

The Asia Foundation has conducted research on a range of topics to support policy development in Cambodia.

To make a positive contribution to Cambodia's knowledge sector, The Asia Foundation with support from the Australian Government is implementing an initiative called Ponlok Chomnes.



## PONLOK CHOMNES

A three-year initiative (2019 - 2022) strengthening the capacity of knowledge sector institutions to undertake quality research that informs public policy analysis and dialogue in Cambodia.

### PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Conduct diagnostic assessments of Cambodia's knowledge sector landscape
- Support four local research institutions by providing technical and institutional capacity development
- Provide up to nine small grants to organizations to conduct research focused on priority policy areas at local and/or national level, with a focus on gender equality and social inclusion
- Foster policy dialogue by encouraging partners to host regular policy discussions and forums



## KNOWLEDGE SECTOR

- **The knowledge sector** is the institutional landscape of government, private sector, and civil society organisations that provide research and analysis to support the development of public policy.
- The knowledge sector includes:



Think Tanks



Universities



Specialized Agencies



Private Research Consultants



Non-Governmental Organizations

## HOW DOES PONLOK CHOMNES WORK?

- It is not sector-specific: local research institutions are empowered to determine research topics that align with Cambodia's development priorities.
- It supports home-grown talent: the technical and organizational capacity development available through the program aims to help Cambodian research organizations to build on their existing strengths.
- It is a learning program: the program is iteratively refining its approach using evidence gathered during implementation.
- It is a convening mechanism: the program connects partners in Cambodia, other ASEAN countries and Australia to build research networks and promote collaboration.

## ENGAGE WITH US

Follow the Australian Embassy Phnom Penh Facebook page and the Policy Pulse website to see calls for Expression of Interest in core funding and Emerging Research Fund opportunities.

In addition to our core partners and Emerging Research Fund recipients, we look forward to collaborating with a range of knowledge sector institutions in Cambodia and the region. Reach out directly to express your interest in our annual policy forums, regular policy dialogue events, and other policy research activities.



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