

NEWSLETTER THIRD QUARTER JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022

Ponlok Chomnes' Events



The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program hosted the following events:

- A networking event and validation workshop on the initial findings of a ["Diagnostic Study on Cambodian Youth and the Knowledge Sector"](#) on September 02, 2022. This workshop sought participants' inputs and comments on the study.
- A validation workshop on ["Rehabilitation after the Impact of COVID-19 on Women Entrepreneurs"](#) on August 24, 2022 with the aimed to present the research findings, sought feedback, and gathered inputs from relevant stakeholders.
- The [Provincial Policy Forum on "Local Knowledge Matters: Impact of COVID-19 on Vulnerable Groups"](#) on August 18, 2022, in Battambang province and via Zoom.
- A dissemination workshop on ["COVID-19 Impact on Vulnerable Youth in Cambodia"](#) on July 29, 2022. This workshop aimed to present the research findings to a wider audience and gathered inputs from relevant stakeholders.



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- [Second Policy Pulse Initiative \(PPI\) Ministry Focal Points Meeting](#) on July 13, 2022. This meeting sought to provide updates on the progress of the PPI's implementation and opportunities for all Ministries' focal points to meet and expand the network.
- A sharing session on ["Government's Policies and Measures for Post COVID-19 Economic Recovery"](#), which was presented by H.E. Dr. Hout Pum, Under-Secretary of State of the Ministry of Economy and Finance on June 30, 2022. The discussions were engaging and informative and will support the design process of future flagship activities of the Ponlok Chomnes program.

Shethinks' Events



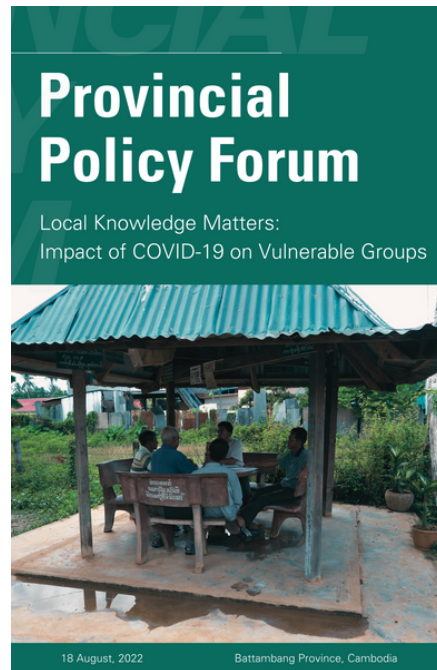
The SheThinks Network initiated by The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes program organized a number of the following events:

- [SheThinks Quarterly Meeting and Networking Event](#) on September 16, 2022, to build strong relationships within the network, updated the SheThinks activities to all the members, and discussed the SheThinks network plan for the next three months.
- SheThinks podcast series on ["Nature of Researchers: An Overview of Work Characteristics and Quality"](#) on August 20, 2022. The Podcast featured Dr. Heng Kimkong, Co-founder and chief editor of the Cambodian Education Forum (CEF), and Ms. Pol Sreymom, researcher and research project manager at Angkor Research Company.
- Two online short training courses for SheThinks Network members on [Blog Writing and Quantitative Research](#). Held over the last two weeks, the training courses aimed to provide opportunities for women researchers in the SheThinks network to strengthen their capacity to write blogs and to conduct quantitative research.
- SheThinks Speaker Series on ["The Journey of a Senior Woman Researcher"](#) on July 28, 2022. The event featured Dr. Bo Chankoulika, Director of the Department of Policy, Directorate General for Policy and Planning, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, who discussed her journey, challenges, and opportunities as a woman researcher.

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Publications



The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes Program released the Provincial Policy Forum [Local Knowledge Matters: Impact of COVID-19 on Vulnerable Groups in Cambodia](#) booklet.

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Policy Updates from Ministries

The [Ministry of Economy and Finance](#) issued a Circular on Measures to Pay Allowances to Commune / Sangkat Councils, Village Chiefs, Deputy Village Chiefs, Village Members, Expenditures on the New Commune / Sangkat Administrative Processes, Commune / Sangkat Council Allowances, Increase in the Number of Members in the Fifth Mandate, and Allowances of Village Chiefs, Deputy Village Chiefs and New Village Members in Four Communes in Kampong Cham Province, dated September 15, 2022.

The [Ministry of Economy and Finance, and the Ministry of Interior](#) issued an Inter-ministerial Circular on the Revision of Documents Transferring Financial Resources from Commune / Sangkat Funds to Commune / Sangkat Administrations and from Local Funds to Local Administrations, dated September 14, 2022.

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued a Prakas on the Organizing and Functioning of the Capital, Provincial, Municipal, District and Khan Advisory Committee on Women and Children Affairs, dated August 24, 2022.



The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) announced the Implementation of the Law on Non-tax Revenue Management, dated August 18, 2022.

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued a Sub-decree on Increasing the Social Security Fund for Former Civil Servants and Veterans, and Maids for People with Disabilities and People with Inability to Work (Level 1), dated August 11, 2022.

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued an Amendment on the Constitutional Law – Amendment on the new Article 19 (1), Article 89, Article 98, Article 102, Article 119 (1), and Article 125 of the Constitution of Cambodia, and the new Article 3 and 4 of the Constitution added to ensure the normal process of the national institutions, dated August 06, 2022.

The [Ministry of Health](#) issued Guidelines on Flood Mitigation and Responses, dated July 15, 2022.

The [Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training](#) issued a Prakas on the Procedures for the Registration of Enterprises, Workers, and Contribution of Individuals Under the Provisions of the Labour Law Under the National Social Security Fund, dated July 5, 2022.

The [Royal Government of Cambodia](#) issued a Sub-decree on the Establishment and Function of the Ministry of Justice for 2022, dated July 1, 2022. (Source: Royal Government of Cambodia)

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