# Cambodia



The Asia Foundation has been working for peace and prosperity with the people of Cambodia since 1955. Through periods of instability, turmoil, reconstruction, and growth, the Foundation has provided support to thousands of schools and universities, government agencies, NGOs, citizens' groups, business associations and small and medium enterprises to help them advance Cambodia's economic, social, and political development.





WOMENS EMPOWERMENT

The Foundation's decades of work in women's empowerment focuses on three key, mutually reinforcing areas: expanding women's and girl's basic rights and security, promoting their economic, educational and legal rights, as well as promoting women's effective participation in political public life.

#### **PROVIDING EDUCATION TO WOMEN AND GIRLS**

As part of the Foundation's Tertiary Scholarship for Girls program the Foundation provides girls with a quality education. The program is closing the gender gap in education by supporting girls to not only attend and complete school, but find employment in sectors where they can advance in a professional career.

## PROMOTING RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCE AND CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

The Foundation's Demand for Good Governance program promotes citizen participation and engagement, particularly at the local level, and explores new strategies for improving the quality of governance.

### STRENGTHENING LOCAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE

For almost 10 years, the Foundation has been working with with MSMEs in Cambodia to help create a more productive, enabling environment for local businesses, with the ultimate aim to improve the business environment for Cambodia's provincial MSMEs so they can flourish and compete domestically and in foreign markets.

#### **IMPROVING URBAN SERVICES**

The Foundation's Urban Services program focuses on the improvement of service delivery in Phnom Penh in Solid Waste Management. The Foundation works closely with and provides technical assistance to local government on developing new policies and procedures to regulate and manage solid waste management, so that communities have affordable access to basic services such as clean drinking water or garbage collection.

#### **REFORM INVENTORY INITIATIVE**

The Reform Inventory Initiative (RII) was initiated by the Foundation in 2015 to improve the understanding of the public on the most impactful reforms in Cambodia, through a systematic method of desk research followed by an extensive consultation process. In 2016, the RII has established an information portal (https://reforminventory.wikispaces.com), a wikispaces page that aims to be a one-stop-shop for the most current reform information in various ministries in Cambodia. The reform inventory covers three broad categories: social services, public administration, and economic development sectors.

#### CAMBODIA SOCIAL MEDIA CIVIC INSIGHTS

The Foundation's Cambodia Social Media Civic Insights Team follows a selection of pages to sample civic discussion on Facebook in Cambodia. We follow six media pages, four politicians, three government agencies and two political parties' Facebook pages to better understand what is being discussed and users' engagement rate on those discussions. The project tags topics that are posted on the selected pages and analyzes engagement and frequency of those topics. A monthly report is produced and shared publically. For inquiry or subscription to monthly reports, please contact facebookcivicinsights@gmail.com.

#### **BOOKS FOR ASIA**

Books for Asia has distributed approximately 900,000 English-language books to Cambodian universities, schools, NGOs, and public libraries since 1955.