

# USAID INTRODUCES NEW STRATEGY IN CAMBODIA



USAID/Cambodia partner Care International provides routine Primary Health care activities in Koh Kong Province



Children affected by HIV/AIDS receive care through "The Little Sprouts Project", a Maryknoll activity



A new training curriculum in basic education will improve the educational quality for Cambodian children

A new USAID/Cambodia strategy, approved in June 2005, emphasizes three main themes:

### "Good Health, Good Education, Good Governance"

Since 1992, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has provided more than \$500 million to support economic development in Cambodia. Starting in October 2005, a new USAID country strategy will set the framework for continued assistance over the next several years.

Under the new framework, USAID will retain its strong presence in the health sector while also expanding its support for basic education. In addition, good governance will be used as an organizing principle for addressing a series of challenges that will define the democratic, economic and social development of Cambodia far into the future.

**HEALTH:** USAID-funded health programs address important public health issues and focus especially on HIV/AIDS prevention, care, support and treatment; improvement of the overall maternal and child health services; and strengthening health system. Increasingly, there is a strong cooperation with the Ministry of Health to improve the quality of Cambodia's public and private health care capacity. Among other things, this involves skills training for health workers and improved service delivery.

The reduction in HIV/AIDS prevalence rates in Cambodia in recent years is an especially important achievement. Similar reductions are now needed to reduce Cambodia's high maternal and child mortality rates through the implementation of various high impact interventions. HIV/AIDS prevention programs supported by USAID focus on behavioral change among high-risk groups in Cambodia. Peer education and prevention programs have achieved 100 percent coverage among the Cambodian military, 85% which has been directly supported by USAID. Buddhist monks, already leaders in many Cambodian communities, are assisted in their efforts to provide compassion to people living with HIV/AIDS in order to reduce stigma and discrimination.

**EDUCATION:** USAID-funded basic education programs emphasize quality as well as access. One USAID initiative is supporting the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports as it trains teachers and introduces a new curriculum. A second initiative, this one promoting access and inclusion, works with schools and communities to improve facilities and encourage enrollment, especially among Cambodia's minority populations. Initial activity under this initiative is concentrated on Kampong Cham, Kratie and Mondulkiri.

**GOVERNANCE:** USAID-funded governance programs focus on some of the most important issues facing Cambodia, including corruption, legal reform, human rights and local governance. Good governance also has important implications for natural resource management and private sector growth, resulting in USAID activities designed to address both concerns. Examples of USAID-funded programs include support for democratic local governance and decentralization; counter-trafficking in persons; anti-corruption reforms; protection of human rights and rule of law through monitoring; advocacy and legal aid; judicial reform; support for labor unions and worker's rights; natural resource management; community information centers; and the Documentation Center for Cambodia (DC-Cam).

The basic USAID approach across all three programs is to partner with a variety of organizations sharing a common objective. Using USAID funding, many organizations in turn promote links and support programs undertaken by dozens of Cambodian non-government organizations (NGOs), both large and small.

USAID actively participates in various donor and other forums that are designed to improve aid effectiveness and ensure that donor resources have greater impact. The fact that the Government of Cambodia's rectangular strategy places good governance at its very center further underscores the importance of continued USAID support for building democracy and strengthening good governance in Cambodia.

