeholders. Hence, it encourages government agencies and AAN to collaborate with other more companies in their CSR programmes.
- 2.3.7 AAN is involved with other research centres and universities in the discussion during the activity policy recommendations session. This creates a research culture environment among stakeholders for the current and future research opportunities related to the issues of autism.

2.4 ACHIEVING VALUE FOR MONEY: ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY, AND EFFECTIVENESS

- 2.4.1 APCD has involved in establishing AAN in all 10 ASEAN Member States. Under Autism Mapping Project, each AAN member received financial support in organising two activities, which are: (i) National Autism Awareness Event; and (ii) National Workshop for Policy Recommendations depends on the proposed activity. All

these activities done by AAN are successfully achieved the objectivities of the project. In this regard, AAN organised the National Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April 2019, and policy recommendation has been presented in the ASEAN Regional Workshop for Policy Recommendation on Autism from 21st to 22nd October 2019 at Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok.

- 2.4.2 APCD also supported the regional autism awareness event in Jakarta held in October 2018. This event was organised by Yayasan Autisma Indonesia with a successful achievement on its objective and target.
- 2.4.3 The activity for country autism profiles signed by AMS government agency involving stakeholders such as the Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Empowerment, SOMSWD, AAN, NGOs, and special education institutions. With the number of stakeholders involved, it can be considered that the methodology and data collection has met the objective and project's target. The value of money from this activity by the government has provided a greater output of the activity.
- 2.4.4 Parts of the funding for National Autism Awareness Event were supported by APCD and donors from local & international companies. With more than 100 participants, it has created awareness at the national level. The value of the money for this event can be considered uncountable and has met the goal of the activity.
- 2.4.5 AAN has invited the government officials to open the National Workshop for Policy Recommendations within the ASEAN Member States. This national workshop involved stakeholders such as the Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Empowerment, Ministry of Youth & Sports, Council on Persons with Disabilities, parents/caregiver, persons with autism by age group, NGOs, doctors, psychiatrist, experts from universities, special schools and social workers. With the outcome and number of participants involved, it reflects the value of money invested in this event.
- 2.4.6 This project manages to achieve valuable insight on how autism should be handled and ways to enhance awareness for the efficiency and effectiveness of activities that cater to the needs of persons with autism.

2.5 SUSTAINABILITY: ENSURING OWNERSHIP AND LASTING CHANGE

- 2.5.1 APCD collaborates closely with partner's organizations in the ASEAN Member State and monitors their commitment and contribution in terms of financial and human resources for the sustainability of the implementation after the project ended.
- 2.5.2 The project promotes the coordination and cooperation especially between government agencies with ANN, it is a good sign for a better relationship in the future with regard to programmes sustainability, knowledge and information sharing, problem-solving and strategic planning.
- 2.5.3 The project promotes coordination and cooperation especially between AAN and local and international companies. This relationship is important for AAN to seek donors for the next activity and create a win-win situation with the companies for them to fulfil their CSR.
- 2.5.4 The data and information from the country autism profiles and policy recommendation on autism is useful information to enhance current policy, laws, regulations, orders and strategic plans related to persons with autism. It also can be used for the future policy and strategic plan for persons with autism development at the national level.
- 2.5.5 For the sustainability of the project, APCD is planning to propose the 2nd phase of the project entitled "Advancing Community Inclusive and Responsive Services for Persons with Autism in ASEAN Region".
- 2.5.6 AMS and AAN listed the programmes below that could be implemented by APCD for the upcoming projects:
- Standardize the screening, diagnosis and early intervention tools.
 - Training of Trainer (ToT) programme
 - A human capacity building programme

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- Vocational skill and employment programme
 - Data system for autistic in ASEAN
 - Technical support for data collection
 - Study on sub-urban persons for autism
 - Care home project for persons with autism.

Section

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CONCLUSION, LESSON LEARNED AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 CONCLUSION

This evaluation has found that the Autism Mapping Project in the ASEAN Region is relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, Child Right Convention (CRC), Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), ASEAN Enabling Master Plan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Person with Disabilities, ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025. It also in line with the policies, laws, acts, and regulations in the 10 ASEAN Member States.

Three main outputs are done according to the plan and managed to be completed on time. The project has shown some significant findings especially the impact of the project. Nowadays, Government agencies understand that the development of persons with autism is related to the cross-sectoral government approach. AAN is more united and cooperated in developing non-discriminatory programmes to support persons with living with autism and their families in the future. This project has successfully gathered all stakeholders’ issues related to persons with autism throughout their life.

This project promotes better coordination and cooperation especially between government agencies within AAN as well as with the local and international companies. This relationship is worthy of the sustainability of the programme and future strategic plan for persons with autism.

3.2 LESSON LEARNED

Autism is a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties with social interaction and communication, and by restricted and repetitive behaviour. Parents with autism often notice signs during the first three years of their child's life. These signs often develop gradually, though some children with autism experience worsening in their communication and social skills after reaching developmental milestones at a normal pace. Lesson learned is:

- All individuals with autism have the same equal and inalienable rights as all human beings, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, culture, language, geography, religion, economic status, the severity of disability or intensity of needs.
- An appropriate and systematic approach is needed for the instructional and intervention services for persons with autism. It should concentrate on styles, techniques, strategies, methods, and models such as pedagogical, psychological, psychosocial, technological, psychiatric, biological, neurobiological, sociological and geological.
- Collaboration among cross-governmental agencies is still needed to be improved.
- The cross-sectoral governmental approach is needed to overcome issues on persons with autism at micro and macro levels.
- Most members of AAN do not have a good understanding of the functions of SOMSWD and their relationship.
- Philippines' National Autism Care Plan Bill is one of the good examples of autism best practices in the ASEAN region by looking at the importance of strengthening ties between the Government, NGOs, and parents.
- Cambodia has provided good examples of mutual understanding between private schools and government where the salary of the private teachers are paid by the government.

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- Singapore has a comprehensive strategic plan for protecting persons with autism.
 - Malaysia's The National Autism Society of Malaysia has provided comprehensive hands-on services and programmes in their 16 training centres throughout the country.
 - Thailand and Brunei Darussalam emphasised on their employment training centre for persons with autism.
 - The Autism Foundation of Indonesia has very good coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs.
 - Viet Nam Autism Network and Association for Autism respectively in Vietnam and Lao PDR have a decent support group to offer parents/caregivers with autism a lifespan services.
 - Myanmar compulsorily provided a well-train teacher to teach persons with disabilities in special schools.

3.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

For Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD):

- To increase the numbers of manpower for the upcoming project.

For ASEAN Member States (AMS):

- Standardize the screening, diagnosis and early intervention tools,
- Conduct national surveys on persons with autism to improve the quality of data and understanding on barriers and in turn develop more responsive policies, regulations, and strategic plans.
- Governments as the main key player in developing a community-based medical integration, equalisation of opportunities, and physical therapy (physiotherapy) rehabilitation programmes for persons with autism in collaboration with the local community and related stakeholders.

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- Develop community-based rehabilitation programmes for persons with autism in urban and rural areas.
 - Design education systems to be more inclusive, both to make schools, colleges and universities more accessible to persons with autism.

For ASEAN Autism Network (AAN):

- Strengthen the capacity building to enhance awareness of autism to educate society.
- Collaboration with Governments and local communities and related stakeholders to develop a community-based medical integration, equalisation of opportunities, and physical therapy (physiotherapy) rehabilitation programmes for persons with autism.
- AAN act as a linkage between parents and government.

For Parent/Caregivers:

- Avoid social stigma and misconception on autism.
- Support community-based rehabilitation programmes.
- Develop family support groups.
- Parents and caregivers must understand their role and responsibilities in taking care of their children with autism.

Section

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO PROJECT EVALUATION REPORT

The Autism Mapping Project in the ASEAN Region (the Project) was initiated by the ASEAN Secretariat to promote and protect the rights and empowerment of persons with autism in the ASEAN region. The Project was the first of its kind at the ASEAN level with a particular focus on autism.

The Project was implemented by the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) under the leadership of the Senior Official Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD) with the support of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) and the cooperation of ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) in all ASEAN Member states (AMS) for 2 years from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2020.

The final project evaluation was a compulsory activity to assess the outcome of the Project. Thanks to Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee from the Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) for accepting the APCD's invitation as the ASEAN expert to conduct the final project evaluation. It was designed to assess the project in terms of relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability.

Accordingly, Dr. Seow Ta Wee, accompanied by Mr. Tran Van Ninh, the project coordinator, went to AMS to visit and discuss with the responsible persons of the government agencies and AAN. The final evaluation report confirmed that this project was relevant to the United Nations' goals on persons with disabilities. The Project created the platform to alert the governments to the issues of persons with autism both at the national and international levels. It also confirmed that the project was completed effectively and efficiently. The Project was implemented according to the plan within the received budget with the achievements of 3 results:

1. The ASEAN profile on autism “Autism at a Glance in ASEAN” compiled from all 10 country profiles on autism of ASEAN Member States and submitted to the ASEAN Secretariat.
2. Policy recommendations developed and the report was submitted to the ASEAN Secretariat.
3. Annual autism awareness day organized in all AMS.

The Project had an impact on the direct beneficiaries of the Project that were organizations of and for persons with autism, persons with autism and their families in all AMS, and the general community.

AAN was one of the direct beneficiaries of the Project. AAN got support from the Project to conduct the national workshop for the development of policy recommendations on autism and present them in the regional workshop organized by APCD in October 2019 in front of the representatives from SOMSWD and ASEC. The final report indicated that the policy recommendations were related to the current need of persons with autism and enhanced current disability policy and laws. This project promoted coordination and cooperation within the government department and Autism Network. AAN also got support in organizing the national autism awareness events to celebrate and promote the world autism awareness day in AMS in 2019. AAN became the leading social organizations in promoting and protecting the rights and empowerment of persons with autism in the region.

The direct beneficiaries of the Project included the government agencies responsible for providing services to persons with disabilities. The project team went to discuss with them on the issues of autism in the ASEAN region and encourage them to make a country profile on autism and submit to APCD to be compiled as a regional document “Autism at a Glance in ASEAN”.

The Project also created a better understanding of persons with autism in the general community by promoting the world autism awareness day on 2 April every year at the national and regional levels. APCD initiated the establishment of AAN and played an important role in strengthening the capacity and the relationship among AAN. APCD needed to create a new project and play as a ‘bridge’ role among the governments and AAN to make sure the continuity and sustainability of the project outcomes in the future.

