Building on the achievements of Ponlok Chomnes I (2019-2023) which aimed to strengthen the capacity of Cambodian knowledge sector institutions for quality research, The Asia Foundation is implementing the **Ponlok Chomnes II: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia Program (2023-2027)**. Supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), this program’s goal is to contribute to public policy decisions, based on evidence and informed by inclusive dialogue, are operationalised and become the norm in Cambodia.

**Program Outcomes**

**Intermediate Outcome 1:**
Select policy research draws on diverse and inclusive evidence sources

**Intermediate Outcome 2:**
Select policy research findings are effectively communicated to diverse stakeholders

**Intermediate Outcome 3:**
Inclusive and collaborative policy dialogue processes trialled with diverse policy actors

**Intermediate Outcome 4:**
Women (and other excluded groups) substantively engage in select policy research and dialogue processes

**End of Program Outcome**
By 2027, selected public policy processes involve inclusive dialogue and are informed by diverse, credible, evidence

Integrating gender equality, disability and social inclusion, and climate change considerations throughout the program

“The Asia Foundation has been working for peace and prosperity with the people of Cambodia since 1955.”
**Approaches and Strategies**

**Strategising**
Identify and leverage opportunities rather than problems

**Integrating**
Integrate climate adaptation actions and gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI)

**Trialing and Learning**
Trial different models of inclusive research and dialogue in select policy processes

**SELECTED POLICY ISSUES***
- Climate change, livelihood, and migration
- Climate-resilient technologies in the agriculture sector
- Inclusive and quality education
- Rethinking rural development models
- Re-imagining ASEAN
- Women, Peace, and Security

*The program’s focus is flexible; while it begins with selected policy issues, it can adapt to include other policy issues or shift focus as it progresses.

**Supporting Emerging, Homegrown Talent**
Supporting young and emerging researchers through fellowship programs

**Positioning in Policy Processes**
Focused on building relationships, trust, acceptance and networks

**What We Do**

**Credible and Diverse Evidence**
Develop research that draws on diverse and inclusive evidence sources

**Inclusive Dialogues**
Convene inclusive and collaborative dialogues

**Effective Communications**
Effectively communicate research findings to diverse audiences

**Meaningful Participation**
Enhance the voices of women, people with disabilities and other social disadvantaged groups within program activities

**Program Partners**

**Partner Driven**
Based on partners’ interests and strengths

**Supporting Partnerships**
Government, academia, civil society organisations, young researchers, development partners and communities

**Technical Steering Committee**
Semi-formal, technical, consists of government, key experts, academia, and civil society organisations

**Strategic Partners**
Five Cambodian research institutes leveraging their expertise to undertake policy research, communication, and dialogues

**GEDSI Consortium**
Three Cambodian civil society organisations with expertise in gender equality and disability rights

**Innovation Partners**
Up to six small grants to support innovative research and dialogue

**SheThinks Network**
A women’s research network in Cambodia aimed at empowering women and fostering inclusivity in research

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