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USAID/Cambodia's Activities in Health and Humanitarian Assistance

Health



Improved reproductive and child health



*Reduced transmission of STD/HIV
among high-risk populations*

Humanitarian Assistance



*Enhanced assistance to war and
mine victims*

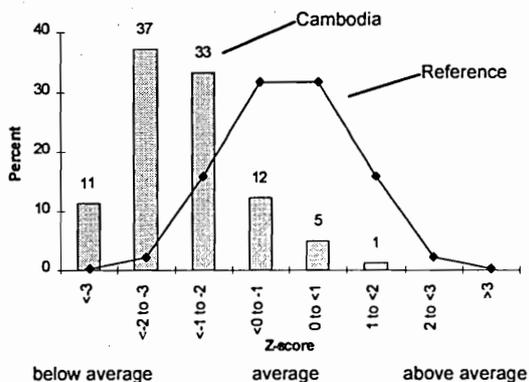
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Weight for Age Distribution in Children under Five, Cambodia vs. Reference

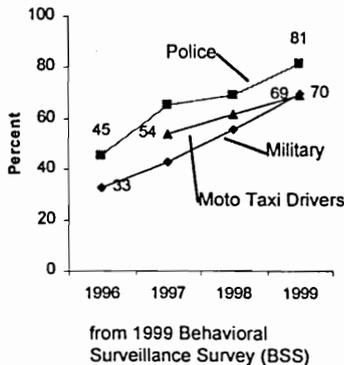


from 1999 HKI Home Gardening Baseline Survey

Current Cambodian Statistics

Population, 1998 (1998 Census)	11.4 million
Population (2000 estimate)	12.2 million
Annual growth rate (1998 Census)	2.5%
Percentage of population in urban areas (1998 Census)	15.7%
Infant Mortality Rate (1998 National Health Survey)	89 / 1,000 live births
Under-5 Mortality Rate (1998 National Health Survey)	115 / 1,000 live births
Maternal Mortality Ratio (1995 consensus estimate)	473 / 100,000 live births
Total Fertility Rate (1998 National Health Survey)	4.1
Married women 15 to 49 currently using a modern contraceptive method (1998 National Health Survey)	16%
Unmet need for contraception (1995 National KAP Survey)	84%
Number of HIV-positive persons (1999 consensus estimate)	170,000
Prevalence of HIV among commercial sex workers (1999 HIV Sentinel Surveillance System)	33.2%
Prevalence of HIV among police (1999 HIV Sentinel Surveillance System)	4.7%
Prevalence of HIV among general adult population (consensus estimate based on 1999 HIV Sentinel Surveillance System data)	3.2%
Proportion of population who is an amputee due to landmines or unexploded ordnance	1 in 235
Estimated landmines remaining in Cambodia	4 to 6 million

*Trends in Men Reporting Always
Using Condoms with Sex Workers*



Reproductive and Child Health Partners

(Strategic Objective 2: Improved reproductive and child health)

As the country with some of the highest infant and maternal mortality rates in Asia, efforts to improve maternal and child health in Cambodia are focused on expanding supply, increasing access and strengthening demand for reproductive and child health services.

CARE International



CARE's Jivit Thmey Project has improved outreach and health center services in three provinces for five years. Now the project is phasing out of Pursat and introducing activities to Koh Kong. Interventions consist primarily of capacity-building support for basic primary health care activities.

Target areas: Banteay Meanchey, Pursat (phasing out), Kampong Chhnang, Koh Kong (phasing in)

Accomplishments:

- Utilization rates in some health centers tripled after CARE supported election of feedback committees

LOP: \$2.85 million; 7/95 - 12/01



Helen Keller International – HKI

HKI promotes nationwide micronutrient policy development and implementation, particularly on vitamin A and iodine; improved breastfeeding practices and integration of eye care into the primary health care through curriculum development and demonstration gardens.

Target area: Nationwide plus Kratie, Stung Treng, Kampong Thom, Siem Reap and Takeo

Accomplishments:

- National micronutrient survey implemented
- 2,000 household and 100 village gardens established

LOP: \$2.85 million; 9/95 - 9/01

Medecins Sans Frontieres – MSF

Phasing out at the end of 2000, MSF has improved health care services in health centers and the provincial hospital in Stung Treng province.

Target area: Stung Treng

Accomplishments:

- Provincial hospital renovated and staff trained to follow national treatment protocols
- Health centers now exist and mobile outreach teams reaching remote villages for the first time

LOP: \$1.4 million; 3/96 - 12/00



Partners for Development – PFD

Through village development committees, PFD improves quality of life in rural villages through an integrated assistance program, including access to safe water, latrine promotion, health and hygiene education and local capacity building.