Section

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SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS OF EACH COUNTRY

5.1 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Institution	SOMSWD, Brunei Darussalam
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mr. Mohd Nasrullah Hakiem Mohammed, SOMSWD Brunei Mdm. Dayang Saidah Binti Haji Wahid @Burut, and team Deputy Permanent Secretary for Community, Youth and Sport
Venue	Meeting Room, Pusat Bahagia, Ministry for Community, Youth and Sport.
Date	12 December 2019



Relevance	SOMSWD agreed that Country Autism Profile is in line with current issues on persons with disabilities. This activity has encouraged all related departments to prepare the data and information with regards to Country Autism Profiles. This activity also helps the government to understand the categories of persons with disabilities in Brunei towards enhancing the current policy.
Effectiveness	Country Policy Recommendations on Autism activity involved the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry for Community, Youth and Sport, SMARTER, Council of People with Disability, Pusat Ehsan and KACA. In Brunei, Autism Awareness Day had been organised on 2nd April 2019.
Efficiency	Country Policy Recommendations on Autism are still in the data collection level, the report will be submitted to APCD in January 2020.
Impact	The project will directly benefit persons with autism especially in the context of social and current laws.
Sustainability	APCD would help us in the coming project to identify a support system for persons with disabilities and suggest the standard format to identify persons with autism.

Institution	SMARTER, Brunei Darussalam
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mdm. Didi Malai Abdullah, Founder, SMARTER
Venue	Meeting room, Brunei Autism Center for Adult, Brunei Darussalam
Date	13 December 2019



Relevance	Country Policy Recommendations on Autism are significant to ASEAN countries.
Effectiveness	SMARTER provided the policy recommendations to the Ministry for Community, Youth, and Sport.
Efficiency	The government of Brunei is responsible to compile the policy recommendations to APCD.
Impact	This activity directly benefitted to persons with autism and their parents.
Sustainability	APCD should provide and give support on diagnosis and exchange programmes within AAN, NGOs, and governments for future development.

5.2. CAMBODIA

Institution	Disability Action Council (DAC)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Dr. Neth Un, Deputy Secretary-General of DAC
Venue	Meeting Room, Disability Action Council
Date	19 July 2019



Relevance	Disability Action Council (DAC) is involved in both activities. This is the right time to promote persons with autism to the government.
Effectiveness	Dept. of Social Welfare for Disability, Dept. of International Collaboration, NGOs and parents involved in the policy recommendations activity. This activity has created a platform for stakeholders on the right of persons with autism.
Efficiency	Country Policy Recommendations on Autism are successfully delivered on time as per plan.
Impact	About 9.5 percent of Persons with Disabilities will get the benefits from this activity. The attitude of the parents with autisms' children could be changed once the policy is implemented.
Sustainability	APCD needs to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Provide technical support in the social entrepreneurship programme ii Provide an ICT support system iii Support training of trainers (ToT).

Institution	Cambodia Autism Network (CAN)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mr. Sarin Chan, president of CAN
Venue	Hands of Hope Community, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
Date	19 July 2019



Relevance	Cambodia's Hands of Hope Community participated in autism country mapping profile and autism policy recommendations activities. Both activities are vital in creating awareness among public and parenting education.
Effectiveness	Country Autism Profile activity and Country Policy Recommendations on Autism involved the Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Education, Youth & Sport, Council of Disability, AWC, NGOs and representatives from five main provinces in Cambodia. On 2nd April 2019, Hands of Hope Community conducted the National Autism Awareness day. Parents hoping that persons with autism issues will be highlighted in the National Disability Policy.
Efficiency	Country Policy Recommendations on Autism are successfully delivered on time as per plan. Donors and APCD are the main funders for this activity. Approximately 500 stakeholders participated in this activity.

Impact	This project has created awareness among government agencies and private sectors. Through this activity, it has created better understanding and coordination among governments and NGOs.
Sustainability	APCD needs to help AAN to set up a resource center and training center in the ASEAN region.

5.3. INDONESIA

Institution	Ministry of Social Affairs, Indonesia
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Ms. Ema Widiati, SOMSWD Indonesia Ms. Santi Utami Dewi, Monitoring & Evaluation Analyst, Ministry of Social Affairs, Indonesia
Venue	Meeting Room, Ministry of Social Affairs.
Date	18 December 2019



Relevance	Ministry of Social Affairs agreed that activity for Country Autism Profile is in line with current issues on people with disabilities and data is related to policy implementation.
Effectiveness	Autism Country Profile activity involved the Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Manpower and Yayasan Autisma Indonesia (YAI). This activity addresses the current need for persons with autism in Indonesia.
Efficiency	Autism Country Profile activity delivered as per plan.
Impact	The project will directly benefit persons with autism and create a good relationship between YAI and the government. Besides, autism country profile activity also creates a better understanding of persons with autism in related ministry for future persons with autism development, planning, and programme.
Sustainability	In the future, APCD can provide training for a social worker in the capacity building aspect.

Institution	Yayasan Autisma Indonesia (YAI)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mr. Karnajaya Panji, Mr. Taufiq Hidayat. Mdm. Hanni Darwanti
Venue	Meeting room, Ministry of Social Affairs, Indonesia.
Date	19 December 2019



Relevance	Country Policy Recommendations on Autism are relevant to the current need of persons with autism and to enhance current disability policy and laws.
Effectiveness	Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Manpower, parents, experts from universities and other NGOs are involved in the workshop.
Efficiency	The workshop on Country Policy Recommendations on Autism and the ASEAN Autism Games have been successfully organised.
Impact	This project created awareness for persons with autism at the national level and each ministry was concern about persons with autism.
Sustainability	APCD should support the games and sports for persons with autism at the regional level each year.

5.4 LAO PDR

Institution	Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
Respondent	Ms. Vilayphone Xaysongkham, Division of Disability Development, Department of Policy for Devotee, Disability and Elderly
Venue	Video Call
Date	18 February 2020



Relevance	Country Policy Recommendations on Autism are relevant and focuses on the Law of Persons with Disability.
Effectiveness	The activity involved NCDE, Association for Autism (AfA), Department of Planning, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Sports. The project is concerned with the issues of persons with autism in the country.
Efficiency	Autism Country Profile activity was delivered as per plan.
Impact	Government and AfA collaborate well in sharing information
Sustainability	APCD should coordinate and implement the project for the LAO government and AfA.

Institution	Association for Autism (AfA)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Ms. Viengsam Indavong, Managing Director of AfA
Venue	Association of Autism, Vientiane, Laos PDR
Date	18 June 2019



Relevance	Association for Autism involved in both activities directly with Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare. This project is not only relevant to the persons with autism but also benefits to their family members and guardians.
Effectiveness	Country Autism Profile activity and Country Policy Recommendations on Autism involved the Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Department Hospital with Assessment Service and Rehabilitation Center. On 2nd April 2019, Association for Autism successfully conducted the National Autism Awareness Day.
Efficiency	Country Policy Recommendations on Autism are successfully delivered as per plan. This project was considered as the 1st step for all stakeholders in Laos PDR to address the issues on persons with autism.
Impact	This activity has created the awareness among stakeholders and has received donations form the local industries.
Sustainability	APCD needs to create a new project and play as a 'bridge' among government and AAN to make sure the sustainability of this project. Association for Autism also will work closely with AIF Group to seek for donations.

5.5 MALAYSIA

Institution	Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee Dr. Azahar Abas
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Ms. Junaina Binti Johan, Principal Assistant Secretary, Policy and Strategic Planning Division Ms. Norasni Binti Mohd Basarudin, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Strategic Planning Division
Venue	Meeting Room, Department of Policy and Strategic Planning Division.
Date	23 July 2019



Relevance	Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (WFCD) is directly involved in the Country Autism Profile activity and Country Policy Recommendations on Autism. Both activities are in line with the current issue deal with persons with disabilities. Data on persons with autism is important as part of developing persons with autism programme.
Effectiveness	Country Policy Recommendations on Autism activity can reform the current Persons with Disabilities Act 2008 in Malaysia.

Efficiency	Country Autism Profile activity is successfully delivered on time as per plan, currently waiting for the approval from the Ministry of WFCD.
Impact	The project will directly benefit persons with autism. Besides, awareness of the public will increase and parents with children with autism will be very happy. Currently, the Ministry of WFCD provided research funds specifically on the study of persons with autism.
Sustainability	Ministry of WFCD tried to accommodate more financial support for related activities to persons with autism and created the support system and job opportunity. APCD would help us in the coming project for data collection and strategies plan for persons with disabilities.

Institution	National Autism Society of Malaysia (NASOM)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee Dr. Azahar Abas
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Ms. Fellina Feisol, Chairperson, NASOM Mr. Razin Murat, Expert, NASOM
Venue	Meeting room, National Autism Society of Malaysia.
Date	24 July 2019



Relevance	National Autism Society of Malaysia involved in Country Autism Profile activity and Country Policy Recommendations on autism activity. This project has increased the government's concern specifically on persons with autism.
Effectiveness	More than 100 participants involved in the Country Policy Recommendations on autism workshop. The participants include representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Human Resource, BAR Council, parents, teachers, medical doctors and NGOs, and universities. The workshop addressed the current need for persons with autism in Malaysian society. This was a first time that all stakeholders gathered and discussed issues of persons with autism.
Efficiency	Autism Policy Recommendation activity is successfully delivered as per plan and on time. Now, the policy is already submitted to the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development.
Impact	The project will be directly benefited persons with autism and their parents. It can also improve the relationship among NGOs and the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. The project also creates a better understanding among government agencies and other stakeholders.
Sustainability	APCD can provide and support ToT programme, sub-urban community-based programme and screening & diagnosis tools to AAN.

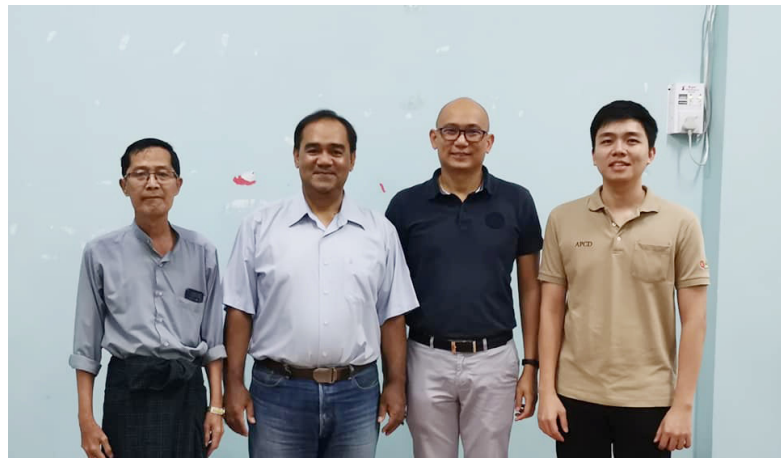
5.6 MYANMAR

Institution	SOMSWD, Myanmar
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Ms. Khin San Yee, SOMWD Myanmar
Venue	Meeting Room, Social Welfare Mandalay Region
Date	14 January 2020



Relevance	This project is in line with Myanmar National Strategy for Development of Persons with Disabilities (2016-2025) and Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Law in 2015.
Effectiveness	Activity for Country Autism Profile involved the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Education, NGOs, parents' group and special education school.
Efficiency	Activity for Country Autism Profile is successfully delivered as per plan and on time.
Impact	This project will directly benefit persons with autism in Myanmar and the data of this report will be used to reform the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Law in 2015.
Sustainability	We hope that APCD could provide more training programmes in the future.

