

The Australia-Cambodia Cooperation for Equitable Sustainable Services (ACCESS) Program is a five-year (2018-2023) initiative undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Australia provided through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Over the last three years, Australia committed AUD 15 million through the ACCESS Program to improve the sustainability, quality and inclusiveness of services for persons with disabilities and for women affected by gender-based violence (GBV). Recently, the Government of Australia has committed an additional AUD 10 million through the ACCESS Program for another two years to make it a five-year Program. ACCESS' Program logic has been updated to reflect the contribution of the Program to the Cambodian Government's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, including its priorities on social protection.



Ending violence against women and promoting disability inclusiveness

ACCESS works in partnership with the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) to support the implementation of the National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and the National Disability Strategic Plan.

Promoting sustainable services

ACCESS recognises Cambodia's transition to (lower) middle-income status and increasing access to public and private sector funding. ACCESS works with the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MOWA), Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MOSVY), the Disability Action Council (DAC) and the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) to plan and use resources more effectively for GBV and disability-related services.

ACCESS will contribute to the following outcomes:



Empower persons with disabilities



Eliminate gender-based violence



Sustain quality services



COVID-19 response and recovery

Persons with disabilities

- Attain improved health, education and economic outcomes.
- Are able to participate in and contribute to family, community and political life.
- Experience less discrimination.
- Have improved feelings of self-worth, confidence and independence.

Women affected by GBV

- Have access to quality health care, including first line support, care of injuries and urgent medical treatment and forensic examinations.
- Have access to survivor-centred legal protection, including accountability for perpetrators.
- Have access to other coordinated social services, including crisis information, safe shelter, psycho-social support and material aid.



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Key expected end of program outcomes:

- Relevant RGC entities plan and utilise their resources more effectively for GBV and disability-related services, in accordance with MEF guidelines.
- RGC, civil society and the private sector sustainably improve the coverage, quality and inclusiveness of services for persons with disabilities and women affected by GBV.

ACCESS PRINCIPLES



Partnership, collaboration
and cooperation



Equity and inclusion



Building ownership and
commitment



Innovative and adaptive
management and learning



Accountability for
sustainable results

