

BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, PEACEBUILDING AND INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE



Objective

The overall objective of the project is to promote a peaceful, inclusive, and equitable society through expanding opportunities for inclusive civic engagement using tools such as dialogue. Specifically, the project seeks to build the space and demand for constructive, meaningful, and inclusive engagement and collaboration among civil society, governmental authorities, private entities, and citizens through their capacity development as duty bearers and rights holders. The project also creates additional opportunities for civic engagement to enhance direct relationship and exposure between civil society and government institutions.

Project Overview

The infographic is divided into four quadrants, each with an icon and text. Top-left: A gear icon with the text 'Focal Area' and 'Democratic Governance'. Top-right: An icon of two people with the text 'Donors' and 'Government of Japan, UNDP'. Bottom-left: A clock icon with the text 'Project Duration' and 'March 2020 – December 2023'. Bottom-right: An icon of a hand holding a dollar sign with the text 'Budget' and '\$2.16 million'. A central icon of two hands shaking is labeled 'Project Partners' with 'Ministry of Interior, Civil Society Organizations' below it.

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Project Results Framework:

UNDAF and CPD outcome 4: By 2023, women and men, including those underrepresented, marginalized, and vulnerable, benefit from more transparent and accountable legislative and governance frameworks that ensure meaningful and informed participation in economic and social development and political processes.

The project will contribute to the outcome with the following three project outputs and in recognizing different voices of men and women, with particular attention to marginalized groups.

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Output 1 CSOs and governmental authorities will be able to engage each other better in responding to citizens' interests

1.1 Develop capacity of civil servants both in relevant ministries and sub-national authorities Inclusive dialogue and constructive engagement

1.2 Develop capacity of CSOs

1.3 Develop tools and knowledge to understand male and female citizens' interests, particularly marginalized groups' interests

Output 2 Existing infrastructure for civic engagement (mechanisms, processes, and policies) will be more constructive, and open to diverse opinions in ensuring women's participation

2.1 Provide mediators and facilitators

2.2 Institutionalize existing infrastructure and support implementation of its work plans

2.3 Develop communications products and knowledge management

Output 3 Partnership among citizens, CSOs and government institutions (both national and sub-national) will be strengthened through identifying more benefits of civic engagement.

3.1 Organize innovation challenge on civic engagement

3.2 Organize study tours

Progress



Capacity Development

- It started with the Government's capacity development to facilitate a 'user-centered' approach in civic engagement. For that purpose, a curriculum on "Innovation for Local Administration" was developed in partnership with the National School of Local Administration (NASLA). The training curriculum consists of six modules including citizen and stakeholder engagement; data literacy and evidence; system thinking; problem solving; storytelling and advocacy; and enabling creative environment towards innovative culture change.
- Following NASLA's training of trainers (ToT), they conducted the learning session on "Innovation for Local Administration" to civil servants in the Ministry of Interior Training Department and the Association and Political Party Affairs Department. It included situation-based projects such as designing dialogues with CSOs.

3rd quarter work plan



1. Capacity Development

- In early August, NASLA in partnership with UNDP will deliver a training session to provincial government officials in Kampong Cham, Kampot, Ratanakiri, Siem Reap. This training will contextualize the previous training modules and methodology and cumulate in a situation-based group exercise.
- UNDP will design and deliver 1-day innovation workshop per week over a period of three weeks for provincial NGO Network members from the four target provinces in July and August. This innovation workshops will provide CSO with tools and methodologies to utilize innovative approaches to address challenges in their respective provinces.
- Civil Society ecosystem mapping will be carried out at four provinces to support sustainability of civil society organizations at the provincial level. This mapping will provide a strategic framework for the project's provision of grants or innovation prizes to support CSO sustainability.

2. Partnership development

- Following the provincial training and the CSO innovation workshop, CSO and provincial government representatives from each of the four target provinces will join a four day bootcamp. During four-days of intensive sessions, participants will be immersed in practical workshops and training sessions on how to develop innovative solutions, build partnerships and provide a foundation of the overall design process. The bootcamp also provides a foundation for the 8-week co-design challenge.
- The 8-week co-design challenge will provide each team an opportunity to develop novel approaches to ultimately improve the operationalization of the Provincial Partnership Dialogue. The co-design challenge will incorporate mentorship, practical demos and facilitated training sessions.
- At the end of the co-design challenge, teams will be awarded seed grants to implement their solutions.

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