Institution	Myanmar Autism Association (MAA)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mr. Nay Myo Naing, Chair of MAA
Venue	Meeting Room, MAA
Date	13 January 2020



Relevance	In Myanmar, the number of persons with autism has been increased.
Effectiveness	60 participants involved in the Country Autism Policy Recommendation Workshop that includes MAA, special needs school, Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, International NGOs, and professionals. Approximately 1,000 people joined the Autism Awareness Day which was held on 2nd April 2019.
Efficiency	Both activities were fruitfully delivered as plan.
Impact	All persons with autism will gain benefit from this project.
Sustainability	APCD should support with more training programme and develop a system for data management.

5.7 PHILIPPINES

Institution	National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mr. Mateo Acuin Lee, Officer-In-Charge, Deputy Executive Director III, NCDA Mr. Dandy C. Victa, Project Development Officer IV, NCDA
Venue	Meeting Room, Sequoia Hotel
Date	11 November 2019



Relevance	National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) agreed that Country Policy Recommendations on Autism was in line with the current issues on people with disabilities because persons with autism are one of the categories under people with disabilities in the Philippines.
Effectiveness	Country Autism Profile activity is working together with the Philippines Statistic Authority, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. This activity will enrich current data on people with disabilities.
Efficiency	Country Autism Profile activity is still at the data collection level, the report will be submitted to APCD by December 2019.
Impact	The project will benefit directly persons with autism.
Sustainability	Now, NCDA has a good relationship with SAP. APCD would help us in the upcoming project to develop strategies to increase employability among people with disabilities.

Institution	Autism Society Philippines (ASP)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mdm. Cecile Sicam, Co-Founder, ASP
Venue	Meeting room, Autism Society Philippines, Manila.
Date	22 November 2019



Relevance	National Autism Care Plan Bill has been drafted with inputs from the Autism Society of the Philippines in 2015. This project is important to persons with autism in the Philippines.
Effectiveness	National Autism Care Plan Bill was developed by ASP and other related stakeholders. ASP conducted two series of Autism Awareness Day in a year, both on 3rd January 2019 and 2nd April 2019.
Efficiency	National Autism Care Plan Bill currently was still in the progress on getting approval by the Philippines government.
Impact	If National Autism Care Plan Bill will be implemented at the national level, it will directly benefit persons with autism and their parents.
Sustainability	To make sure the sustainability of the project, common data, research and intervention tools, and professional institutions must be set up. Sources of self-support are from donors, board of members and industrial collaboration. APCD can provide support on classification, tools, and identification of persons with autism, a workshop on diagnosis and exchange programme among AAN.

5.8 SINGAPORE

Institution	Autism Network Singapore (ANS)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mr. Dennis Ang, Chief Executive Officer of St. Andrew's Autism Centre, representative of ANS to this project
Venue	Video Call
Date	16 March 2020



Relevance	This project is intended to further support and improve the autism community and currently, Singapore aspires to be an inclusive society and this supports our project's vision.
Effectiveness	Activity for Country Policy Recommendation on Autism involved all members of the Autism Network Singapore, caregivers, adults on the spectrum, community partners, government agencies and service providers.
Efficiency	Activity for Country Policy Recommendation on Autism was delivered as per plan.
Impact	This activity will benefit persons with autism and their parents.
Sustainability	Work with all stakeholders' autism community, parents, autism agencies and government agencies.

5.9 THAILAND

Institution	Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEP)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh Ms. Supaanong Panyasirimongkol
Respondent	Ms. Anira Thinon, Deputy Director-General of DEP Mrs. Benjawan Theinthong, Social Worker Professional Level Ms. Onanong Kumhang, Social Worker Professional Level Ms. Sunita Charoenphan, Social Development Worker
Venue	Meeting Room, DEP
Date	13 June 2019



Relevance	DEP plays a significant role in compiling the Country Autism Profile. This project is relevant to the niche area of the department.
Effectiveness	Country Autism Profile project has involved several ministry and associations such as the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Social Welfare and Thai Autistic Association. On 31st March to 2nd April, Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has conducted the Autism Awareness Day. Besides, the department also involved in reviewing the Country Policy Recommendations on Autism.

Efficiency	Country Autism Profile project is delivered as per plan.
Impact	Country Autism Profile project creates a better relationship, understanding, knowledge exchange and awareness among stakeholders. At the moment, the Thai government will be implementing the 'care home' project in Thailand.
Sustainability	Link with enterprise or private company and create a digital platform for persons with autism to share and monitor data within the ASEAN region.

Institution	Autistic Thai Foundation
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Ms. Supaanong Panyasirimongkol
Respondent	Dr. Samreng Virachanang, Autistic Thai Foundation
Venue	Meeting Room, APCD
Date	13 June 2019



Relevance	Thai Autistic Association involved in Country Autism Profile activity and Country Policy Recommendations on autism activity. This project was in line with the United Nations meeting in 2018 about issues on persons with autism. The project has created a platform where the government can be alerted to the issue of persons with autism at the national level.
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Effectiveness	Thai Autistic Association was indirectly involved in Country Autism Profile activity. Association for Autism forwarded 'Autism Road Map' to the Government during autism national workshop.
Efficiency	Autism Policy Recommendation is successfully accomplished according to plan. There were about 600 people participated in the workshop.
Impact	The project will give impact to parents of persons with autism, persons with autism, community, and government on how they manage matters on autism. It can also create a better understanding among the Thai Autistic Association, stakeholders and government.
Sustainability	APCD played an important key in the relationship between AAN's working group. The private sector should also contribute to the society with regards to persons with autism especially in their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

5.10 VIETNAM

Institution	Social Work Division, Department of Social Assistance, MOLISA
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mr. Doan Huu Minh, Head of Social Work Division, Department of Social Assistance Ms. Trinh Thi Nguyet, Social Work Division
Venue	Meeting Room, Department of Social Assistance, MOLISA, Hanoi
Date	20 June 2019



Relevance	Social Work Division, Department of Social Assistance and MOLISA play the role of a leader in Country Autism Profile activity. Department of Social Assistance also involved in Autism Policy Recommendation Workshop. Meanwhile, MOLISA played the key as a resource person in Activities on Policy Recommendation. This project has prepared the platform for them to discuss the need for persons with autism in Vietnam.
Effectiveness	Policy Recommendations on Autism are successfully organized and completed on time.
Efficiency	Autism Country Profile Project is successfully delivered according to plan.
Impact	The project will directly give benefits to persons with autism. Moreover, awareness of the public will surge because of the activities that involved community with persons with autism. The data of the Autism Country Profile Project is good for future policy development.
Sustainability	This project promotes coordination and cooperation within the government department and the Vietnam Autism Network. However, APCD needs to create a more detail study on persons with autism in ASEAN countries for more in-depth understanding and appropriate action on autism.

Institution	Vietnam Autism Network (VAN)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Ms. Pham Thi Kim Tam, Chairperson of VAN
Venue	Meeting Room, VAN
Date	21 June 2019



Relevance	Vietnam Autism Network is involved in Country Autism Profile activity and Country Policy Recommendations on autism activity. This project is significant for persons with autism in Vietnam.
Effectiveness	More than 100 participants are involved in the policy recommendation workshop, participants which include representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education & Training, MOLISA, parents, teachers, medical doctors, and Vietnam Autism Network. The workshop addressed the current needs of persons with autism in Vietnam.
Efficiency	Autism Policy Recommendation is successfully concluded according to plan.
Impact	The project gives direct benefits to persons with autism and their parents. It also improved the relationship between Vietnam Autism Network and MOLISA. The Project also has created better understanding among Vietnam Autism Network, government, and other stakeholders.
Sustainability	APCD can provide the ToT programme to AAN for the sustainability of the project.

5.11 APCD

Institution	Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)
Evaluator	Associate Professor Dr. Seow Ta Wee
APCD Representative	Mr. Tran Van Ninh
Respondent	Mr. Piroon Laismit, Executive Director of APCD
Venue	Meeting Room, APCD
Date	14 June 2019



Relevance	APCD planned to work with both government agencies and AAN to meet the need of persons with autism. APCD's top management gave a full priority to this project to enable all ASEAN member countries and the public to be more aware of the increasing number of persons with autism which brings substantial economic cost to families and societies.
Effectiveness	The project used the right method to get the involvement of 10 ASEAN countries and ASEAN Autism Network-AAN. Three main activities are achieved. This project is in line with ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025.
Efficiency	All activities in this project were successfully completed on time. The total budget utilization is at 37.7 % (up to May 2019). APCD has recruited an experienced project manager and two supporting staff with a relevant academic qualification.

Impact	The promotion and protection of the rights and empowerment of persons with autism have impacted on the level of awareness on autism issues in this region. The project has created an on-going effort towards a good relationship among all stakeholders involved.
Sustainability	APCD is planning to propose the 2nd phase project titled "Advancing Community Inclusive and Responsive Services for Persons with autism in ASEAN Region".

RESULTS OF FINAL EVALUATION INTERVIEW

1 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Respondent: SOMSWD Brunei Darussalam

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? In extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes. 'Autism country profile' is one of the activities under the autism country mapping project.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	No.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Persons with autism are one of the categories under persons with disabilities in Brunei Darussalam.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN?	Yes.
	C1.5	Do you think this project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes, this project is in line with the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities. This project provides the platform for all related departments to update all data specific on persons with autism.
	C1.6	To what extent does the project intervention relevant with your country policy on autism?	The project enhances the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities.

Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in country autism profile activity?	There are Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Social Affair, SMARTER, Council on Disabilities, Pusat Ehsan and Kaca.
	C2.3	Who are involved in country autism policy recommendation?	Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports are preparing the autism policy recommendation.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	No.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes, we organized the awareness day on 2nd April 2019, with collaboration by SMARTER and Council for Persons with Disabilities.
	C2.6	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy project?	At the moment, we already have the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	The project involved multi-government agencies and NGOs.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes. This is the first time we collect data on persons with autism.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes. It's related to laws and our current policy.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, As mentioned earlier, this is our first time to be involved with data collection on persons with autism.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, it is.
C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of the targeted groups in the selected community?	Sure.	

Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country profile activity delivered as per plan?	We need more time to compile all the data required from multiple agencies.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	On the government side, I think we have enough budget to deliver all activities.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	The autism country profile needs more time to compile the required data.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	No budget involved.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	No.
	C3.7	Do you think all relevant stakeholders were involved in the policy recommendation process?	No idea.
	C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	No budget involved.
	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes, my department captured the data and compiled it as required.

Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	There are 3 differences the project has been brought to the beneficiaries: Increased of public's awareness of persons with autism; The relationship among NGOs and Government is closer. Autism should be a stand-alone not in the group of persons with disabilities.
	C4.2	What happen to your country after project autism policy implemented?	No relevant.
	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	This project reflected the ASEAN Enabling Master Plan.
	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	No relevant.
	C4.5	What happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	No relevant.
	C4.6	How many percentage of persons with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	At the moment, we hope all the persons with autism will get benefits from the autism country profile.
	C4.7	Is your government to impose on propose policy?	No. Currently, Brunei has the Old Age and Disability Act.
	C4.8	Does this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government?	Yes.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	No.

