



CHILD PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION


PROGRAMME GOAL

Increase in children and adolescents who are protected from all forms of violence and participating in decision making.


PROGRAMME BRIEF


 **Timeline:** 2023-2027


 **Funding Source:** World Vision International


 **Stakeholders:** Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS), Cambodia National Council for Children, Provincial and District Departments, Commune Committees for Women and Children (CCWC), Cambodia National Council for Youth, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) & UN agencies

DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

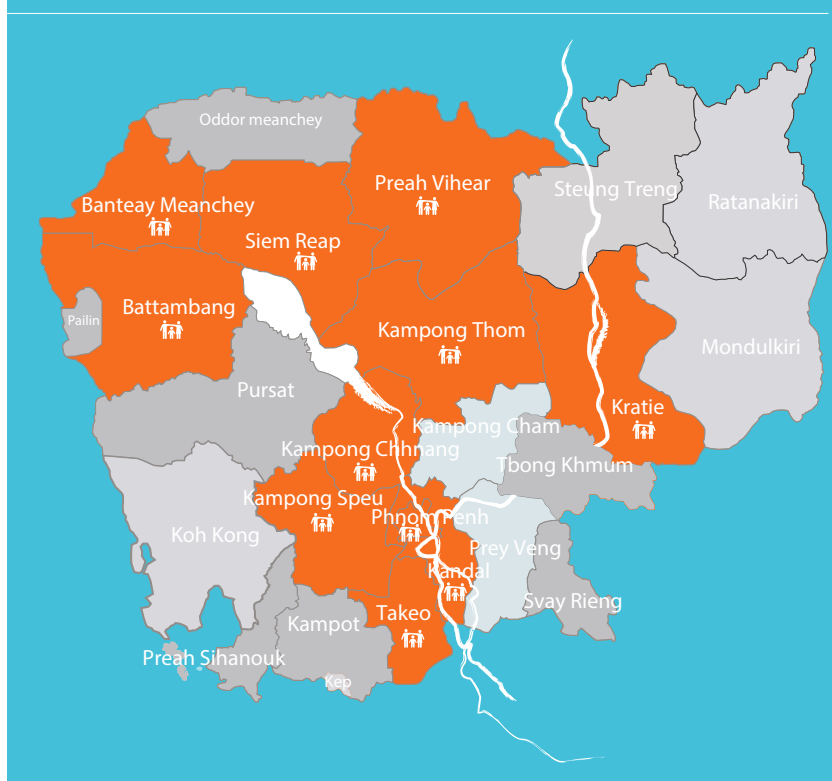
 More than 50% of children experienced at least one form of violence before they turned 18 years old¹

 11% of internet users aged 12–17 in Cambodia were subjected to online sexual exploitation and abuse which represents an estimated 160,000 children.²

 There have been increased participation of adolescents and youth representatives in decision making process affecting their lives at local and national level events, however such engagement tends to be ad-hoc and one-offs.³

 Youth are exposed to negative lifestyle factors associated with severe diseases such as tobacco use (7.3% of youth aged 15-24) and alcohol consumption (14.2% of youth aged 11-18).⁴

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AREAS



¹ A 2013 survey on Violence Against Children (VAC) by the Ministry of Women's Affairs and UNICEF.
² On children online safety issues, UNICEF report
³ OECD Development Centre (2017), "Youth Well-being Policy Review of Cambodia", EU-OECD Youth Inclusion Project, Paris.
⁴ OECD, Key Issues affecting Youth in Cambodia, <https://www.oecd.org/countries/cambodia/youth-issues-in-cambodia.htm>

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

There are four main outcomes of the Child Protection and Participation Technical Programme:



Children and adolescents, especially the most vulnerable are equipped and empowered with life skills, resilience, and capacity to protect themselves and participate in decision making.



Parents, caregivers, and community members provided positive caring and protective relationships to children and adolescents.



Improved collaboration of local child protection mechanisms to effectively protect girls and boys, especially most vulnerable children, from abuse, exploitation, neglect and other forms of violence.



Improved governance and accountability mechanisms as the result of child protection policy implementation to protect girls and boys.

PROGRAMME APPROACHES

Child Protection and Advocacy Programme model is implemented to strengthen child protection through a comprehensive systems and social-ecological approach focusing on 4 main domains of change:



Empowering children and adolescents with life skills, resilience, psychosocial well-being and meaningful participation in decisions that affect their lives.



Transforming attitudes, norms and behaviours of parents, faith leaders, faith communities and community members while promoting positive norms and practices.



Strengthening services and support mechanisms and the capacity, coordination, and collaboration of formal and informal actors to prevent, protect and respond.



Improving laws and accountability through advocacy at all levels and mobilising citizens voice to improve the quality by service providers and local duty bearers.

TARGET CHILDREN

Children Reach by 2027

0-5 years	6-11 years	12-17 years
96,435	96,435	128,580

Most Vulnerable Children by 2027

0-5 years	6-11 years	12-17 years
59,551	59,552	79,401



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