Target areas: Kratie, Stung Treng

Accomplishments:

- With 77 new village development committees established in 1999, 189 VDCs are now operating and addressing community identified development needs
- With an additional 24,000 people gaining access to improved water supplies in 1999, a total of 73,000 people benefit from clean water

LOP: \$5.3 million; 10/96 - 12/01



Population Services International – PSI
Through social marketing techniques, PSI promotes sales and use of *Number One* condoms and OK brand oral contraceptive.

Target areas: Nationwide

Accomplishments:

- From zero in 1994, sales of *Number One* condoms reached 12.9 million in 1999
 - 1999 sales of OK oral contraceptives totaled 227,000 cycles, implying over 15,000 couples were protected from pregnancy during the year
- LOP: \$4.8 million; 11/96 - 12/01



Reproductive and Child Health Alliance – RACHA

RACHA provides high level technical expertise in logistics management, organizational capacity development, quality improvement processes, safe motherhood skills training, and conducts activities to increase the awareness of and demand for long-term contraceptive methods.

Target areas: Kampot, Pursat, Siem Reap

Accomplishments:

- Over 1500 referral, midlevel and health center directors and pharmacists, nearly 100% of all such staff, trained in logistics management practices and procedures
- Cadre of 9 trainers created that runs an intensive competency based Life Saving Skills training program for over 50 midwives each year
- Quality improvement initiatives implemented in all target provinces

LOPs:

JSI: \$6.0 million; 10/96 - 1/00

AVSC: \$11.4 million; 10/96 - 12/01



Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia – RHAC

One of the first local NGOs in Cambodia to receive direct USAID funding, RHAC provides high-quality reproductive health services through clinics in four urban areas and community-based distribution systems in five provinces.

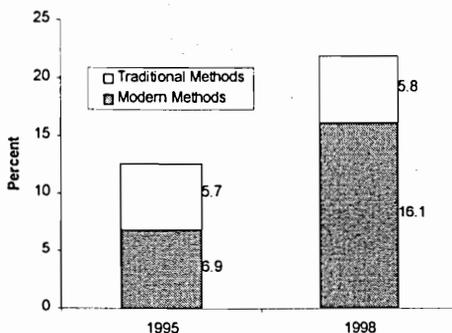
Target areas: Clinics in Phnom Penh, Sihanoukville, Battambang, Kampong Cham; Community-based distribution systems in Phnom Penh, Sihanoukville, Battambang, Takeo, Kampong Speu, Svay Rieng

Accomplishments:

- In the five clinics, reproductive health, birth spacing or antenatal care was provided to over 44,000 clients in 1999
- Contraceptive distribution in the community and through the clinics resulted in nearly 33,000 couple years of protection in 1999

LOP: \$2.71 million; 4/99 - 12/01

Contraceptive Prevalence Rates for Married Women Aged 15-44, 1995 and 1998



from 1998 National Health Survey

HIV/AIDS Partners (Special Objective 2: Reduced transmission of STD/HIV among high-risk populations)

Cambodia has the highest HIV prevalence in Asia, with the virus already spreading from high-risk groups into the general population. USAID's prevention and control activities under this special objective are targeted toward high-risk groups such as commercial sex workers and their clients who are the engine driving the epidemic. Clients of sex workers often serve as bridges over which the virus continues its spread into the general population.

Family Health International / Implementing AIDS Prevention and Care – FHI/IMPACT

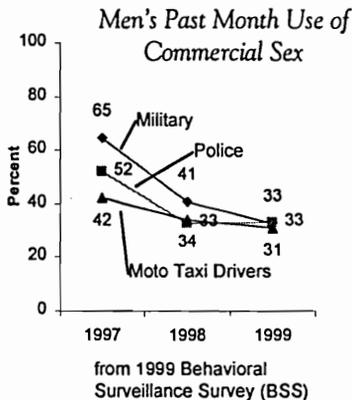
FHI/IMPACT addresses the high rate of HIV/STD transmission in high-risk populations through communication programs aimed at increasing condom use and decreasing frequency of high risk behavior; as well as improving access to STD services among high-risk populations.

Target areas: Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Kandal (areas nearest Phnom Penh)

Accomplishments:

- 117 peer educator trainers in place in military and demining units training peer educators
- 67 informal sex worker associations established as a basis for empowerment activities

LOP: \$8.2 million; 3/98 - 2/02



Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance – KHANA

Funded through USAID's Asia and Near East Bureau, KHANA is collaborating on the HIV/AIDS initiative through its programs strengthening the technical capacity of local NGOs carrying out HIV/AIDS activities.