	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes, this project promotes coordination and cooperation among inter-government and NGOs.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially to the next related project?	At the moment, as a government agency, we are self-funded.
	C5.4	Are local partners committed with human resources to the objectives of the project?	No.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Government self-funded.
	C5.6	Is there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	We suggested having the national action plan for persons with autism.
	C5.7	How to create political will to support yours project?	Create better coordination and collaboration within the inter-government and NGOs.
	C5.8	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	No.
	C5.9	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD can help us develop the support system for persons with autism at the ASEAN level.

1 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Respondent: SOMSWD Brunei Darussalam

Respondent: SMARTER

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	No.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes. SMARTER suggests country policy to the government. Few points are highlighted, including: (i) Diagnosis process and procedure; (ii) Employment; (iii) Social enterprises; (iv) Funding; and (v) Infrastructure.

	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Reporting to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	Yes, this activity is very important and significant to AAN and ASEAN member countries. This project links all AAN together.
	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes.
	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	Persons with autism needs are increasing in Brunei.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your 'autism country profile' activity?	SMARTER does not participate in this activity.
	C2.3	Who are involved in your 'country autism policy recommendation' activity?	Government, Council for Persons with Disabilities and NGOs.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	No.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes. On the 2nd of April.
	C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	Collaboration among government agencies and NGOs.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism in your country?	Yes, it is.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the 'country autism policy recommendation' development?	I am not really sure what method has been used by our government. SMARTER only provide some points on national policy recommendation to the government.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes, it is due to the increasing number of persons with autism in Brunei.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes.

	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Sure.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, it is.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Not sure.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	Not sure.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Not sure.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Not sure.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Not sure.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Not sure.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes, it involves government agencies and NGOs.
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	Recognition in the society.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	I hope that a person with autism will get a better diagnosis process.
	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	No idea.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	AAN members will be happy if the project implemented and to get better recognition at the national and international levels.

	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Parents will absolutely happy because they will get better services, health, and diagnosis for their children with autism.
	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	I have no exacts numbers on persons with autism in Brunei.
	C4.7	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	I wish that our government will impose that.
	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	Sure.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	APCD should develop training for human capacity development in the future.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	We seek funds and financial support from the government, private companies, industrial, and social enterprises.
	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Yes.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	Training for Trainer (ToT) programmes.
	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	We should have a good relationship with the government.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	APCD should provide training at the ASEAN level, this training can be done across countries, governments, and NGOs.
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD can provide training for trainer (ToT) programmes at the ASEAN level. ASEAN member countries should share their experts, programmes, and experiences.

2. CAMBODIA

Respondent: Disability Action Council

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes. I involved in this project.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes. It is an important exercise for us.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Persons with autism in ASEAN are increased.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN?	Yes. AAN plays a key role in promoting persons with autism at the country level.
	C1.5	Do you think this project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes. Currently, there is no data on persons with autism in Cambodia. At the national level, persons with autism are considered a type of persons with disabilities.
	C1.6	To what extent does the project intervention relevant with your country policy on autism?	Persons with autism included in the National Disability Strategy Plan (2019-2023).
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in country autism profile activity?	The autism country profile involved the Department of Social Welfare and the Department of International Collaboration.
	C2.3	Who are involved in country autism policy recommendation?	This activity involving the Department of Social Welfare, NGOs, persons with autism and parents.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Yes, but it is still at the recommendation stage.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes. We celebrate it on 2nd April since 2014.

	C2.6	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy project?	Participants in this regard are from several stakeholders.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	Project involved the targeted respondents.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of the targeted groups in the selected community?	Yes. The target groups included persons with autism, parents, and governments.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country profile activity delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	The budget is supported by APCD and government funds.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all relevant stakeholders were involved in the policy recommendation process?	Yes. It involved the Ministry of Social Welfare, Cambodia Autism Network, SOMSWD, NGOs and parents.

	C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	No.
	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	Project will benefit persons with autism, NGOs, NGOs related to autism and parents.
	C4.2	What happen to your country after project autism policy implemented?	At the national level, we already have the Policy for Persons with Disabilities.
	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD is more concerned at the ministry and department level.
	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	All AAN members will be very happy.
	C4.5	What happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Parents will also happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of persons with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	Average 9.5% of persons with disabilities in the whole population.
	C4.7	Is your government to impose on propose policy?	No.
	C4.8	Does this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government?	Yes.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	Programmes to enhance persons with autism services.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially to the next related project?	Government own funded.

	C5.4	Are local partners committed with human resources to the objectives of the project?	Government own worker.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Government own funded.
	C5.6	Is there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	Technical support for a social entrepreneur.
	C5.7	How to create political will to support yours project?	Collaboration among government agencies and NGOs.
	C5.8	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	Currently, we do have a Policy on Persons with Disabilities, which includes persons with autism.
	C5.9	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD can support us in the following: (i) Information Technology and (ii) Training for Trainer (ToT)

Respondent: Cambodia Autism Network

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Since 2013, awareness of persons with autism among Cambodian society has increased.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	Sure.
	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes, these activities are very important.
	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	The project will contribute to (i) Special education for persons with autism; (ii) Awareness; and (iii) Parenting education.

Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your 'autism country profile' activity?	Autism country profile activity involved Disabilities Action Council, Department of Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation and National Institute (NIS).
	C2.3	Who are involved in your 'country autism policy recommendation' activity?	In autism policy recommendation, it involved several parties such as the Ministry of Social Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, Disabilities Action Council, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and NGOs.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Disabilities policy covers all persons with disabilities including persons with autism. We hope that the enhancement of the current policy should include persons with autism.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Autism Awareness Day in Cambodia is on 2nd April.
	C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	Involvement and commitment from all stakeholders.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the 'country autism policy recommendation' development?	Project respondents are from 3 main ministries, including the Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Education; and Disabilities Action Council, besides respondents from NGOs, private sector and lecturers.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.

	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes. This project in line with the Social Protection Policy Framework 2016-2025.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, it is.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	Sure. The project is very comprehensive and covers all issues regarding autism.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Yes.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes. It's involved more than 500 participants.
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	Private and government agencies are now becoming more aware of understanding persons with autism.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	I think it maybe happens in the next 5 years.

	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	I have no idea about SOMSWD.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	This is a good start for all AAN members. Next is to develop ASEAN strategic policy on persons with autism.
	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Sure, they all will be very happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	Including all persons with disabilities.
	C4.7	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	Maybe in 2023.
	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	Yes, Cambodia Autism Network has a good relationship with the government and other stakeholders.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	It is good if APCD can help us in resource training like vocational education for employment for persons with autism, provide educational training and provide education learning materials.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes, now we have a good relationship with government agencies and private sectors.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	Yes, the government and local industries supported our finances.
	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Government, local enterprises and international funds supported our financial sustainability.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	I suggest APCD develop employment & training project, and business project for an adult with autism.

	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	Cambodia Government is very supportive of activities related to persons with autism.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	We need to develop an awareness for all Cambodian people and training for parents with autism and the community in all provinces.
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD has to continue this project for the next 5 years and create programmes to enhance the good relationship among AAN.

3. INDONESIA

Respondent: Ministry of Social Affairs

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes. I did.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes, my department coordinating the required data and information during the activity.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Now Government and society in Indonesia are becoming more aware of autism issues.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN?	Yes.
	C1.5	Do you think this project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes. This is the first time we conducted data collection on persons with autism. This is important data for policy development.
	C1.6	To what extent does the project intervention relevant with your country policy on autism?	Yes. This is related to our country's law especially to persons with disabilities.

Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Four ministries involved and Autism Foundation of Indonesia.
	C2.2	Who are involved in country autism profile activity?	Four ministries involved, there are (i) Ministry of Social Affairs, (ii) Ministry of Health, (iii) Ministry of Education and (iv) Ministry of Manpower.
	C2.3	Who are involved in country autism policy recommendation?	This policy recommendation involving the Autism Foundation of Indonesia, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Affairs.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Yes, but at the recommendation stage only.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes. This event is organized by the Autism Foundation of Indonesia and other related stakeholders.
	C2.6	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy project?	Commitment is the main factor that may influence the achievement of the activities.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Sure.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	Data collection we involved all main ministries and NGOs.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes. It's in line with current Indonesia's laws and regulations.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.	

	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of the targeted groups in the selected community?	Yes, the policy recommendations could enhance the existing laws and regulations
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country profile activity delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	We use our own budget.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all relevant stakeholders were involved in the policy recommendation process?	Yes.
	C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	Own support.
	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	This activity focuses on persons with autism. Data is used for related ministry as a guideline for future development. We plan in 2020 to publish a guideline book for persons with autism.
	C4.2	What happen to your country after project autism policy implemented?	At the moment, we use it to enhance the current laws and regulations.

	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD still focuses on all types of persons with autism.
	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	I have no idea about it.
	C4.5	What happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Our law did mention persons with autism.
	C4.6	How many percentage of persons with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	We still do not have the number of persons with autism.
	C4.7	Is your government to impose on propose policy?	No.
	C4.8	Does this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government?	Yes.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	APCD can help us in: (i) Simple guideline book for persons with autism at the national level; and (ii) ToT programme for the social workers.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially to the next related project?	Normally, the government funds the project.
	C5.4	Are local partners committed with human resources to the objectives of the project?	No problem with human resources.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Self-funded.
	C5.6	Is there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	As I mentioned before in C5.1.
	C5.7	How to create political will to support yours project?	Create a good relationship with other stakeholders.

	C5.8	Is your government going to impose or propose policy?	No at the moment.
	C5.9	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD can help us in: (i) Simple guideline book for persons with autism at the national level; and (ii) ToT programme for the social workers.

Respondent: Autism Foundation of Indonesia

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Data for persons with autism is important.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	Yes, we contribute our time and energy on all the activities.
	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes.
	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	This project directly benefits to persons with autism.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your 'autism country profile' activity?	Involved four ministries and we ourselves conducting a four days workshop.
	C2.3	Who are involved in your 'country autism policy recommendation' activity?	Involved Social & Rehabilitation Department, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Manpower, Ministry of Health, NGOs, parents and university representatives.

	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	This activity used to enhance the Policy and Laws related to persons with disabilities.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes. We ran this event on 2nd April since 2010.
	C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	The major factors are: (i) Cooperating and partnering; (ii) Commitment of all NGOs; (iii) Ministry of Social Affairs that look into issues on persons with autism; and (iv) Now all ministries are aware the importance of having a data of persons with autism.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the 'country autism policy recommendation' development?	Yes.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Poverty is one of the problems faced by persons with disabilities.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, it is.
	C2,13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively - in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	Yes.

	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Yes.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	The impact of the project can be seen when all ministries involved directly in data gathering. The benefits brought from the project are now very clear. I believe this will benefit all beneficiaries (stakeholders) in the future.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	This project use for enhancing the current policy and laws.
	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD as the bridge to invite the Yayasan working with the Ministry of Social Welfare. Now the Yayasan has a good relationship with the Ministry of Social Affairs.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	AAN achieve SDGs.
	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Yes. The parents will be very happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	We wish all persons with autism could benefit from this project.

