



EU DEVELOPMENT AID IN CAMBODIA





The European Union (EU) is the biggest donor of development aid in the world and also the biggest grant donor in Cambodia. The amount of EU aid to Cambodia reaches around 34 million euros (45 million US dollars) per year - counting only the contribution through the European Commission. Additionally with bilateral EU Member States' contributions the funding amounts to around 147 million euros (197 million US dollars) per year. All the European Commission financial assistance is given in non-refundable (grant) donations.

* Information further represented in this leaflet covers only European Commission funding to Cambodia, not including bilateral contributions by EU Member States.

The biggest share of EU financial assistance is channelled through BILATERAL COOPERATION with the Government of Cambodia, as defined in the multiannual EU-Cambodia Country Strategy Papers. For the period 2007-2013 more than 143 million euros (around 191 million USD) have been allocated for Cambodia through this channel. The contribution covers support in the fields of education - the largest share of EU funds, given through direct budget support and in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) - public finance management (implemented through World Bank multi-donor trust fund), agriculture (fisheries and livestock sectors), governance and human rights (support to Cambodia's Human Rights Committee, advisory support to the Cambodia National Council for Children on children's rights, support to the national component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia - ECCC, support to promoting local civic engagement), support to the international component of the ECCC,

sub-national democratic development - **decentralisation** and **trade** (through World Bank multi donor trade trust fund).

Next to bilateral assistance to the government the EU also contributes funds to the **civil society and non-state actors** through **THEMATIC PROGRAMMES**. The projects funded through this channel cover a great variety of areas, such as education, vocational training, environment, climate change, forestry, agriculture, food security, fisheries, land rights, health, sanitation, gender issues, democratic participation, local governance, human rights and rule of law. There are currently more than 70 ongoing projects for more than 62 million euros (around 83 million USD) throughout all the 23 provinces in Cambodia and Phnom Penh, each covering either one, several or all the provinces.



Ongoing EU-funded Thematic Projects in Cambodian Provinces





















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