

BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, PEACEBUILDING AND INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE

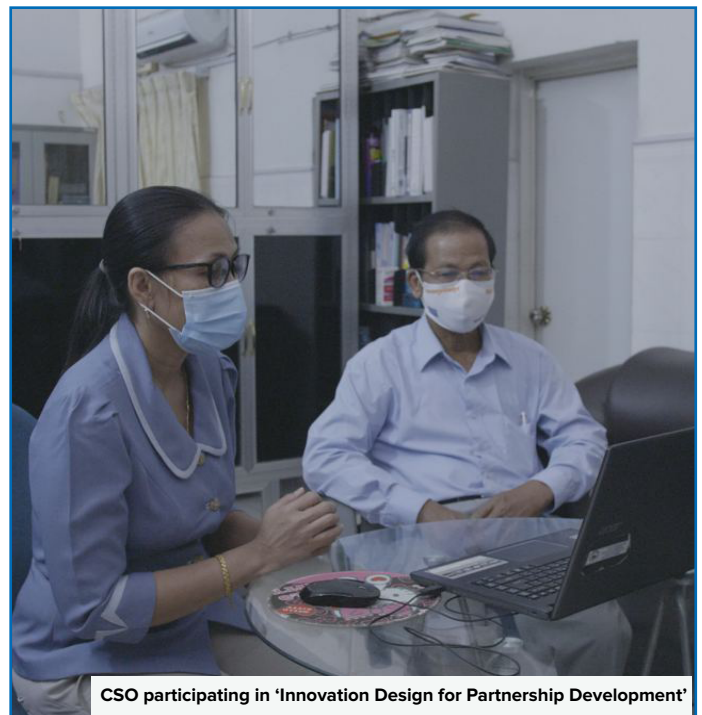


Objective

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

 Focal Area Democratic Governance	 Donors Government of Japan, UNDP
 Project Duration March 2020 – December 2023	
 Project Partners Ministry of Interior, Civil Society Organizations	 Budget \$2.16 million



Project Results Framework:

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

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

During this quarter, provincial officials and CSO members joined innovation learning sessions in the four provinces of Kampong Cham, Kampot, Ratanakiri and Siem Reap.

- In total, 25 provincial officials (3 women and 22 men) participated in the 'innovation for local administration'. They are responsible for convening the Provincial Partnership Dialogue and 83% percent of participants confirmed that citizen and stakeholder engagement, storytelling, systems thinking, and problem solving in the course were relevant for their work. Additionally, 63 percent of participants said their understanding on those subjects has improved.
- The webinar series "Inspiration for Social Innovation" invited guest speakers to talk about systems thinking, intrapreneurship, and innovation in social inclusion and equity. Overall, there were 147 CSO attendees from the four target provinces. CSO identified opportunities for further knowledge sharing and mutual learning with several CSO proposing solutions to social inclusion and CSO sustainability.
- The ecosystem mapping of civil society in the four target provinces identified the main priority sustainability dimensions in the four target provinces which are financial viability, sectoral infrastructure, and advocacy.

4th quarter work plan

A virtual innovation bootcamp and co-design challenge will take place with the purpose of strengthening the provincial partnership dialogues. The activity promotes partnership development through a co-design challenge between teams comprising of three provincial government officials and three NGO network representatives who have a coordinating role and responsibility of the dialogues. A team from NASLA will also participate in the co-design process. Overall, thirty participants will join the innovation bootcamp and co-design challenge.

- The innovation bootcamp and co-design challenge is co-organized by CCC, NASLA/MOI and UNDP
- By the end of six weeks co-design process, participants of the co-design process will propose action plans to make the Provincial Partnership Dialogue more inclusive and effective.