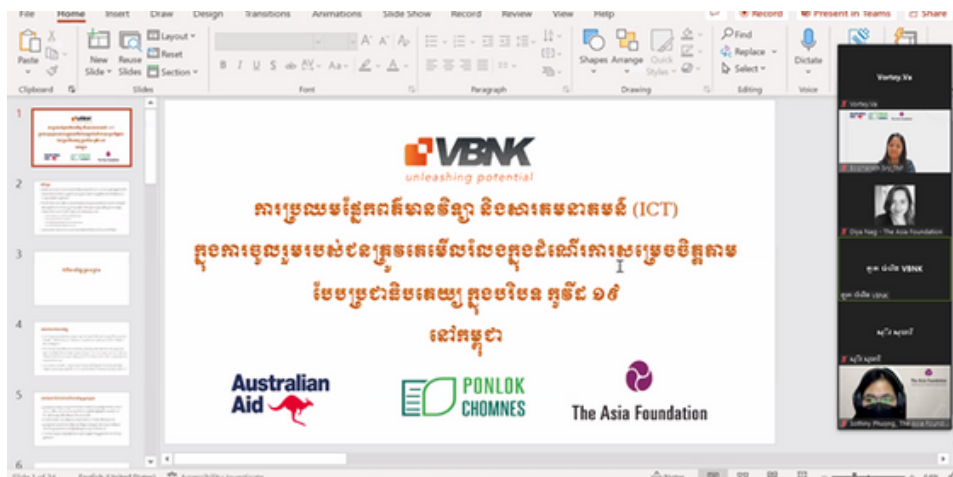


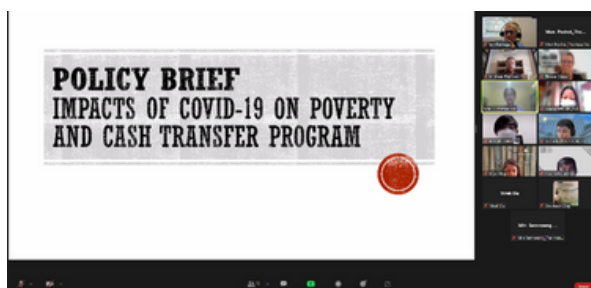


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Ponlok Chomnes' Events



The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program and Vicheasthan Bomreu Neak Samrabsamroul Karnea Akpuiwat Institute (VBANK) conducted a Virtual Dissemination Workshop on April 21, 2022. The workshop presented draft findings on [“The ICT Challenges of Including the Voices of Marginalized Citizens in Democratic Decision-making Processes in Cambodia Arising from COVID-19 Conditions in the Country.”](#)



On 04 April 2022, The Asia Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Future Forum, and Angkor Research, and Consulting, conducted a series of workshops entitled [“From](#)

[Knowledge to Policy: Unpacking Survey Findings on the Impacts of COVID-19 on Vulnerable Households in Cambodia”](#) to discuss the draft policy brief on Impacts of COVID-19 on Poverty and Cash Transfer Program.



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On 10 April 2022, The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program kicked off SheThinks Network's first training on "[Strong Proposal Writing](#)" with its members. The training aimed to equip the Network members with problem and objective analysis skills; project design; detailed implementation plan; and comprehensive proposal budget writing.

On May 06, 2022, [SheThinks Network held a blended quarterly meeting](#) with around 20 members to discuss the future structure of the Network and its next six-month workplan. One of the key outcomes of the meeting was the creation of sub-committees to work on planned activities such as the podcast, speaker, and blog writing series.



The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program hosted [the first SheThinks Networking Event](#) on May 31, 2022, convening over 20 women researchers, the Network's Advisory Council, and women leaders from various organizations in Cambodia to get to know each other and discuss relevant topics that concern their areas of research. As the network continues to grow, a number of sub-committees have been established and leads of the sub-committee members presented their workplans to the larger group.

The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program conducted a series of training sessions from May 30 to June 03, 2022, on [Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion \(GEDSI\) in Research for four partners](#). The training aimed to equip our partners with the tools, skills, and inputs needed to incorporate GEDSI principles in their research process. The four collaborative research partners include Center for Strategy and Innovation Policy; Center for Sustainable Water; Child Rights Coalition Cambodia; and NUM Research Center, National University of Management.

