

NEWSLETTER THIRD QUARTER JULY - SEPTEMBER 2026

Ponlok Chomnes' Events



On 2 July 2026, Ponlok Chomnes convened a **Learning Event**, bringing together around 40 research and policy engagement practitioners, Ponlok Chomnes Technical Steering Committee members, the GEDSI Consortium, and program partners. As the program entered its third year, participants reflected on how research, dialogue, and stakeholder engagement have contributed to policy processes in Cambodia, sharing lessons to strengthen future policy engagement and evidence-informed policymaking.



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The Policy Pulse Newsletter is a new medium to share updates with the public regarding recent policy developments in Cambodia.

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From 15–17 July 2026, Ponlok Chomnes, in collaboration with the GEDSI Consortium, organised a **Training of Trainers on Quality Research for researchers** from partner organisations. The training strengthened participants' capacity to conduct high-quality, inclusive research by integrating Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) principles throughout the research process, supporting evidence-informed policymaking and program development.



On 19 August 2026, Ponlok Chomnes convened its **6th Semi-Annual Technical Steering Committee Meeting**, bringing together 30 participants, including Technical Steering Committee members, the GEDSI Consortium, Strategic Partners, the Australian Embassy, and the Ponlok Chomnes team. The meeting reviewed progress and key learnings from the past six months, sought guidance on future priorities, and explored opportunities to sustain evidence-based practices, inclusive dialogue, and partnerships in Cambodia.

Publications

Ponlok Chomnes would like to share the newly developed/ published products (Podcast4Inclusions) as follows:



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[Quality Research Guidebook](#)



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Policy Updates from Ministries

[Ministry of Rural Development](#) issued the Strategic Plan for Rural Infrastructure Development 2026-2033, dated July 1, 2026. (Source: Ministry of Rural Development)

[Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training](#) issued the document titled “Occupational and Employment Outlook – Skill and Job Demands for Youth,” No. 6, Second Semester of 2026, dated July 30, 2026. (Source: Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training)

[Ministry of Economy and Finance](#) issued the Cambodia Public Debt Statistical Bulletin (31st edition), featuring data up to the end of the second quarter of 2026, dated September 1, 2026. (Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance)



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