





FACTSHEET: Cambodia Counter Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Activity

Adaptive Responses to Cambodia's Evolving Human Trafficking Problem

The five-year (2021-2026) Cambodia CTIP Activity advances a broad, multi-disciplinary approach to strengthening responses to Cambodia's diverse forms of human trafficking. Responding to the sudden emergence in 2021 of large-scale trafficking of non-Cambodians into the country for forced exploitation in online scam centers, Cambodia CTIP is providing crucial support services for these victims found inside the country, as well as enhanced services for Cambodian victims of trafficking, while offering criminal justice practitioners and civil society legal aid providers with exposure to tools to help with legal sanctions to the new form of trafficking. Cambodia CTIP is working nationally as well as sub-nationally—in eight provinces, each assessed as either a significant source of Cambodian migrants vulnerable to human trafficking as they migrate abroad or assessed as a destination for the involuntary exploitation of either Cambodians or foreigners: Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Kampong Cham, Koh Kong, Phnom Penh, Prey Veng, Siem Reap, and Sihanoukville.

OUR APPROACHES

The Cambodia CTIP Activity is pursuing strategies across four objectives including:



Prevention: Cambodia CTIP provides persons at risk of human trafficking in six rural provinces, including returned migrant workers, with basic livelihood support and hard and soft skills training, to improve their resilience to and allow them to make informed choices on migration. The activity also provides training to independent media actors to strengthen the coverage of human trafficking and related issues, leading to greater public awareness.



Protection: Through two strong partners – Caritas Cambodia and Chab Dai – Cambodia CITP provides direct support to victims of human trafficking found in Cambodia and strengthens systems for identifying and referring victims of trafficking to necessary services. In particular, it seeks to assist non-Cambodians who have been subjected to forced exploitation in criminal activities in Cambodia with services otherwise not accessible to them and this is done to support local government efforts. These protection efforts stress the need for trauma-informed care, a victim-centered approach, and adherence to the principle of non-punishment of victims.



Accountability: The activity expands trafficking survivors' access to remedies through collaboration with civil society organizations and government service providers; strengthens systems to deliver more effective criminal justice responses to trafficking offenses; and will pilot alternative pathways for justice, particularly for the provision of compensation to survivors.



Partnership: Collaborates with other donors and implementers in Cambodia to add value to CTIP's response; 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 forge partnerships with private-sector entities for the sustainable economic futures of both trafficking survivors and persons vulnerable to exploitation.

Support to Criminal Justice Practitioners, Civil Society Organizations, and Independent Media



Law enforcers including police, prosecutors, judges, and social workers trained on TIP investigating, victim ID, and witness coordination.



Organizations participating in multistakeholder activities on trafficking in persons. People trained in the prevention of human trafficking.



Independent

trained on TIP

report writing.

journalists



Numbers of survivor supported by the Cambodia CTIP Activity.

Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods to Prevent Risky Migration and Human Trafficking



Number of at-risk persons and returned migrants provided inkind grants in six provinces.



Number of households supported by the Cambodia CTIP activity.



Percentage of household representatives who are female.



Numbers of Household members trained in TIP and safe migration, market linkage, and livelihood.

Policy-Relevant Research Initiatives

Cambodia CTIP is starting research into the relationship between microfinance indebtedness of rural Cambodian households and the risk of migration or human trafficking. The activity is also starting a political economy analysis of the new organized crime business of online scamming that relies on forced labor.

Activities Across Sectors Implemented by 6 Partner Organizations:



Cambodia CTIP has forged MOUs to advance partnerships across the anti-trafficking field:

- National Committee for Counter-Trafficking
- Cambodian National Police -Department of Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection
- Sala Baï Hotel & Restaurant School; Siem Reap
- Habitat for Humanity Cambodia

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