	C4.7	Is your government going to impose or propose policy?	Not sure.
	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	Yes.
Sustainability	C5	<p>Will It Continue Without Us?</p> <p>Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.</p>	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	I suggest APCD conduct a proper data collection project for all ASEAN member states.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	Corporate Social Responsible programmes from the industry.
	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Yes.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	Proper mapping project on persons with autism.
	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	Work closely with the Ministry of Social Affair.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	We need best practice programmes, human capacity building, and collaboration with the NGOs.
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD continue to support ASEAN Autism Games.

4. LAO PDR

Respondent: Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	This activity is under AfA. Our department support this activity.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	This project is initiated by APCD, AfA is one of AAN member that actively involved in autism society.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN?	Yes. The government of Lao also supports this project.
	C1.5	Do you think this project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes. This activity can help Lao to summary the data for persons with autism and for policy development in the future.
	C1.6	To what extent does the project intervention relevant with your country policy on autism?	At the moment Loa PDR focuses on Law on Persons with Disabilities and Policy on Persons with Disabilities.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in country autism profile activity?	It involved NCDE, AfA, Department of Planning, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education & Sports,
	C2.3	Who are involved in country autism policy recommendation?	We support this activity under AfA.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Lao has the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities and National Strategic and Action Plan under NCDE.

	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes. We celebrate it on 2nd April, we support this programme and working with persons with autism. During that day, we update about National Policy on Persons with Disabilities to all participants.
	C2.6	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy project?	All parties working together to achieve it.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	The project involved the right stakeholders.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes. The project is in line with the national policy and strategic plan on inclusive education from 2010-2015 and National Policy for Persons with Disabilities.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, especially for persons with autism strategic plans in the future.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, it is.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of the targeted groups in the selected community?	Yes, it only involved persons with autism.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy delivered as per plan?	Yes.

	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Yes, the budget is provided by APCD.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all relevant stakeholders were involved in the policy recommendation process?	Yes.
	C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	Yes.
	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	100% to persons with autism and their parents.
	C4.2	What happen to your country after project autism policy implemented?	At the moment we only focus on Law on Persons with Disabilities.
	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD concern on awareness among public on persons with disabilities, they focus on the broad aspect, SOMSWD also implemented various activities on persons with disabilities.
	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	They all will very happy.
	C4.5	What happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Sure, parents will very happy too.
	C4.6	How many percentage of persons with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	No data.

	C4.7	Is your government to impose on propose policy?	No now.
	C4.8	Does this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government?	Yes. Now Government and AfA collaborate well, sharing information and more understanding to each other.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	APCD can provide all ASEAN countries in technical part support, especially related to persons with disabilities.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Need more support from the private sector and the NGOs.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially to the next related project?	They just support us on travel allowance. I hope that in the future they could support us on the representative from other ministries to attend the programmes.
	C5.4	Are local partners committed with human resources to the objectives of the project?	We work with NGOs.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Government's own fund.
	C5.6	Is there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	No.
	C5.7	How to create political will to support yours project?	Fund donors should follow Lao PDR's Law.
	C5.8	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	No at the moment.
	C5.9	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD should coordinate and implement the project for the Lao Government and AfA.

Respondent: Association for Autism

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes. We provide data to the government.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes, this is AfA's main activity.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	We want them to have a better life and stay independent.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	Yes, this activity is very important, where the project starts form autism mapping methodology, followed by autism awareness day, country autism profile and end up with country policy recommendation.
	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes, this project is good and as the first step for persons with autism.
	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	Workshop discusses the support and the need for persons with autism, brainstorming a variety of creative ideas and give the direction for the next five to ten years.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes, it is.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your 'autism country profile' activity?	It includes APCD, government, parents/caregiver and persons with autism.
	C2.3	Who are involved in your 'country autism policy recommendation' activity?	It involved the Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, hospital representatives, Rehabilitation Centre and schools.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	We discuss among our members and persons with disabilities.

	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes, we celebrate it on 2nd of April.
	C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	Commitment among stakeholders.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the 'country autism policy recommendation' development?	Yes. It involved the government and the private sector.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes, in line with Law for Persons with Disabilities of Lao PDR.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, it is.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Yes. It has been supported by APCD and donor.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.

	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes, this activity is the first step for AfA members and all.
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Not enough human resources, lack of funding, salary and knowledge transfer.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	Yes, it brought to the beneficiaries from the aspect of increasing public awareness, collecting the donor to support 1-month fees, bringing all families together and provide the ASD Card.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	We all will very happy.
	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD is focusing on persons with disabilities.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	All AAN members and related stakeholders will be happy.
	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Parents also will be very happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	We estimated about 18,000 persons with autism in Lao PDR will get the benefit. But currently, AfA only provides consultation to 200 persons with autism.
	C4.7	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	Not sure.
	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	Yes, now the government is more aware of AfA, we do share information on persons with autism.

Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	APCD should get more funds for the next project and to support us in implementing the autism policy at the ASEAN level.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes. We have donors from the industry like AIF Group and APCD.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	Funds were supported by some local industries.
	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Yes.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	Project on Implementation of Autism Policy at ASEAN Region focusing on AAN, APCD and the Governments.
	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	Now we have a better relationship with the government.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	AfA and NCDE should start to provide training causes.
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD will provide more funds for next project and signing MoU with AAN, APCD, and Government for effective collaboration.

5. MALAYSIA

Respondent: Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes, it involves many stakeholders.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes. The workshop is a collaboration by the government and NASOM.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	There are increasing numbers of persons with autism in society and persons with autism is categorised under persons with disabilities.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN?	This activity is very important to AAN.
	C1.5	Do you think this project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes, Autism awareness day creates a good opportunity for us working together with NASOM.
	C1.6	To what extent does the project intervention relevant with your country policy on autism?	Yes. This project is related to the current national policy.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Yes. The workshop was open by the senior officer.
	C2.2	Who are involved in country autism profile activity?	The workshop has involved the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Human Resources, Department of Welfare, GENIUS and National Autism Society of Malaysia.

C2.3	Who are involved in country autism policy recommendation?	The country autism policy recommendation involving the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Human Resources, Department of Welfare, Ministry of Human Resource, families, researchers, SUHAKAM, BAR Council and doctors.
C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Yes, this activity is under NASOM.
C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes, on 2nd April.
C2.6	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy project?	We already have the law for persons with disabilities. Under this law, person with autism is categorised under persons with disabilities.
C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Yes.
C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	Yes.
C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes, the workshop involved all stakeholders.
C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes, this project in line with the National Social Policy.
C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs? Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes. Data in this project is very useful for future action and planning for autism.
C2.12	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of the targeted groups in the selected community?	Yes. It is.
C2.13	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.

Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country profile activity delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Yes.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all relevant stakeholders were involved in the policy recommendation process?	Yes.
	C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	Yes.
	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	Persons with autism, parents, and the government will get the benefits.
	C4.2	What happen to your country after project autism policy implemented?	The government will decide it.
	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD is more toward knowledge sharing and reporting.
	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/ activities implemented?	To meet the needs of AAN.
	C4.5	What happen to the parents after project/ activities implemented?	The parents will be very happy.

	C4.6	How many percentage of persons with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	If this happens, all persons with autism will get the benefit.
	C4.7	Is your government to impose on propose policy?	Not at the moment.
	C4.8	Does this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government?	Yes. We have a positive understanding of NASOM and other stakeholders.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	APCD helping us in data collection in the next project.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially to the next related project?	Government's own funds.
	C5.4	Are local partners committed with human resources to the objectives of the project?	Government's own funds.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Government's own funds.
	C5.6	Is there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	Project propose are (i) Employment for persons with disabilities; (ii) Support system; and (iii) Special programme for caregiver and families.
	C5.7	How to create political will to support yours project?	All the stakeholders working together.
	C5.8	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	Not at the moment.
	C5.9	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD maybe can focus on data collection for a strategic plan for persons with disabilities and other learning disabilities projects.

Respondent: National Autism Society of Malaysia

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes, the workshop is a collaboration by the government and NASOM.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	This is the first time the voice of persons with autism has been explored at the ASEAN level. There are misconceptions about persons with autism among society. This project is good for the government to create awareness.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	Yes, it will benefit persons with autism and their family.
	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes.
	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	Many persons with autism in Malaysia are growing. Currently, the Government concern about them and we encourage persons with autism to register their social cards.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes. The workshop open by the senior officer.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your 'autism country profile' activity?	A workshop involving the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Human Resources, Department of Welfare, GENIUS and National Autism Society of Malaysia.

C2.3	Who are involved in your 'country autism policy recommendation' activity?	Country autism policy recommendation involving the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Human Resources, Department of Welfare, Ministry of Human Resource, families, researchers, SUHAKAM, BAR Council and doctors.
C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	NASOM will propose it to the department.
C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes, on 2nd April.
C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	This is the first time all stakeholders seat together discussing issues related to persons with autism. At the moment, stakeholders and society are more aware of autism issues, parents and support groups also actively involved in the project.
C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism in your country?	Yes. The government hears the voices of society.
C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the 'country autism policy recommendation' development?	The method involved all stakeholders.
C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes, it's in line with the National Social Policy.
C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, this is the first time all stakeholders seat together to compile the data on persons with autism.
C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
C2,13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	Yes, a person with autism is part of the social ecosystem.

Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Yes.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes.
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	At the moment, my department compiled all data from related stakeholders during the workshop.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	First-time government meets all stakeholders to discuss persons with autism.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	At the moment we have the Persons with Disabilities Act 2008, all data collected in the workshop will enhance the contents of the act.
	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	I am not really clear about the rule of SOMSWD in this case.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	AAN members will get recognition at the national level.
	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Parents' problems will be solved.

	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit from the project?	All persons with autism.
	C4.7	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	Not sure.
	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	Yes.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	Propose more projects related to persons with autism in ASEAN countries.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	Yes. A donor from local enterprises.
	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	The government will use its own funds.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	No idea.
	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	Commitment from all stakeholders.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	Not at the moment.
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD should help ASEAN in (i) Screening & diagnosis method, (ii) Data collection, (iii) Suburban early intervention programme, and (iv) Implementation of autism policy through APCD and SOMSWD.

6. MYANMAR

Respondent: Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Yes. We need to know and understand persons with autism, they need to have contact with society.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN?	Yes.
	C1.5	Do you think this project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes, this project is important.
	C1.6	To what extent does the project intervention relevant with your country policy on autism?	Yes. This project is in line with Myanmar National Strategy for Development of Persons with Disabilities (2016-2025).
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in country autism profile activity?	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Education, NGOs, parents group and special education school.
	C2.3	Who are involved in country autism policy recommendation?	This activity is under the Myanmar Autism Association.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	No.

