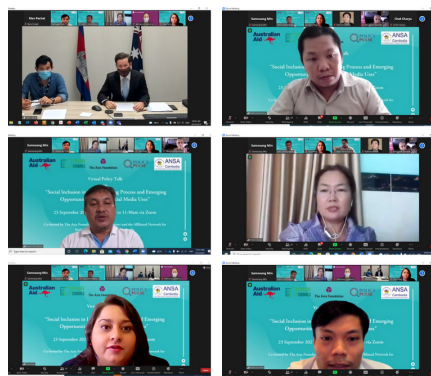


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Ponlok Chomnes' Events

The Asia Foundation and the Centre for Policy Studies co-organized a virtual workshop on "Revisiting the Pandemic: Rapid survey on the impact of COVID-19 on MSMEs in the tourism sector in Cambodia" to discuss the results of a combined report and recommendations on July 16, 2021.

Another virtual policy talk on "School-based Mentoring" was conducted by The Asia Foundation in collaboration with Kampuchean Action to Promote Education (KAPE) and The New Generation Pedagogical Research Center (NGPRC) on August 18, 2021 to discuss the challenges of teacher education and the potential contribution of mentoring to the improvement of the Cambodian school system.



In collaboration with the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA) Cambodia, The Asia Foundation organized a virtual policy talk on "Social inclusion in the local planning process and emerging opportunities for new social media uses" on September 23, 2021. Participants discussed critical socioeconomic and policy trends around social inclusion at the local level and assess the actual practice within the current local planning process.

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Publications



The Center for Khmer Studies (CKS) has released "[Microfinance in Times of COVID-19: Consumer Protection and the Loan Restructuring Process in Cambodia](#)," a report in [English](#) and [Khmer](#) illustrating how the pandemic has impacted vulnerable borrowers and their debt as well as how financial actors have responded to the crisis.

The Asia Foundation has published two new reports:

1. Revisiting the pandemic: [Rapid survey on the impact of COVID-19 on MSMEs in the tourism sector and households in Cambodia](#)
2. Barely staying afloat: [The impact of COVID-19 on MSMEs in Southeast Asia](#)

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Policy Updates from Ministries

Royal Government of Cambodia

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued Sub-Decree No. 14 on the Amendment of Article 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 16, 19, 24 and 26 of Sub-Decree No. 1600 ANKr.BK, dated July 29, 2016 on Organization and Functioning of the Cambodian Halal Steering Committee (014/0221) dated February 02, 2021.

Ministry of Justice

The [Ministry of Justice](#) issued Prakas No. 090 KY.PR.K / 21 on the Procedures for Monitoring, Supervision, and Reintegration of Prisoners Released with Conditions dated July 14, 2021.

Ministry of Health

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued a guideline on the management and admission of patients into public services (national hospitals, national centers, referral hospitals of the capital, provinces, districts, Khans, and health centers) and private health services (hospitals, polyclinics, clinics and maternity wards) dated August 04, 2021.

Ministry of Economy and Finance

The [General Department of Taxation](#) of the Ministry of Economy and Finance issued a notice on the use of the mobile application to pay tax on means of transportation and all types of vehicles and the delivery of the seals to the vehicles' owner dated July 30, 2021.

To view more policy updates, please visit: <http://policypulse.org/policy-inventory>.



Covid-19 Response Updates

The Ministry of Health issued a decision No. 311 MoH dated July 1, 2021 on the Appointment of the Secretariat and Working Group Composition under the Sub-Committee on Management and Disposition of COVID-19 Dead Bodies, dated July 01, 2021.

The Ministry of Health issued a decision to implement the Operating Guideline on the Use of COVID-19 Rapid Test, dated July 07, 2021.

The Royal Government of Cambodia issued the General Guidelines for the Management and Use of the COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test, dated July 15, 2021.

The Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training issued a Notice on the Payment of Allowances to Garment and Tourism Workers, whose employment contracts have been suspended, in accordance with the Spirit of the Royal Government Measures Package (63rd), dated July 15, 2021.

The Royal Government of Cambodia issued a decision No. 77 SSR on the Establishment of Working Group to Lead and Execute the Study on COVID-19 Vaccination (077/0721), dated July 16, 2021.

The Ministry of Health issued a decision No. 352 MoH on the Appointment of the Composition of the Structure under Sub-Committee for Management at Points of Entry and Quarantine, dated July 21, 2021.

The Ministry of Health has just announced the official launch of a scheme whereby inbound travelers to Cambodia can select in which hotel they spend their 14-day mandatory quarantine, dated July 22, 2021.

The Phnom Penh Municipality issued a Decision on the Continuation of Administrative Measures by Temporarily Suspending Work Activities, Occupations or Businesses at High Risk of Spreading Covid-19, dated July 23, 2021.

The Royal Government of Cambodia issued a decision No. 80 SSR on the Establishment of a Sub-Commission on Law Enforcement under the Inter-Ministerial Commission to Combat COVID-19 (080/0721), dated July 23, 2021.

The Ministry of Health issued a letter on the implementation of education, outreach and training campaign for people to be aware of the ongoing threats of COVID-19, and to change attitudes adapting to the new normal in the context of COVID-19, dated July 26, 2021.

The Ministry of Health issued a letter to allow private companies to import the COVID-19 vaccines, dated July 27, 2021.

The Royal Government of Cambodia issued a Circular on the Introduction of Campaign to Strengthen Measures to Combat and Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, dated July 28, 2021.

The Phnom Penh Municipality issued a Decision on the Introduction of Administrative Measures in Phnom Penh for 14 days from 23:59 on July 29, 2021 to August 12, 2021 to Fight and Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, dated July 28, 2021.



The Ministry of Health issued a Notice on the areas which shall comply with obligations of wearing masks and maintaining safe distance, dated August 16, 2021.

The Royal Government of Cambodia issued an Announcement on COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Policy dated, August 25, 2021.

The Phnom Penh Municipality issued a Decision on the imposition of administrative measures by temporarily suspending activities, occupations or businesses at high risk of spreading COVID-19 and assembly or private gatherings in Phnom Penh, dated August 25, 2021.

The Phnom Penh Municipality issued a Notice on the first dose of COVID-19 vaccination for people aged 18 and over, and for children and adolescents aged 12 to 18 who fail to receive the vaccine in Phnom Penh, dated August 25, 2021.

The Ministry of Health announced the roll out of COVID-19 booster vaccinations, dated August 25, 2021.

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