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Ponlok Chomnes' Events



On 19 January 2022, The Asia Foundation and Komar Rikreay Association - KMR co-organized a Dissemination Workshop on [“Action Research Finding on The Impact of COVID- 19 on Child Protection and Wellbeing in Battambang Province.”](#) via Zoom, to present findings resulting from the research study undertaken by Komar Rikreay Association, and to seek comments and recommendations to improve children’s protection and well-being in Battambang province.



The Asia Foundation’s Ponlok Chomnes and the Centre for Policy Studies co-hosted a Policy Talk on [“Labour Shortage and Challenges in Workers Recruitment in Agricultural Sector”](#) on 21 January 2022, to disseminate the findings and discuss policy implication concerning labour shortages and employers’ challenges in recruiting workers in agricultural sector.



Policy Pulse is an initiative of The Asia Foundation, founded in 2015 and formerly known as the Reform Inventory Initiative. It aims to improve the public’s understanding of important policy reforms in Cambodia through high-quality research. Policy Pulse promotes thoughtful and inclusive policy dialogue and analysis in order to establish a resource for evidence-based policy recommendations. It is a platform through which researchers and stakeholders can gather to organize policy forums at the national and provincial levels to disseminate research and facilitate broad policy discussions.

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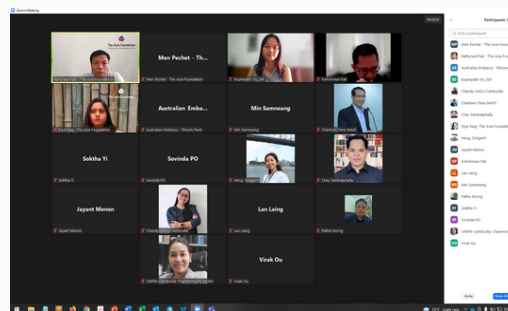
On Saturday February 05, 2022, The Asia Foundation had a great opportunity to [meet the members of SheThink Network in person and via Zoom](#) to discuss challenges, opportunities and share experiences in research work. The meeting was concluded with insightful inputs and initiatives from the members with some exciting future events which will be led by SheThinks members.



On March 17, 2022, The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes had a great pleasure to host the [Official Launch of SheThinks Network](#), a platform for women researchers to convene, share knowledge, and address the gender disparity within the research community in Cambodia, by empowering and amplifying women's voices in research and make the research space more inclusive. The Official Launch was presided over by a number of honorable guests, including H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Ministry of Women's Affairs; H.E. Tean Samnang, President of National Institute of

Diplomacy and International Relations; H.E. Pablo Kang, Australian Ambassador to Cambodia; H.E. Tina Redshaw, British Ambassador to Cambodia; H.E. Dr. Devyani Uttam Khobragade, Indian Ambassador to Cambodia; Mr. David D. Arnold, President of The Asia Foundation; and over 60 distinguished guests, who were junior and senior researchers, representatives from foreign missions to Cambodia, and other inspiring civil society leaders in Cambodia.

On March 25, 2022, The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program conducted a Virtual Consultative Workshop on the draft findings of a [“Diagnostic Study on the Policy Process and Data Use: The Case of Cambodia and Insights from ASEAN.”](#) The workshop aimed to seek comments, feedback and input from interested stakeholders to refine the final report. This study has been undertaken to provide a contemporary and comprehensive understanding of the public policy process, and of data use and data governance in Cambodia within the context of post-COVID-19 recovery and ASEAN.



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Publications

The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia program and the Khmer Association for Development of Countryside (KAFDOC) released the research study on [“Learning Challenges and School Dropouts in Kratie Province.”](#)

The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia program and the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA) Cambodia released the summary of a research study on [“Social Inclusion in local planning process and emerging opportunities for new social media uses Toward CIP 2025.”](#)

