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Cambodia Countering Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Activity

The five-year (2021-2026) USAID Cambodia CTIP activity builds on the progress of previous USAID programming in Cambodia by promoting the empowerment of migrants and at-risk persons through innovative livelihood and skill-building opportunities. Economic disparities push many Cambodians to undertake risky migration that traps them into servitude abroad or pulls them into indebtedness that bonds them to unfree labor at home. In partnership with the Cambodian government, the private sector, and civil society organizations, Cambodia CTIP will work in eight provinces (see map) assessed as hot spots for trafficking. The activity will also build on the Cambodian government’s anti-trafficking initiatives and bolster a holistic provision of services to survivors of human trafficking while addressing the root causes of exploitation in key sectors.

The Cambodia CTIP activity will pursue strategies across four objectives, including:

Prevention

- Cambodia CTIP will identify persons at risk of trafficking in rural communities, as well as returned migrants who have survived severe exploitation;
- Provide at-risk persons with access to soft and vocational skills to improve their resilience and expand their livelihood options;
- Continue promoting community-based



innovations that are market-proven for diversified income generation in farming and animal husbandry; and

- Empower prospective migrants with technology and tools to expand their knowledge of the risks and opportunities of transnational migration.

Protection

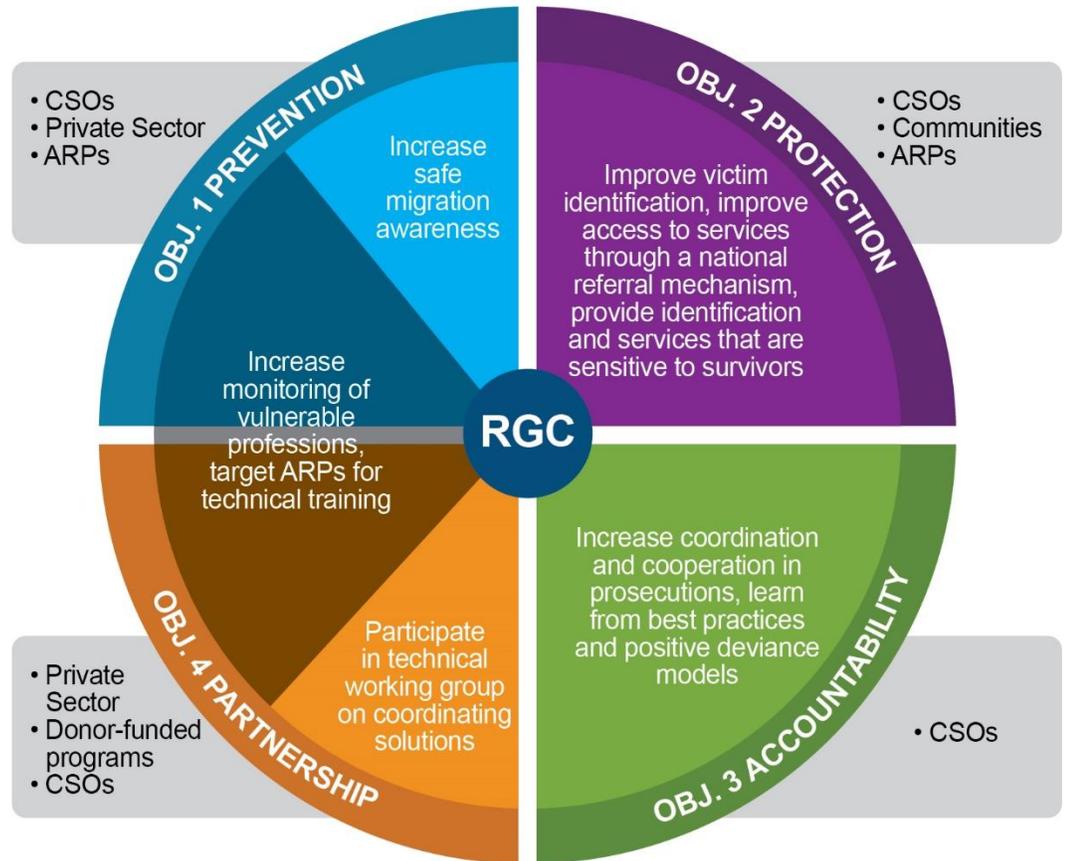
- The activity will strengthen systems for identifying and referring victims of trafficking to necessary services;
- Expand community-based case management for survivors of trafficking among both civil society and government service providers; and
- Develop and implement a database to track and ensure adequate care of trafficking survivors.

Accountability

- Cambodia CTIP will expand trafficking survivors' access to legal remedies through collaboration with civil society organizations and government service providers;
- Strengthen systems to deliver more effective criminal justice responses to trafficking offenses;
- Enhance labor enforcement responses to exploitation in identified economic sectors and transnational labor recruitment; and
- Pilot alternative pathways for justice, particularly for the provision of compensation to survivors.

Partnerships

- The activity will collaborate with other donors and implementers in Cambodia to add value to CTIP's response – including cooperation with



U.N. agencies, other international non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations and labor organizations;

- Strategically design activities to strengthen the initiatives of stakeholders at both the national and sub-national levels, including the government's National Committee for Counter Trafficking, and the Provincial Committees for Counter Trafficking; and
- Forge partnerships with private-sector entities – inside Cambodia and externally for the sustainable economic futures of both trafficking survivors and persons vulnerable to exploitation.

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