



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET / AC 2020-2022


STRENGTHEN PREVENTION MECHANISMS TO COMBAT SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN CAMBODIA AND PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO VICTIMS AND THOSE AT RISK

COUNTRY	CAMBODIA
CONTEXT	<p>Despite years of continued economic growth and social development in Cambodia, many vulnerable communities continue to be deprived of basic rights and services. As a result, hundreds of thousands of children and young people live on the margins of society: out of a population of 16.1 million people in Cambodia, more than one-third of whom are children under the age of 18, 14% live below the national poverty line.¹ Driven by poverty, many of these children are not enrolled in public school. According to UNICEF, approximately one in nine children between the ages of 5 and 17 work to support themselves and their families. More than half of these children work in hazardous conditions and are at high risk of sexual abuse and exploitation.²</p> <p>The daily realities and living conditions of marginalized children and youth (drug addiction, high unemployment, low level of education, etc.) often lead to violence against them, including sexual violence, both at home and in their communities.</p> <p>For many Cambodians living in rural areas, the cities of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia's main tourist destinations, represent an economic opportunity. Many leave the province for these cities in the hope of increasing their income and achieving a higher standard of living. Yet, there are families of internal migrants who are unprepared for their new lives and lack the basic education and skills needed to obtain stable, gainful employment. Many migrants, especially young women and girls, are forced into prostitution or work in massage parlors, bars and karaoke bars; popular places in Cambodia where exposure to violence, including sexual violence, is very high.</p> <p>The Cambodian government has established various mechanisms and initiatives to coordinate its efforts to combat child sexual abuse and exploitation by, among other things, improving prevention tools, criminal justice responses, provision of appropriate services, and strengthening law enforcement. To this end, several plans and programs have been adopted at the national level to meet these objectives, including the National Plan for the Suppression of Human Trafficking, Smuggling, and Sexual Exploitation and the Plan for the Suppression of the Worst</p>

¹Asian Development Bank, Cambodia profile 2014 <https://www.adb.org/countries/cambodia/poverty>

²UNICEF Cambodia, A statistical profile of child protection in Cambodia 2014

https://www.unicef.org/cambodia/media/711/file/Cambodia_Report_Final_web_ready_HIGH.pdf%20.pdf

	Forms of Child Labor. ³ However, despite a growing number of initiatives, prevention, protection and reintegration measures remain insufficient and scattered, and child protection services remain weak and lack human and financial resources. NGOs, with their expertise in the protection of children's rights, continue to play an essential role in aligning with national priorities.
PROJECT GOAL	Combating sexual abuse and exploitation of children and youth in Cambodia
PROJECT OBJECTIVE	<p>Prevent child sexual abuse and protect and reintegrate children and young people victims and vulnerable to sexual exploitation through improved access to required quality services in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving and expanding existing direct protection and reintegration services - Strengthening the existing intervention systems of the ChildSafe Movement (through ChildSafe Agents and ChildSafe Campaigns) to better respond to abuse and risk situations. - Providing support to children and young people whose parents are involved in situations of sexual exploitation (including sex work). - Developing partnerships with other NGOs in Cambodia and beyond to improve the coordination and quality of services provided to beneficiaries through the 3PC Network and the ChildSafe Alliance.
PROJECT AREA	<p>Phnom Penh and Siem Reap</p> 

³ ECPAT Country overview of Cambodia 2018 <https://www.ecpat.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ECPAT-Country-Overview-Cambodia.pdf>

<p>OPERATIONAL PARTNERS</p>	<p>Friends-International, Cambodia Friends-International has 25 years of experience as a leading child protection organization in Southeast Asia and works with the most marginalized children and youth through holistic social programs covering prevention, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration. Since its creation, Friends-International has supported more than 450,000 vulnerable children, youth and families by ensuring their education, well-being, and sustainable reintegration into society. In order to strengthen its impact and reach, and recognizing the responsibility of all for the protection of children (citizens, tourists, businesses, local authorities, civil society, etc.), Friends-International created in 2015 the ChildSafe Movement, an initiative that aims to provide everyone with the tools and knowledge necessary to prevent abuse and ensure the protection of children in situations of risk. The Movement has received international awards, including the First Prize for the best responsible tourism campaigns at the <i>World Responsible Tourism Awards</i> in 2016.</p> <p>Associate Partners working with/under Friends International for the project. Mith Samlanh (MS): Originally FI's program in Phnom Penh created in 1994, MS is now an independent local NGO (which continues to receive technical support from FI). MS is responsible for implementing the project in the Cambodian capital. In 2018, MS supported 22,408 beneficiaries.</p> <p>Kaliyan Mith (KMSR): has been FI's program in Siem Reap since 2004 and is responsible for implementing the project in Cambodia's main tourist city. In 2018, KMSR supported 12,537 beneficiaries.</p> <p>The ChildSafe Alliance (CSA): The ChildSafe Alliance is a partnership program that brings together 56 organizations around the world whose common goal is to provide a future for marginalized children and youth, their families and communities, while respecting standards of administration, transparency and direct services to beneficiaries. The Alliance, created in 2008 and led by Friends-International, aims to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share experiences, good practices and lessons learned on child protection - Initiate joint projects and coordinate field services - Influence government policies at the local, national, and regional levels, and in coordination with international organizations and donors. <p>The 3PC Network is the sub-program of the ChildSafe Alliance, operating specifically in Cambodia.</p>
<p>INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS/PRIVATE DONORS</p>	<p>Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg The Fondation Juniclair</p>
<p>LOCAL PARTNERS</p>	<p>Government and local authorities: Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY) and its departments, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of</p>