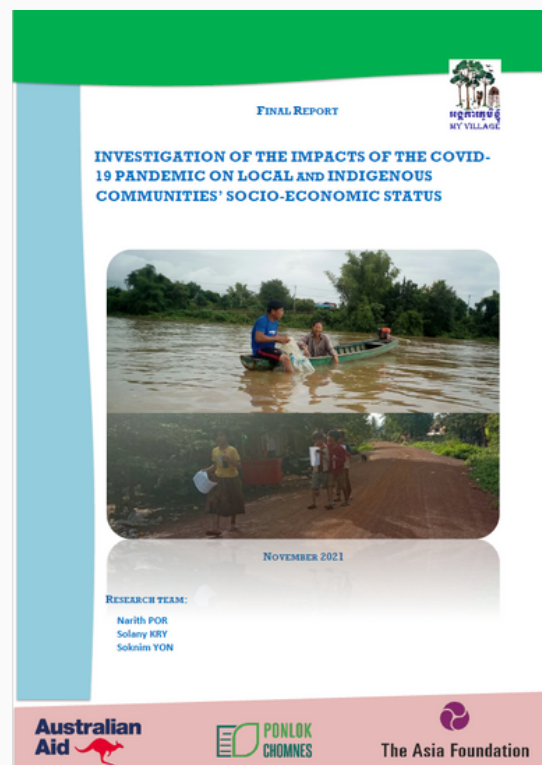


The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia program and My Village Organization released the final report of a research study on "[Investigation of the Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Local and Indigenous Communities' Socio-economic Status.](#)"

The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia program and Centre for Policy Studies released a policy brief on "[The Covid-19 Pandemic and Workers in Cambodia.](#)"

The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia program and Centre for Policy Studies released a policy brief on "[How to Improve Worker Recruitment in Agriculture Sector in Cambodia.](#)"

The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia program and Komar Rikreay Association (KMR) released the final report of a research study on "[Impact of COVID-19 on Child Protection and Well-being.](#)"



Future Forum's Young Research Fellows' publications:



1. Working paper on "[More Than Friends? A Content Analysis of Cambodia's Position towards China's Core Interests](#)" by Young Research Fellow, Yun Pengtakpitou
2. Working paper on "[Functional Assignments and Public Accountability](#)" by Young Research Fellow, Chhern Sreyneang
3. Working paper on "[The Cambodian Debt Trap in Cambodia](#)" by Young Research Fellow, LOR Samnang

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Policy Updates from Ministries

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued a decision on the Appointment of the Composition of the Digital Economy and Business Committee, dated January 28, 2022.

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued and implemented the Amendments on the Law on Commercial Enterprises, dated January 29, 2022.

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued a Sub-decree on Tax Incentive in the Securities Sector, dated February 24, 2022.



The [Ministry of Economy and Finance](#) issued an Inter-Ministerial Prakas on the Selection and Determination of the Roles and Duties of the Commune / Sangkat Administrative Financial Assistant, dated 04 January 2022.

The [Ministry of Economy and Finance](#) and the Ministry of Tourism issued an Inter-ministerial Prakas on the Implementation of Key Policy Measures for Tourism, dated February 9, 2022.

The [Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction](#) issued a Prakas on the Standard and Context of Issuing Construction Permits, dated January 20, 2022.

The [Ministry of Public and Transport, and the Ministry of Rural Development](#) issued an Inter-ministerial Prakas on the Road Inspection Procedure, dated February 11, 2022.

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

Covid-19 Response Updates

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued an announcement that home treatment is not allowed for Omicron Patients, dated January 05, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued an announcement on the fourth booster dose for the COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign in Phnom Penh area, dated January 08, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued additional notice on increasing vaccination facilities for the fourth booster dose of COVID-19 Vaccine in Phnom Penh, dated January 10, 2022.

The [Ministry of Tourism](#) issued a decision on the implementation guidelines on Dos and Don'ts for international travelers who enter Cambodia, dated January 10, 2022.

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued a circular on the COVID-19 Booster Vaccination and strengthening the health safety measures to cope with the spread of COVID-19, particularly the Omicron variant, dated January 11, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued a press release on the update procedures for all travelers who enter Cambodia in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, especially the new Omicron variant, dated January 21, 2022.

The [Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Ministry of Health](#) issued an Inter-Ministerial Prakas on the Collection of Service Fee on Issuing the COVID-19 Vaccination Card from Local Private Health Service Providers, dated February 04, 2022.

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued a circular on the Strengthening Measures to Prevent the COVID-19 Community Outbreak, especially the new Omicron variant, dated February 17, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued a notification to remind citizens to take COVID-19 Vaccination for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or booster does, dated 01 March 2022.

Please visit: <https://policypulse.org/ponlok-chomnes/covid19/> to learn more about the Covid-19 Response updates.