Target area: Nationwide

Accomplishments:

- 33 Cambodian NGOs engaged in long term capacity-building programs focusing on HIV/AIDS activities

LOP: \$400,000 per year until 2002



Population Services International – PSI

In addition to contributing to the maternal and child health strategic objective, PSI collaborates with FHI/IMPACT and KHANA on the HIV/AIDS prevention and control initiative through ensuring condom availability in project areas.

Accomplishments:

- Out of 12.9 million condoms sold in 1999, nearly 7.5 million were sold in FHI/IMPACT target areas

LOP: \$4.8 million; 11/96 - 12/01

War and Mine Victims Partners (Special Objective 1: Enhanced assistance to war and mine victims)

With a tragic history unique in the world, Cambodia has inherited a legacy of problems borne of thirty years of conflict. To help address these needs, programs under this special objective lead to increased physical mobility, better job training and improved coordination of activities targeting the disabled.

American Red Cross – AmCross

Initially providing assistance to a rehabilitation center in Kampong Speu, AmCross has transitioned to a program of community-based rehabilitation in rural areas and information and referral services for the disabled through the National Center for Disabled Persons.

Target areas: Phnom Penh, Kampong Speu

Accomplishments:

- Over 800 prosthetic and orthotic devices manufactured and fitted through 1997
- Community-based rehabilitation system established, with outreach to 831 clients in 1999
- 749 clients registered with training and employment referral system for disabled individuals in 1999, with 91 job placements made

LOP: \$2.4 million; 2/96 - 12/00



Handicap International – HI

Through the Disability Action Council, HI improves services for the disabled by facilitating coordination activities within the sector.

Target area: Nationwide

Accomplishments:

- Secretariat for the Disability Action Council established
- Plan of Action for the disabled drafted and circulated for donor and government comment

LOP: \$500,000; 9/98 - 8/01



Salesian Mission

Through the Don Bosco School, the Salesian Mission provides technical training to poor youth and war orphans.

Target areas: Phnom Penh, Sihanoukville

Accomplishments:

- Over 2,000 students enrolled in two year vocational training programs since 1995
- Over 130 of these students have assumed teaching or staff positions within the Don Bosco schools

LOP: \$2.3 million; 7/95 - 12/01



Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation/Veterans International – VVAF/VI

VI improves services in regional rehabilitation centers that provide prosthetics, orthotics and wheelchairs. VI is also active in an income generation project and the United Cambodian Community Development Foundation.

Target areas: Phnom Penh, Kampot, Kandal, Prey Veng, Preah Vihear, Stung Treng

Accomplishments:

- At nearly 2,800 prosthetics, orthotics and wheelchairs manufactured in 1999, VI accounts for 26% of national production of such devices

LOP: \$6.8 million; 3/96 - 12/00

Additional USAID Activities in Cambodia

In addition to programs funded by the Cambodia mission, USAID funding also supports a number of other health related activities in the country.

Demographic and Health Survey – DHS



In collaboration with UNFPA and UNICEF, USAID/Cambodia funded the technical assistance portion of the first-ever DHS in the country. Implemented by the National Institute of Statistics in the Ministry of Planning, preliminary results will be available by September 2000.



The Bureau of Humanitarian Response of USAID/Washington supports three programs under the PVO Child Survival Grant Program:

World Vision – Active in the Kean Svay area of Kandal province, World Vision has recently been awarded a follow-on grant to continue the activities started in 1996 for an additional three years, to 2003. The 1998 midterm evaluation called the innovative vaccination tracking system a "world's best buy."

World Relief – Active in the Ponhea Kriek district of Kampong Cham province, World Relief uses health volunteers to implement community focused health activities.

Partners for Development – PFD Active in the Chhlong operational district of Kratie province, PFD has recently been awarded a 3½ year grant to continue its innovative combination of community and health facility interventions.

USAID funding also supports activities such as:

- Dissemination efforts for the DHS;
- Multidrug resistant malaria and dengue fever interventions implemented by WHO;
- Capacity building support for the Cambodian Midwives Association from the POLICY Project and CEDPA;
- Technical assistance from FHI for the 1999 HIV Sentinel Surveillance Survey and the 1999 Behavioral Surveillance Survey;
- A survey of STD and pregnancy avoidance behaviors by MEASURE/Evaluation;
- A national STD prevalence survey implemented jointly by FHI/IMPACT and the National Center for HIV/AIDS and STDs (NCHADS);
- A survey of tuberculosis prevalence, drug resistance, and treatment seeking behaviors in disadvantaged populations by FHI and the Gorgas Institute;
- Operations research implemented by HORIZONS;
- Efforts to cost HIV/AIDS interventions;
- A national micronutrient survey; and
- Support to UNICEF for the EPI program.