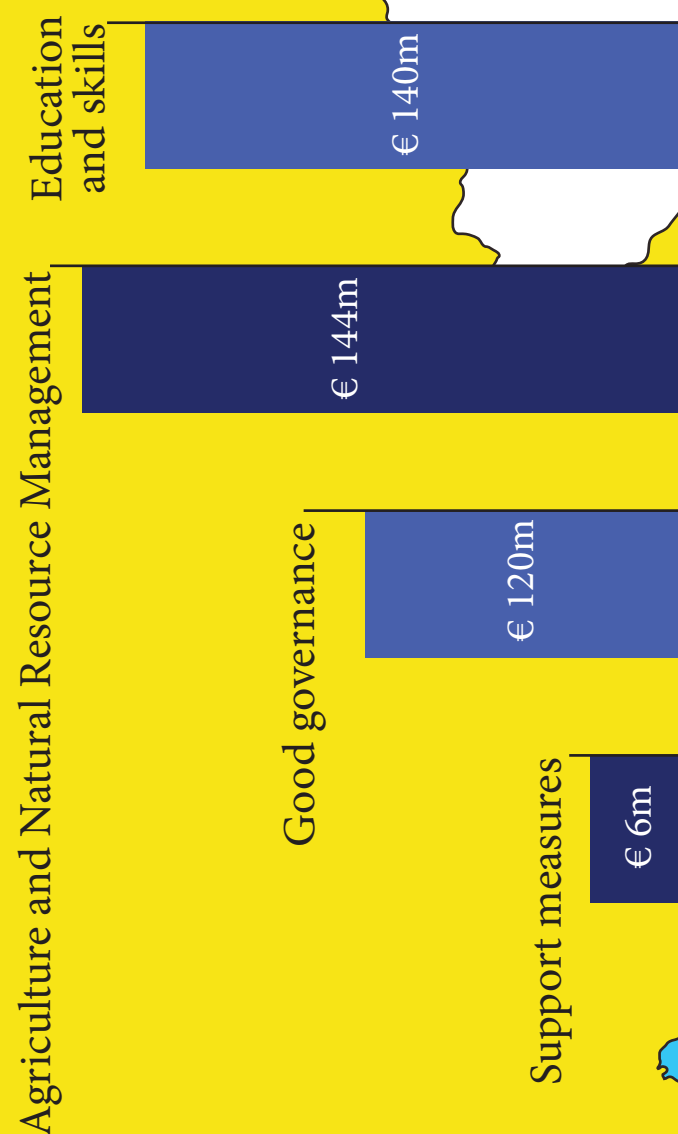


EU-funded Bilateral Programmes in Cambodia

Total: € 410 million euros
in years 2014-2020



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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. In 2014, the European Union disbursed over 40 million euros in support of Cambodia's development agenda and plans to disburse another 40 million euros in 2015 (contribution from the European Commission only).

In Cambodia, European partners (that is the EU Delegation, EU Member States and Switzerland) for the first time joined hands to collectively respond to Cambodia's development needs. Overall development assistance to Cambodia by the European partners for the period 2014-2018 is estimated at 892 million euros in grants and 478 million euros in loans: a total of 1.37 billion euros.

* 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 Indicative Programme. For the period 2014-2020 more than 410 million euros have been allocated for Cambodia through this channel to support the implementation of the Kingdom's key national development policies, notably the Rectangular Strategy III, these funds support actions in three key areas: Improving agriculture and the management of natural resources; Providing better quality education; Implementing governance and administration reforms such as the public financial management reform, the democratic development reform and electoral reform.

In addition, the EU also supports development in Cambodia through a range of **THEMATIC PROGRAMMES** that directly support civil society organisations.

Civil society organisations are supported in recognition of their role as development actors in their own right. The EU recognises in particular the role of civil society organisations in fostering social cohesion while representing the diversity of a country, a crucial component of any modern democratic society.

The thematic programmes cover areas such as human rights, local governance, climate change and protection of the environment, development of the private sector and gender equality. The EU always provides co-financing to civil society organisations: the organisations must also provide their own financial contribution. Grants to civil society organisations are awarded through competitive calls for proposals. Currently, the European Union supports more than 70 civil society organisations' projects across the 23 provinces of Cambodia, contributing more than 60 million euros.



Ongoing EU-funded Thematic Projects in Cambodian Provinces



In addition, there are nation-wide projects in the following sectors:



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