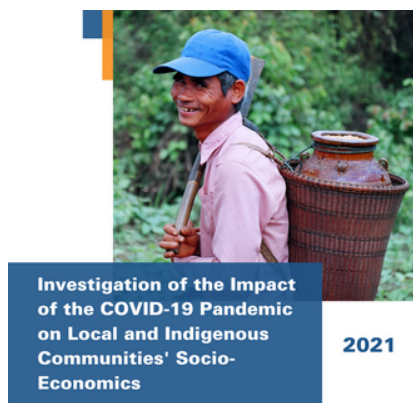
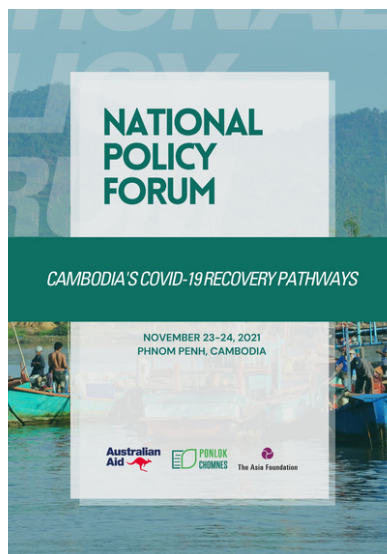
On June 29, 2022, The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program and the Center for Khmer Studies (CKS) co-hosted a virtual policy talk on "[Sihanoukville Urban Development, Socio-Economic Change, and Transformation in the era of COVID-19](#)."

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Publications



The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program, My Village Organization (MVi), Komar Rikreay Association (KMR), Vicheasthan Bomreu Neak Samrabsamroul Karnea Akphiwat Institute (VBNK), and Cambodia Development Resource Center (CDRI) released a number of publication as follows:

1. The Ponlok Chomnes National Policy Forum Booklet "[Cambodia's COVID-19 Recovery Pathways](#)", by The Asia Foundation.
2. A diagnostic study on "[The Policy Process and the Use of Data; The Case of Cambodia and Insight from ASEAN](#)" by The Asia Foundation
3. A policy brief on "[Investigation of the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Local and Indigenous Communities' Socio-Economics](#)", by MVi.
4. An action study report on "[The Impact of COVID-19 on Child Protection and Well-Being](#)", by KMR.
5. A study report on "[The ICT Challenges of Including the Voices of Marginalized Citizens in Democratic Decision-making Processes in Cambodia Arising from COVID-19 Conditions in the Country](#)", VBNK.
6. A working paper entitled "[Cambodian Secondary School Teachers' Readiness for Online Teaching during the Covid-19](#)", by CDRI.

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Policy Updates from Ministries

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued a Decision on the Adjustment of the Composition of Committee for Preventing the Counterfeit Products, which pose a high risk to health and social security, dated April 12, 2022.

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued a Decision on the Formulation of the Siem Reap-Angkor Tourism Management and Development Committee, dated April 20, 2022.

The [Ministry of Economy and Finance, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries](#) issued an Inter-ministerial Prakas on the Adjustment of Categories and Fees of Public Services under the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, dated April 22, 2022.

The [Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries](#) issued a Notification on the Strengthening of Measures in Preventing Deforestation, Illegal Trade of Wildlife and Fisheries, dated April 05, 2022.



The [Ministry of Tourism](#) issued a Prakas on the Implementation of Guidelines for Organizing Events at Tourist Destinations across Cambodia in accordance with the New Normal, dated April 13, 2022.

The [Ministry of Public Works and Transport](#) issued a Notification on the Determination of Duration for Application for a Shipping Agency License, dated April 26, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued Guidelines on Measures to Prevent Transmission of Monkeypox Virus, dated May 25, 2022.

The [Ministry of Commerce](#) issued a Notice on the Request for Identification Card for Legal Representative in Requesting for Termination of Business Permit and Permit Extension, dated May 16, 2022.

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Covid-19 Response Updates

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued a notice on the protection and prevention of the spread of COVID-19 during the upcoming Khmer New Year, dated April 01, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued news release on the additional COVID-19 vaccination sites from April 13 to 17, 2022, during Khmer New Year holidays, dated April 04, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued an announcement on the launch of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign for those who have not received the COVID-19 booster dose (both third and fourth dose), dated April 12, 2022.

The [Ministry of Tourism](#) issued a Notification adjusting the COVID-19 quarantine requirement for the international travelers who are not vaccinated or fully vaccinated, dated April 21, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued an Announcement on the Adjustment of Quarantine Measures for Foreign Travelers who are Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated Entering into Cambodia from 14 days to 7 days, dated April 21, 2022.

The [Ministry of Tourism](#) issued Circular on the Exemption of “Mandatory Masked Requirement” at Tourism Related Business Areas, dated April 26, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued a Notification on the Exemption of “Mandatory Masked Requirement” across the country, particularly in Open Public Spaces or Areas with Air Flows, and the Participation of COVID-19 Vaccination, dated April 26, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued a Press Release on the Issuance of Certificates and COVID-19 Vaccination Card, dated May 12, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued a Notification on the Temporary Suspension of COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign for 03 Days for the Commune/Sangkat Election which will be held on June 05, 2022, dated May 17, 2022.

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