	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes.
	C2.6	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy project?	We need a commitment from all stakeholders.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	Yes, it's involved data collection from related ministries.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Myanmar National Strategy for Development of Persons with Disabilities (2016-2025) and Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Law in 2015.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of the targeted groups in the selected community?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country profile activity delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Yes.

	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all relevant stakeholders were involved in the policy recommendation process?	Yes.
	C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	No idea.
	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	No problem.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	Change in law.
	C4.2	What happen to your country after project autism policy implemented?	It benefits to persons with autism.
	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD directly involved and contributed in these activities.
	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/ activities implemented?	AAN and NGOs will happy.
	C4.5	What happen to the parents after project/ activities implemented?	Parents also happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of persons with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	We don't have the exact percentage, but all persons with autism will get their benefit.
	C4.7	Is your government to impose on propose policy?	We will improve the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Law in 2015.
	C4.8	Does this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government?	Yes.

Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	We hope APCD can have more projects for persons with disabilities.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes. I strongly agreed.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially to the next related project?	Department of Social Welfare sponsored activities to NGOs, and we have a training programme that sponsored by a university in the UK
	C5.4	Are local partners committed with human resources to the objectives of the project?	Teacher Training Programme provided by the university in the UK.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	No problem.
	C5.6	Is there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	More training programmes.
	C5.7	How to create political will to support yours project?	Work together with society.
	C5.8	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	No at the moment.
	C5.9	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	SOMSWD representative involved in all activities.

Respondent: Myanmar Autism Association

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	The numbers of persons with autism now increased in Myanmar.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	Yes.
	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes.
	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	Given the opportunity to persons with autism to be included in the policy and law.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes. About 60 participants involved: (i) MAA, (ii) Special need school, (iii) Department of Social Welfare, (iv) Ministry of Health, (v) Ministry of Education, (vi) International NGOs, and (vii) Professional.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your 'autism country profile' activity?	This project is under the Department of Social Welfare.
	C2.3	Who are involved in your 'country autism policy recommendation' activity?	As mentioned above.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Yes.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes, on 2nd April, with around 1,000 participants involved.

	C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	Commitment.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the 'country autism policy recommendation' development?	Yes.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes, this project is in line with Myanmar National Strategy for Development of Persons with Disabilities (2016-2025).
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	We conduct 2 workshops, first sponsored by APCD, second sponsored by our own.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.

	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes.
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	At this moment, I think it's too early to say who will benefit from this projects.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	It means AAN successfully delivered the task.
	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD is focusing on persons with disabilities.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	Very happy.
	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Very happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	All persons with autism will gain benefit from this project.
	C4.7	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	I have no idea.
	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	Sure.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	APCD will provide more projects to AAN.

	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	Yes.
	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Sometimes the fund is from enterprises and donor.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	Developing a system for data management.
	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	Good communication with all partners and government.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	More training on leadership.
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	Developing a data support system.

7 PHILIPPINES

Respondent: National Council on Disability Affairs

Criteria	No	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Autism is one kind of disabilities. We are the council that concern to persons with disabilities.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN?	Yes.
	C1.5	Do you think this project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes, they are apart of the persons with disabilities, everyone is important in our society.

	C1.6	To what extent does the project intervention relevant with your country policy on autism?	Yes.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in country autism profile activity?	This research is done by the Philippines Statistic Authority (PSA).
	C2.3	Who are involved in country autism policy recommendation?	This activity is conducted by the Autism Society Philippines.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Yes, but we still refer to the laws related to persons with disabilities.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes.
	C2.6	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy project?	Commitment.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	Philippines Statistic Authority (PSA) done this survey at the national level. PSA follows the Washington method to conduct the survey.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes, it is in line with current policy on persons with disabilities.
C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes	

	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of the targeted groups in the selected community?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country profile activity delivered as per plan?	We plan to submit the national country autism profile to APCD by the end of December 2019.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Government's own budget.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	I need more time to compile the data.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Government's own budget.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	It was slightly delayed.
	C3.7	Do you think all relevant stakeholders were involved in the policy recommendation process?	Yes. Philippines Statistic Authority was conducting the survey.
	C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	I have no idea.
	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Philippines Statistic Authority manages to do it.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	The government understands the current issues of persons with disabilities.

	C4.2	What happen to your country after project autism policy implemented?	Not yet.
	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD plays an important role in bringing these issues at the regional level.
	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/ activities implemented?	AAN and other NGOs will happy.
	C4.5	What happen to the parents after project/ activities implemented?	Sure, parents will be very happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of persons with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	About 1.92 percent of the population will get the benefit.
	C4.7	Is your government to impose on propose policy?	National Autism Care Plan Bill is now at the discussion session in Parliament.
	C4.8	Does this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government?	Yes.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	Awareness among society, government and NGOs will be increased.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially to the next related project?	This activity is funded by the government.
	C5.4	Are local partners committed with human resources to the objectives of the project?	Government own human resource.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Government's own funds.

	C5.6	Is there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	At the ASEAN region we should have a specific intervention.
	C5.7	How to create political will to support yours project?	Create a good relationship between NCDCA and AAN.
	C5.8	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	Yes. National Autism Care Plan Bill will be a part of the policy.
	C5.9	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD can support the technical part like clarifying disabilities especially persons with autism at the regional level and strategic to hiring persons with autism at workplace.

Respondent: Autism Society Philippines

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Increasing numbers of persons with autism in the country.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	Yes.
	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes. The project is for the country and all ASEAN.
	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	Yes.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your 'autism country profile' activity?	National Council on Disability prepares this profile.

	C2.3	Who are involved in your 'country autism policy recommendation' activity?	National Autism Care Plan Bill is the autism policy that we refer to now. During the development of the Bill, we involved local governments and NGOs, all chapters and experts.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Yes. National Autism Care Plan Bill is the document that we are referring to now.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes. On 2nd April.
	C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	Commitment from all stakeholders, especially government, NGOs and society.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the 'country autism policy recommendation' development?	During the workshop, we involved all main stakeholders related to persons with autism.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	Yes, if the Bill agreed by the government.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.

	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	We submitted the National Autism Care Plan Bill to the government since 2015, now it's still in the progress.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	The budget is from the government and donor.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Still in progress.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes.
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	No.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	Now society is more concerned with persons with autism.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	Persons with autism will be provided a good diagnosis, have job opportunities and adult living issues also in the concern.
	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD was not involved in this activity.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	AAN hope that we can get good cooperation with other ASEAN members.
	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Sure, all parents will be very happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	We still don't have the real data.
	C4.7	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	We still wait for endorsement from the government.

	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	Yes.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	Society should be more aware of persons with autism.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes. During the workshop, all stakeholders sat together for one objective.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	Yes.
	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Our financial sustainability is from the private sector especially in corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme and international research fund.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	We suggest that the data collected for persons with autism will include a standard of diagnosis and early intervention method.
	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	Work together from all.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	Provide technical skills and coaching programme related to persons with autism.
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	We need the method on classification for persons with autism, tool for diagnosis and early intervention, visiting and exchange programme among AAN.

8 SINGAPORE

Respondent: St. Andrew's Autism Centre

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes.
	C1.3	Why people with autism are chosen in this project?	Yes.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	It is intended to further support and improve the autism community.
	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Definitely. Singapore aspires to be an inclusive society and this supports our vision.
	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	We have looked closely at the needs of the autistic community at different life stages and recommended key action plans for the improvement of their lives and provisions.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your autism country profile activity?	All members of the Autism Network Singapore. Caregivers, Adults on the spectrum, Community partners, Government Agencies, Service Providers.
	C2.3	Who are involved in your country autism policy recommendation activity?	All members of the Autism Network Singapore. Caregivers, Adults on the spectrum, Community partners, Government Agencies, Service Providers.

	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Yes.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes (Month of April every year).
	C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	Partnership. The collaborative spirit amongst all autism organisations Hearing the voice of the autistic community and government support.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	Referenced other plans of similar nature.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of people with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, it is.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Yes.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.

	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes.
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Tapping on existing resources of all partner organisations.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	Unable to comment.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	Unable to comment.
	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	Unable to comment.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	Unable to comment.
	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Hopefully, their lives will be better.
	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	Hopefully, all persons with autism will benefit.
	C4.7	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	Not sure. Hopefully, the government will implement our proposals.
	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	Yes.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	Should continue once the government decides to implement it.

	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	Yes.
	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Yes.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	-
	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	Work with all stakeholders autism community, parents, autism agencies and government agencies.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	-
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	-

9 THAILAND

Respondent: Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes. The Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is in charge of the autism country mapping.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes. The department participated in the autism country policy recommendation. Autistic Thai Foundation organizes the activity.

	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	<p>In Thailand, according to Act of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2007, persons with disabilities in Thailand are defined as persons who encounter certain limitations in performing their daily activities or social participation due to their impairment in vision, mobility, communication, mind, emotion, conduct, intellect, learning, or any other impairment or disabilities along with various difficulties, and specifically, those who need some assistance to enable them to perform their daily activities or social participation as well as others in society.</p> <p>In 2018, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEP) has issued 2,041,159 ID cards for persons with disabilities, which is 3.08% of the overall population. We estimated that persons with autism are at 0.6 % to 1 % of the overall population, but currently, only around 1,300 persons with autism are registered.</p>
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN?	Yes. Both activities are important to Autistic Thai Foundation and other public autism centers.
	C1.5	Do you think this project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes. This project and activities are benefited to Thailand.
	C1.6	To what extent does the project intervention relevant with your country policy on autism?	Autistic Thai Foundation conducts a workshop on a national autism policy recommendation. Department support this workshop. In the workshop, we suggest two solutions, there are: (I) The result of the policy recommendation will be used to enhance the current Act of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, and (ii) Prepare the policy at the national level.

Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in country autism profile activity?	Country autism profile involved the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Public Health and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
	C2.3	Who are involved in country autism policy recommendation?	Autistic Thailand Foundation organized this activity. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities supports the programme.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Currently, Thailand has an Act of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in 2007. This act includes all persons with disabilities so as autism.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes, we celebrate it from 31st March to 2nd April.
	C2.6	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy project?	These factors include family & parent's supports, public awareness, social stigma, financial problems, education, well-trained teachers, special school and collaboration among departments.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Yes, the government now is more concerned about persons with autism.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	We involved relevant government agencies in data collection.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes, the number of persons with autism is increasing.
C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes, this project in line with CBM programmes.	

	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, this is the first time we collect the specific data on persons with autism.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Thailand currently has an Act of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2007
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of the targeted groups in the selected community?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country profile activity delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy delivered as per plan?	Yes. We did it during autism awareness day.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	As a government body, we do not ask for the budget from the donor.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	No budget involved.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all relevant stakeholders were involved in the policy recommendation process?	Yes, all participants are from the government and NGOs.
	C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	I have no idea.
	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	In the department, we assigned one staff to compile the data.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	

	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	Awareness of the public about autism is increase and government create the awareness of the public through television drama programme and family daycare centre. Thailand, currently has 15 numbers of daycare centres across the country.
	C4.2	What happen to your country after project autism policy implemented?	Currently, we need to strengthen the act for persons with disabilities.
	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD Focal Point of Thailand will still support the right of persons with disabilities.
	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/ activities implemented?	AAN members and relevant stakeholders will be very happy.
	C4.5	What happen to the parents after project/ activities implemented?	Sure parents will very happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of persons with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	At the moment, we cannot predict how many persons with autism will benefit from the project.
	C4.7	Is your government to impose on propose policy?	Currently, we need to follow the Act of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2007.
	C4.8	Does this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government?	Yes. This project has created a better understanding and knowledge exchange among us.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	We hope APCD could provide us the training courses and create social enterprises programmes.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially to the next related project?	Department collaboration with social enterprise innovation centre for persons with disabilities.

