PONLOK CHOMNES

Data & Dialogue for Development in Cambodia

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 3:

Inclusive and collaborative policy dialogue processes trialled with diverse policy actors

Intermediate Outcome 2:

Select policy research findings are effectively communicated to diverse stakeholders

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





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



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**

leveraging their expertise to undertake

GEDSI Consortium

Three Cambodian organisations with expertise in gender equality and disability rights

Innovation **Partners**

Up to six small grants to support and dialogue

Collaborative grants

SheThinks Network

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