	<p>Labor, Municipal Governments of the cities of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, communal and village authorities.</p> <p>ChildSafe certified companies Partner companies: The Friends Employment Office (Futures Office) is a comprehensive employment support platform for marginalized youth, unique in Cambodia.</p>
PROJECT PERIOD	January 2020 - December 2022 (36 months)
BUDGET	600 000 euros
BENEFICIARIES	<p>Children and youth who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are victims of abuse or exposed to risks of abuse (especially sexual abuse) - live/work on the street or in extreme poverty; - are separated from their families; - are affected by HIV/AIDS or chronic diseases; - use drugs or alcohol; - are imprisoned, in conflict with the police, or just out of prison; - are young migrants facing difficulties in their new environment.
STRATEGIES (INTERVENTION FOCUS)	<p>Output 1: Prevention, Direct Protection and Reintegration services provided for children and youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide awareness and prevention training on child sexual abuse for children and youth victims and at risk of sexual exploitation - Support children and youth victims and at risk of sexual exploitation to access protection and reintegration services (incl. education, vocational training (VT), employment, family reintegration) <p>Output 2: Children and youth protection reinforced through the ChildSafe Agent Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify and recruit people able to become ChildSafe Agents able to protect and support their peers to leave situations of risks/exploitation - Provide training and refresher training to active ChildSafe Agents - Support ChildSafe Agents to provide quality services - Conduct ChildSafe community campaign on prevention and protection of child/youth sexual abuse and sexual exploitation - Provide child/youth sexual abuse and sexual exploitation awareness and prevention training for families in target communities and local authorities. <p>Output 3: Children and youth of women involved in sexual exploitation protected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify children and youth victim or at risk of sexual exploitation (due to caregiver's occupation, left alone at night, in contact with "clients", out of school...) through mapping and outreach activities - Plan and provide access to protection and reintegration services for children and youth victim or at risk of sexual exploitation (identified as

	<p>being due to caregiver's occupation, left alone at night, in contact with “clients”, out of school...) as needed</p> <p>Output 4: 3PC (Partnership Programme for the Protection of Children): Coordination of Service-Provision in Cambodia improved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up and operation of a 3PC Specialist Group - National and international exchange visits between organizations working on Sex Work/Sexual exploitation - Develop new tools to support improved quality of programming for sex workers and victims of sexual exploitation (meetings facilitated between partners to develop new tools; piloting and presenting new tools to network for adoption) - Document and analyze current services for sex workers and victims of sexual exploitation (Organizations providing services for sex workers / victims of sexual exploitation are visited and interviewed; report on best practices produced)
<p>OUTCOMES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2266 children and young people (at risk) are sensitized against the risks of abuse and exploitation - 1957 children and young people access integration services (education, vocational training, employment, family reintegration) - 40 new ChildSafe Agents specialized in the theme of violence against children are identified, trained and operational. - 5 ChildSafe campaigns are organized in the communities where FI works. - 1 mapping to identify victims/exposed persons and their needs - 1 feasibility study for the night/day daycare center - 1 Specialist Group on Sexual Abuse/Exploitation is formed and operational (4 meetings per year are organized) - 24 national and 1 international visits of organizations working on these themes - 5 tools created in partnership and 2 piloted - 1 Good practice report developed with 8 organizations
<p>INDICATORS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - % of children/youth victim of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation provided with protection and reintegration services still stable after 6 months (incl. education, VT, employment, family reintegration) - % of children/youth at risk of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation provided with protection and reintegration services still stable after 6 months (incl. education, VT, employment, family reintegration) (<i>% average of children/youth in edu, VT, employment and family reintegration</i>) - # children and youth victim of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation are provided with protection and reintegration services (incl. education, VT, employment, family reintegration) - # children and youth at-risk of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation are provided with protection and reintegration services (incl. education, VT,

	<p>employment, family reintegration) (<i>total of unique in edu, VT, employment and family reintegration</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - # children and young people provided awareness and prevention training on child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation - # of children and youth victims of sexual abuse or exploitation accessing protection and reintegration services (incl. education, VT, employment, family reintegration) - # of children and youth at-risk of sexual abuse or exploitation accessing protection and reintegration services (incl. education, VT, employment, family reintegration) (<i>unique beneficiaries</i>) - # General and Specialized Agents active - # trainings for CS Agents (<i>includes refresher trainings</i>) - # of children and youth protected by ChildSafe Agents - # children and youth identified as victim or at risk of sexual abuse/exploitation due to caregiver's occupation - # children and youth victim of sexual abuse/exploitation identified as due to caregiver's occupation receive protection and reintegration services as needed - # children and youth at risk of sexual abuse/exploitation identified as due to caregiver's occupation receive protection and reintegration services as needed - # tools created - Report on best practice produced
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ChildSafe Agent Training on COVID-19 Prevention and Protection in Siem Reap



Development of IEC on sexual abuse and exploitation between 3PC/ChildSafe Alliance and Mith Samlanh in Phnom Penh