	C5.4	Are local partners committed with human resources to the objectives of the project?	I need further discussion with them.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Yes.
	C5.6	Is there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	Develop the Training for Trainer (ToT) programme in diagnosis and intervention programmes and teaching persons with autism.
	C5.7	How to create political will to support yours project?	Create collaboration and MoU among governments and NGOs.
	C5.8	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	National Disability Council will in-charge of the policy.
	C5.9	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	We hope that APCD can provide all ASEAN countries in (i) Productive welfare programme like bring persons with autism into society and project ability for persons with autism and; (ii) Digital platform for autism at ASEAN level, where this digital platform as the one-stop centre for all data about autism in ASEAN.

Respondent: Autistic Thai Foundation

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes. I participated in this project.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes. Autistic Thai Foundation is the key player in this activity.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	The public is more aware of autism. Besides, this project is related to the UN Declaration on Human Rights.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	Yes, these activities are important to us, we are looking for many ways to create awareness in society.

	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes. This project and the activities are important for the autism community in Thailand.
	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	This project has driven the government to be more concerned about persons with autism and NGOs work together with the Ministry of Education in developing more efficient education for persons with autism.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes. The project involved government agencies, NGOs, special schools, parents and persons with autism.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your 'autism country profile' activity?	The government prepares this activity.
	C2.3	Who are involved in your 'country autism policy recommendation' activity?	It involved parents, persons with autism, NGOs and government agencies.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	Not at the moments but we have a strategy plan related to persons with disabilities.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes, now autism awareness day is an annual event in Thailand.
	C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	The full support from the government agencies will make all things move faster compared to the NGOs itself.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism in your country?	Yes, the number of persons with autism in Thailand is increasing.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the 'country autism policy recommendation' development?	We conduct the programme in the assembly hall. All participants were divided into age groups. Each group has a chance to discuss the issue of persons with autism. A representative from government agencies as the observer in the assembly. The total participant involved is around 600 people.

	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Sure. This is the first time we collect the data on persons with autism at the national level.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	We believe this project could contribute directly and create awareness of the public and government concern on persons with autism.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	Yes, during the assembly on 2nd April, we collect and compile the policy recommendation from all participants.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Yes.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes. We invited parents, persons with autism, NGOs and government agencies. All participants were actively involved.
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Yes, we also get volunteers to help us during the assembly.

Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	The project will bring benefits to parents, caregivers, families, persons with autism, and communities.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	The government has to collaborate with AAN and NGOs.
	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	There is no big impact on SOMSWD because their role is to focus on persons with disabilities as the general.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	This project will be the best practice for other countries.
	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	Sure, the parents will very much appreciate it.
	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit from the project?	At the moment we don't have numbers of persons with autism in Thailand, but we hope that all persons with autism in Thailand will get benefit from the project if autism policy recommendation is implemented at the national level.
	C4.7	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	At the moment the government just supports us in this activity, it is different with the implementation of the policy.
	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	This project created a better understanding and communication among all stakeholders.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	We hope that APCD supports all of AAN's working group.

	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	The project promotes coordination and cooperation among government agencies, AAN, and private sectors through corporate social responsibility programmes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	Yes. Autistic Thai Foundation is looking for support from the local private sectors and other international funds.
	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	We hope that we could get the collaboration and cooperation from the private sectors.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	We are looking for social care project to support families and persons with autism.
	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	We need to get support from the political party, minister and related ministry to collaborate with us.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	Provide the training and seek for the fund for human capital building.
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD should develop more training of trainer (ToT) programmes.

10. VIETNAM

Respondent: Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes. My department is responsible for this activity.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	I am not participating, but my deputy head of the department attend it.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	Now the number of persons with autism is increased in Vietnam.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN?	Yes. AAN involved in this mapping project, AAN now more understand on persons with disabilities policy.

	C1.5	Do you think this project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes, this project provided us the chance to work with other departments and ministries to compile the data on persons with autism.
	C1.6	To what extent does the project intervention relevant with your country policy on autism?	It's difficult to identify persons with autism from persons with disabilities.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in country autism profile activity?	They are the Ministry of Social Welfare, Viet Nam Autism Network, Ministry of Health, SOMSWD and research institutions.
	C2.3	Who are involved in country autism policy recommendation?	Director-General, Department of Social Welfare joint and organised the workshop.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	No, we already have Law in Persons with Disabilities. The autism policy recommendation will be used as the purpose during reviewing the policy. We enhance the current policy with the suggestion from Viet Nam Autism Network.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes. This is a yearly programme.
	C2.6	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy project?	We need MOLISA and the Ministry of Health to identify persons with autism.
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of people with autism in your country?	Yes.
	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the project development?	Involvement all Ministries and NGOs. We compile all data and information from all participants.

	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes. This country mapping project is in line with the current law and policy.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of the targeted groups in the selected community?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country profile activity delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	Government own funds.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all relevant stakeholders were involved in the policy recommendation process?	This part is done by Viet Nam Autism Network.
	C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	Not really sure.
	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	My department responsible for this activity, so far there is no problem.

Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	This project has a direct benefit to persons with autism and their families.
	C4.2	What happen to your country after project autism policy implemented?	No comment.
	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD concerns on all persons with disabilities and other social issues.
	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/ activities implemented?	AAN suggests and recommendation the policy and provides data to the department. Department will identify the need and will include it into the current policy and laws.
	C4.5	What happen to the parents after project/ activities implemented?	Parents will be happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of persons with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	At the moment we do not have the data for persons with autism.
	C4.7	Is your government to impose on propose policy?	No now.
	C4.8	Does this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government?	Yes.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	We need to create the programme for persons with autism in the future.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes. Activities at the province level, they engage private sectors to involve in the programme.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially to the next related project?	For the government, I am not sure.

	C5.4	Are local partners committed with human resources to the objectives of the project?	Veit Nam Autism Network committed to this project. They seek some funded from industries and donors.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	The government is using own funding.
	C5.6	Is there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	Supporting a project on research and data prediction for the whole country. Collaboration with experts to compile the data.
	C5.7	How to create political will to support yours project?	Collaboration and commitment among stakeholders.
	C5.8	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	No now.
	C5.9	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD should support the next project on research and data prediction for the whole country and collaborate with experts to compile the data.

Respondent: Vietnam Autism Network

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the 'autism country profile' development?	Yes. MOLISA is direct on this activity. Viet Nam Autism Network provides data to MOLISA.
	C1.2	Did you participate in the 'autism country policy' development?	Yes. We conduct the national workshop on 30th Mac 2019.
	C1.3	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	The increasing number of persons with autism in Vietnam.
	C1.4	Do you think these activities implemented are important to AAN & NGOs?	Yes. AAN voice out the issues on persons with autism to the government and has the right role.
	C1.5	Do you think these project and activities are important to yours country?	Yes.

	C1.6	How the project contributed to address persons with autism needs?	In the workshop, VAN recommended persons with autism need the early intervention, parents need support from the government, increase the health care services for persons with autism and create awareness in the society.
Effectiveness	C2	Are Project's Objectives Being Achieved? A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)	
	C2.1	Did the project get all relevant members of stakeholder involved?	Yes.
	C2.2	Who are involved in your 'autism country profile' activity?	This conducted by MOLISA.
	C2.3	Who are involved in your 'country autism policy recommendation' activity?	They are staff from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education & Training, MOLISA, teachers, parents, therapists & doctors and persons with autism.
	C2.4	Did your country develop your own country autism's policy?	We recommend the policy to the government.
	C2.5	Did the autism awareness day is developed at your country level?	Yes. This programme started in 2011.
	C2.6	What are the major factors influencing the achievement of the country autism policy recommendation?	Collaboration from MOLISA Influenced by the international organization. Parents group – push the government to prepare the facilities. Research and education institution – data and find. Local company
	C2.7	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism in your country?	Yes. This project will contribute to: (i) Clearly intervention and diagnosis; (ii) Parenting support and educational system.

	C2.8	How do you identify the right method that have been used to achieve the 'country autism policy recommendation' development?	Our activities involved all-important stakeholders include government agencies, NGOs, experts, and parents.
	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in your society?	Yes.
	C2.10	Did the project in line with your country Community Policy? If yes, how?	Yes, this project is in line with the policy and laws in Vietnam.
	C2.11	Did 'Autism Country Profile' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes.
	C2.12	Did 'Autism Country Policy' is relevant to your country community needs?	Yes, it is.
	C2,13	Do you think that the project could successfully address the needs of person with autism in society?	Yes.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Did the country autism profile project delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.2	Did the autism policy recommendation delivered as per plan?	Yes.
	C3.3	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	This project supported by APCD, local company and families.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.5	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes.
	C3.6	Were the objectives achieved on time?	Yes.
	C3.7	Do you think all key stakeholders were involved in the policy development recommendation process?	Yes.
	C3.8	Do you think there have enough human resource at your Department to manage this project?	Human resource is from our organisation and volunteers.

Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives?The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	
	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	The output will benefit the person with autism.
	C4.2	What will happen to your country after project Autism Policy implemented?	Health care services will improve: (i) Doctors will get training for early intervention; (ii) Therapist at special schools; (iii) Vocational school for adult with autism, (iv) Employment and (v) Social home for parents.
	C4.3	What will happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	Unable to comment.
	C4.4	What will happen to the AAN members and others relevant stakeholder after project/activities implemented?	VAN still supporting activities under MOLISA.
	C4.5	What will happen to the parents after project/activities implemented?	The parents will be very happy.
	C4.6	How many percentage of people with autism in your country will get the benefit form the project?	Estimated around 200,000 persons with autism in Vietnam will get the benefit.
	C4.7	Is your government going to impose on propose policy?	Unable to comment.
	C4.8	Will this project create better understanding among AAN, stakeholder and government in the future?	Yes. The relationship between government and VAN is better.
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	Increase the awareness in society and relationship especially among government and VAN is slightly better now.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes.
	C5.3	Are local partners committed financially and with human resource to the next related project?	Yes

	C5.4	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project in your country?	Yes.
	C5.5	Are there any proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	Create more activity to support this project, create awareness among government agencies to understand persons with autism.
	C5.6	How to create political will to support yours project?	Commitment and support to each other among stakeholders.
	C5.7	How to strengthen local leadership and ownership?	Provide training of trainers (ToT).
	C5.8	How APCD can help you to success your next project?	APCD should help to build a better relationship among AAN and government agencies, provide standardisation at the early intervention and diagnosis tool and training of trainer (ToT) programme.

