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CAMBODIA

COUNTRY PROFILE

After years of conflict, Cambodia is in its third decade of peace and sustained economic growth. Despite progress and great strides to reduce poverty, decreasing civil liberties, the depletion of natural resources, and inadequate access to health and education impede further development. The United States partners with the people of Cambodia to forge a strong, resilient and democratic future for their country.

USAID works with Cambodia to overcome its development challenges and build its capacity and commitment to plan, finance and implement its own development solutions.

OUR WORK

Reaching all 25 Cambodian provinces, USAID works with Cambodian and international partners to implement a range of programs that benefit all Cambodians. Our work focuses on strengthening democratic governance and human rights; improving health and nutrition; supporting education and child development; increasing agricultural production and food security; conserving forests and watersheds; and helping farmers and households adapt to and mitigate the impact of natural hazards.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

For the last two decades, Freedom House has rated Cambodia as “not free” due to restrictions on civil liberties and political rights. USAID helps Cambodian civil society and private sector organizations to protect human rights and civil liberties, advance women’s entrepreneurship, safeguard workers’ rights and fight human trafficking. For example, in 2018 USAID trained 48 union leaders and labor activists on how to implement safe labor practices and worked to reduce unsafe migration by developing an online jobs platform that is used by hundreds of thousands of unskilled and low-skilled workers.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION

Cambodia’s health, education and social services do not reach all Cambodians. With USAID’s support, Cambodia is reducing the burden of infectious diseases while increasing access to quality health services, and is improving the way Cambodian children learn. As an example of Cambodia’s increasing self-reliance, in 2018 USAID transferred management of the Health Equity Fund, which provides health care to 2.5 million Cambodians, to the Government of Cambodia, giving Cambodia control over its future development.

ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD SECURITY

Many rural households and communities struggle to benefit from Cambodia’s rapid economic growth. To increase more Cambodians’ access to growing wealth, USAID brings together key actors, including American agricultural universities, to help strengthen local capacity to produce more food, boost incomes and reduce malnutrition. For example, in 2018 USAID helped to facilitate partnerships between buyers and farmers that resulted in over \$6 million in sales and 190 jobs.



USAID helped to increase forest communities’ incomes by 48 percent using sustainable natural resource management practices over six years.

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Between 2015 and 2018, USAID helped to reduce stunting in three provinces, building a healthier future for Cambodia’s children.

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