

NEWSLETTER SECOND QUARTER APRIL-JUNE 2023

Ponlok Chomnes' Events



The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes Program is delighted to host [Ponlok Chomnes Partner Appreciation Event](#) on Tuesday, 20 June 2023. This event aimed to recognise the contribution of Cambodia's knowledge sector actors, and to deepen network among the knowledge sector actors.

The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes Program, in collaboration with its research partners, co-hosted the [Knowledge Exchange and Dialogue on "Enhancing Public Service Sector for Vulnerable Groups in Cambodia"](#) on April 27, 2023. The event welcomed about 120 participants (about 30% women), representing governmental and non-governmental agencies, local organisations, persons with disabilities, private sector, young students, and academia. The event was conducted to share ideas and insights regarding the opportunities and challenges for vulnerable groups in accessing public services in Cambodia.



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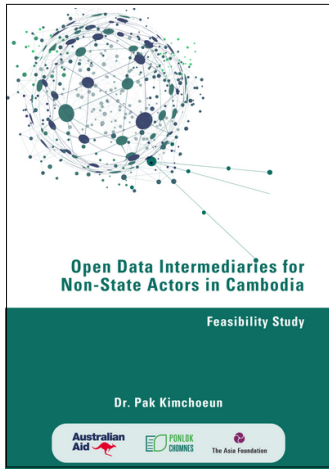
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Publications



The Asia Foundation's Ponlok Chomnes Program is pleased to release the feasibility study on [“Open Data Intermediaries for Non-State Actors in Cambodia.”](#) This study seeks to assess the feasibility of setting open data intermediaries for non-state actors in Cambodia and to provide key strategic considerations. The study also builds upon recent studies on public policy and the knowledge sector in Cambodia.

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Policy Updates from Ministries

[The Royal Government of Cambodia](#) released a Sub-decree on Direct Payments into the Salaries of Public Officials through the Banking System, dated April 3, 2023. (Source: Royal Government of Cambodia)



[The General Department of Tax](#) issued a directive on the implementation of the withholding obligation, dated April 20, 2023. (Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance)

[The Ministry of Economy and Finance](#) released the Law on Taxation dated May 16, 2023. (Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance)

[Inter-ministerial Prakas](#) on the exemption of public service fees of the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, dated May 22, 2023. (Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance)

[The Ministry of Health](#) issued a guideline on continuing health measures and prevention in case of outbreaks of new communicable diseases, dated June 12, 2023. (Source: Ministry of Health)

[The National Social Security Fund \(NSSF\)](#) issued a decision on the implementation of a pilot project on voluntary contribution to the social security system, dated June 20, 2023. (Source: National Social Security Fund)

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