11. APCD

Criteria	No.	Questions	Answers
Relevance	C1	Are We Doing Right Things? The extent to which the activities are suited to the project and the target group.	
	C1.1	Did you participate in the project development?	No, I did not participate in the project development. The project was developed by the former Executive Director. However, since APCD has been assigned as an implementing agency of this project, I will fully support this project to achieve its goal effectively and efficiently as planned.

	C1.2	Why persons with autism are chosen in this project?	<p>WHO found out that Autism is new to the world, including the ASEAN region. Very few people know about autism. This makes persons with autism cannot access to the government programs and services for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>The Autism Mapping Project in the ASEAN Region is initiated by ASEAN Secretariat to solve such problems and it is considered as a pioneer project which may be replicated in other regions of the world.</p>
	C1.3	Do you think the activities implemented are important to AAN?	<p>Yes, I think so.</p> <p>ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) is a platform for autism-related family support groups of each ASEAN member states (AMS). AAN was established with “Family Comes First” as a core concept during the 1st ASEAN Autism Congress organized by APCD in cooperation with JICA in Bangkok, Thailand on 13-15 December 2010.</p> <p>AANs play a key role in the project. They are planned to collaborate, cooperate, coordinate, and unite in conducting activities exclusively for autism to ensure sustainability throughout the life-span of individuals with autism.</p>

	C1.4	Do you think the project and activities are important to ASEAN countries?	<p>Yes, I think so.</p> <p>Since autism is new to the world, including the ASEAN region, this project makes all ASEAN member countries both the government agencies and the social organizations, as well as the public, are aware of the increasing numbers of persons with autism which bring significant economic costs to families and societies.</p>
Effectiveness	C2	<p>Are the Project's Objectives Being Achieved?</p> <p>A measure of the extent to which an aid activity attains its objectives (outcome)</p>	
	C2.1	Did the project get all members of AAN involved?	<p>Yes. AAN is a key institution that promotes and protects the rights of PWA with the capacity of families and caretakers.</p> <p>APCD has involved in establishing AAN in all 10 ASEAN member countries.</p> <p>Under Autism Mapping Project, each AAN member will get financial support for organizing 2 activities; 1) National Autism Awareness Event (2,250 USD) and 2) National workshop for policy recommendations (1,800 USD) depended on the proposal.</p>
	C2.2	Did all ASEAN country develop its own country autism policy?	<p>We are not sure. However, it is a long term objective of the project. The project encourages all ASEAN country to develop their country's autism profile which will be the baseline data for their governments to develop an appropriate policy for autism.</p>

	C2.3	Did the autism awareness day is developed at the ASEAN level?	Yes. The project supported the autism awareness day at the regional event in Jakarta in October 2018. This event was organized by Yayasan Autisma Indonesia with financial support from the project for 2,250 USD.
	C2.4	What were the major factors influencing the achievement of the project?	<p>In my opinion, the major factors influencing the achievement of the project are of the following;</p> <p>The effective support of the ASEAN Secretariat team and JAIF management team, especially in supporting APCD and coordinating with the key agencies concerned such as SOMSWD focal points.</p> <p>Increasing awareness and participation of the agencies concerned especially the government agencies and all AAN.</p> <p>The capacity of the project management team in understanding the limitation of the project and be able to set a plan and activates and coordinate as well as encourage the agencies concerned to take any action in order to complete the plan and activities.</p>

	C2.5	What were the major factors influencing the non-achievement of the objectives?	<p>In my opinion, they are</p> <p>Lack of reliable data. Many ministries and government agencies are involved in providing services and programs for persons with autism and they work within their own functions without the main coordinating body.</p> <p>The limited capacities and the readiness of the government agencies in terms of staff and budgets</p> <p>The short period of project duration.</p>
	C2.6	Did the project contribute to address the concern and issues of persons with autism among the ASEAN countries?	<p>Yes. The main concerns and issues in ASEAN are that persons with disabilities especially autism are not included in the government programs and services designed for them because:</p> <p>Lack of accurate data on persons with autism</p> <p>Less awareness of the increasing number of persons with autism</p> <p>No policies and plans for strengthening persons with autism</p> <p>The project then set 3 approaches to solve those problems.</p> <p>Encouraging government agencies to have accurate data as a national profile on autism</p> <p>Promoting awareness both at national and regional levels</p> <p>Developing policy recommendation on autism</p>

	C2.7	How do you identify the right method have been used to achieve the objectives?	<p>A2: Work with government agencies in all 10 countries for:</p> <p>R1: National and ASEAN profile on autism</p> <p>A3: Work with ASEAN Autism Network-AAN for</p> <p>R2: Policy recommendations by ASEAN Autism Network</p> <p>R3: National and regional autism awareness events</p>																																						
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	C2.9	Did the project contribute to address current need of persons with autism in ASEAN society?	<p>Yes. Most people with autism need access to all kinds of services but they do not know where and how to get the services. At the same time, the government service providers do not have reliable data on people with autism. So the project puts the emphasis on data collection on people with autism so that the agencies concerned could use such data for planning and developing their programs and services.</p>																																						

	C2.10	Did the project in line with ASEAN Community Blueprints? If yes, how?	Yes, the project is directly in line with the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025 which envisions moving towards a more inclusive ASEAN community, particularly in line with B.3. Promotion and protection of human rights; vi. (no.6) Enhance regional initiatives to promote and protect the rights of women and children as well as persons with disabilities.
Efficiency	C3	Was Projects / Activities Worth it? Efficiency measures the outputs – qualitatively and quantitatively –in relation to the inputs.	
	C3.1	Were the activities of the project delivered as per plan?	Yes, all of the project activities were delivered as per plan.
	C3.2	Was the budget supported by the donor for delivering activities enough?	I can say that most project activities have gotten enough budget, except for some activities. The project encouraged all 10 ASEAN member states to collect data and produce a national profile on autism without any financial support to the responsible government agencies. This activity was not only difficult and time consuming but it was additional work for them while they have limited man powers and budget. So, it is very difficult for those government agencies to produce a reliable profile online.
	C3.3	Were deliverables / activities achieved on time?	Yes. All project activities have a detailed plan of action in advance. So, all of them could be managed to achieve on time.
	C3.4	Were deliverables / activities achieved accordingly in budget plan?	Yes. According to the project management team, all activities achieved within the budget line.

C3.5	Were the objectives achieved on time?	At this moment it is only halfway of the project duration. Since most activities were conducted on time, so it is expected that the project objectives could be achieved on time.																				
C3.6	Do you think all stakeholders were involved in the policy making process?	Yes, I do. APCD has worked closely with key stakeholders of this project for a long time, especially ASEAN Autism Network - AAN. APCD involved in the establishment of all 10 AAN.																				
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C3.8	Are there alternatives for achieving the same results with less input/funds?	No, I do not think so. The fund for this project is limited and tight. Some important activities, such as encouraging the government agencies to produce the country's autism profile, do not get the fund. The project team has to go to meet them and request them to do it with their own resources because it is the ASEAN project that benefits all ASEAN member countries.																				

	C3.9	Do you think there have enough human resource (with 1 project manager, 1 autism expert and 1 logistic officer) to manage this project?	Yes, the project has enough human resources. It is quite difficult to find the right persons for the project team since their responsibilities are very high but the salaries are low. However, APCD could recruit the project manager who has long experience and expertise in international project management. He had working experience for a long time in TICA. His staff (1 Thai woman and 1 Vietnamese) also have high qualifications and skills in using computer and communication tools. They work as a team and devote to the work assignment and looking forward to achieving the project activities and objectives efficiently and effectively. More important is that the project is very well supported by the APCD administration in terms of human resources and back-office without any financial support from the project.
Impact	C4	Are We Having Impact Beyond Our Objectives? The positive and negative changes produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended	

	C4.1	What real difference has the project brought to the beneficiaries?	<p>The direct beneficiaries of the project are organizations of and for persons with autism, persons with autism and their families.</p> <p>The intended positive change is that the government agencies and the public are more aware of the situation of persons of autism and try to make it better.</p> <p>The unintended positive change is that the government agencies and AAN work together more closely. APCD, as well as ASEAN Secretariat and the Japanese government, have also received more respect from the agencies concerned in all ASEAN member states. AAN is strengthened with the support of the project in conducting awareness event and policy workshop which benefits directly to AAN, persons with autism and their families. The indirect beneficiaries include all the ASEAN Member States and the general community. They are directly involved as the key actors in project activities that benefit the community.</p>
	C4.2	What happen to the ASEAN countries after project/activities implemented?	The ASEAN countries are awakening and coming into awareness of the promotion and protection of the rights and empowerment of persons with autism in the ASEAN region.
	C4.3	What happen to the SOMSWD after project/activities implemented?	SOMSWD works closely with the government agencies responsible directly in providing services to autism.

	C4.4	What happen to the AAN members after project/activities implemented?	AAN is internationally accepted as a key institution that promotes and protects the rights of PWA on a family basis. AAN has the accreditation internationally. AAN has gotten an official approval of an organization from the ASEAN Secretariat.
	C4.5	Percentage of persons with autism will get the benefit form the project?	Hard to tell in percentage since no accurate data on numbers and prevalence of persons with autism in most ASEAN member states. The project works closely with key organizations both government agencies and social organizations especially AAN. Thousands of persons with autism in all AMS get directly benefit from the project activities especially in the awareness event nationally and internationally.
	C4.6	What are the positive and negative, intended and unintended effects?	Similar answers to C4.1
Sustainability	C5	Will It Continue Without Us? Sustainability is concerned with measuring whether the benefits of an activity are likely to continue after donor funding has been withdrawn.	
	C5.1	To what extent will activities, results, effects and benefits be expected to continue after APCD intervention ends?	The project team collaborated closely with partners' organizations in the ASEAN Member States and could see their commitment and contribution in terms of financial and human resources for the sustainability of the implementation after the project ended.
	C5.2	Did the project promote coordination and cooperation with relevant government departments and private sector actors?	Yes, the project promotes coordination, especially between relevant government departments and AAN.

	C5.3	How self-supported is the local partner/beneficiary? To what extent was local leadership and ownership strengthened?	Except in Singapore and Thailand, most of AAN in ASEAN countries are self-supported and without financial support from the government. All AAN are local organizations and strengthened by the support from the project in conducting project activities such as an awareness event.
	C5.4	Are local partners committed financially and with human resources to the objectives of the project?	Yes. Normally all AAN conduct the awareness event by their own human resources and budget. The project only supplements them with some funds to conduct the activities wider and more interesting.
	C5.5	Are the activities financially sustainable beyond the life of the project?	Yes, especially the activities in data collection and production of national autism profile would be sustained by the cooperation between the government agencies and AAN in all ASEAN countries.
	C5.6	What is the proposed project to enhance and sustain the current project?	APCD is planning to propose the 2nd phase “Advancing Community Inclusive and Responsive Services for persons with autism in ASEAN Region”



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