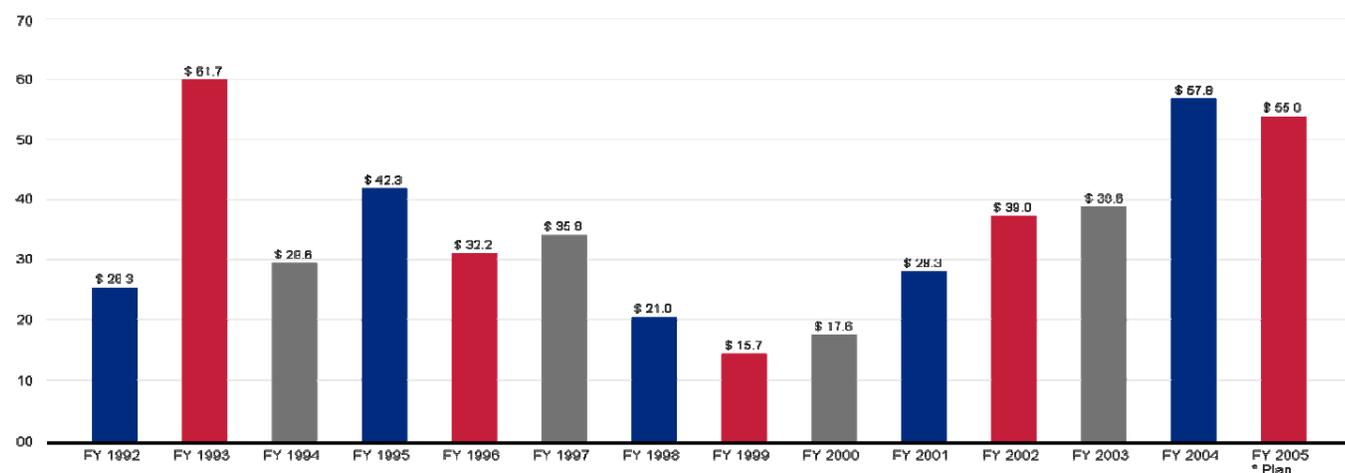


Internews Instructor/Journalist discussing investigative journalism ethics during a training series on reporting on "Anti-corruption in Cambodia"



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### USAID GRANT ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA 1992 - 2005 (in million dollars)



#### USAID-Funded Partners in Cambodia

USAID/Cambodia provides direct assistance to over 37 national and international organizations working in the fields of health and HIV/AIDS, democracy, governance and human rights, education, environment, and humanitarian assistance. In addition, our assistance reaches more than 100 other local and international NGOs through partner and sub-grantee relationships. USAID's direct funding partners in Cambodia also include international organizations such as UNICEF, World Health Organization (WHO), International Labor Organization (ILO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

**Direct USAID Grantees:** Adventist Development and Relief Agency, American Center for International Labor Solidarity, American Red Cross, American Institutes for Research/World Education, Asia Foundation, Care International, Catholic Relief Services, Center for Disease Control, Center for Social Development, Community Forestry Alliance for Cambodia, Documentation Center of Cambodia, East West Management Institute, Family Health International, Global Witness Trust, Handicap International, Helen Keller International, International Justice Mission, International Republican Institute, Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance, National Democratic Institute, Pact Cambodia, Program for Appropriate Technology in Health, Partners for Development, Policy Project, Population Services International, Reproductive Health and Child Health Alliance, Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia, Research Triangle Institute, University Research, Veterans International, WildAid, World Relief, World Vision.

**Illustrative List of Sub-Grantees:** Action Pour Les Enfants, Agri pour Les Femmes En Situation Precaire, Angkor Hospital for Children, Association of Farmer Development, Buddhism for Development, Battambang Women's Aids Project, Cambodia Center for Human Rights, Cambodia Children Against Starvation and Violence, Cambodia Defender Project, Cambodia Development and Relief Center for the Poor, Cambodia Health and Human Rights Association, Cambodia Human Rights Action Committee, Cambodia Vision for Development, Cambodia Women's Crisis Center, Cambodian Family Development Services, Cambodia Health Education Development, Cambodia Human Rights and Development Association, Cambodia League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights, Cambodian Organization for Assistance to Families and Widow, Cambodian Red Cross, Cambodia Social-Economic Development & Association, Cambodian Women for Peace and Development, Cambodia Organization for Human Rights and Development, Center for Advanced Study, CHRHAN, Commune Capacity for Development, Community Development Action, Community Information Center, Community Legal Education Center, Conservation International, Cooperation for a Sustainable Cambodian Society, CPN+, Dhammayietra Mongkol Borie, Disability Action Council, Enfants & Development, Fine Arts Association of Cambodia, HAGAR, HealthNet International, HelpAge International, HIV/AIDS Coordinating Committee, Indradevi Association Prevention, International Center for Equal Health Care Access, International Cooperation for Development and Society, International Institute of Cambodia, Islamic Local Development Organization, Kaksekor Thmey, Kampuchea Action for Primary Education, Key of Social Health Education Road, Khemara, Khmer Buddhist Association, Khmer Development of Freedom Organization, Khmer Institute of Democracy, Khmer Rural Development Association, Khmer Women Cooperation for Development, Kien Kes, Kratie Women Welfare Association, Legal Aid of Cambodia, Legal Support for Children and Women, MaryKnoll, MEDICAM, Mith Samlanh/Friends, National Prosperity Association, Open Forum of Cambodia, plus more than 54 other NGOs.