

COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



**A SUMMARY REPORT ON THE RESPONSE OF
THE SCALING UP NUTRITION CIVIL SOCIETY
ALLIANCE IN CAMBODIA TO THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY**

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FOREWORD FROM THE SUN CSA CAMBODIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The present COVID-19 crisis is unprecedented in its scale, and changes to the situation, both globally and in Cambodia, may occur quickly with many unknown factors. So far, Cambodia has had 248 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 217 cases recovered and no deaths reported to date. In recent months, community transmission has ceased. In May, the government lifted a ban on international travelers, but maintains strict requirements for entry into the country. As such, all new cases have been arriving as borders begin to open, however they are detected on arrival. The government is taking various measures to prevent the spread of the virus, including travel restrictions; closing schools, casinos, bars and clubs; cancellation of meetings; social distancing; and remote work arrangements for civil servants.

Current COVID-19 impacts and responses, potential short- and medium-term risks, and recommendations for policy actions are provided in the government's statement on 'Food Security and Nutrition During the COVID-19 Pandemic', which is based on the framework of the National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition (NSFSN) 2019-2023. The NSFSN 2019-2023 serves as a strong framework for dealing with food security and nutrition in the context of COVID-19. This statement, which was jointly developed in coordination with many stakeholders, including the SUN CSA Cambodia, outlines the roles and responsibilities of different actors and sectors within the country in relation to maintaining food and nutrition security during and after the crisis.

The SUN CSA Cambodia is currently implementing various priority actions presented in this statement, particularly those related to healthy diets and maternal, infant and young child nutrition. The SUN CSA Cambodia also recently issued a letter to the Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, requesting the Embassy review their ties with Australian baby formula companies in an effort to protect breastfeeding. This is particularly pertinent in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and recent occurrences of companies exploiting the situation as a distraction by which they can increase their illegal marketing.

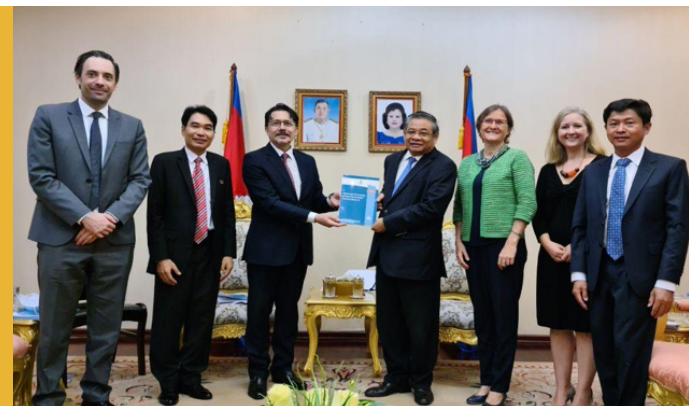
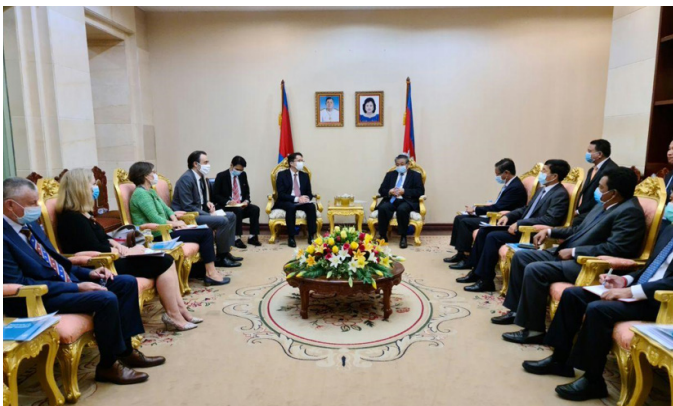
This document details the response from members of the SUN CSA Cambodia, and serves as an excellent display of their rapid response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Cambodia.

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On June 15, 2020, a representative of SUN CSA Cambodia joined those from FAO, WFP and the German Embassy for a meeting with H.E Dr. Yim Chhay Ly, the Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at the Council of Ministers. The meeting discussed the joint statement on food security and nutrition during COVID-19. For the next steps, H.E Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of CARD recommended the following:

- The Secretariat of the TWG SP and FSN should work with DP to develop a response to the impacts of COVID-19, aligning with the action plan of the 2nd NSFSN 2019-2023;
- Disseminate the statement to relevant ministries and work with MoI to disseminate the statement to the sub-national level;
- CARD should continue to monitor the impact and response from DP;
- Suggest to DP to continue working and supporting CARD for implementation of the action plan of the 2nd NSFSN 2019 -2023;
- TWG SP and FSN cannot conduct mass meetings like before, so we should meet only key agencies (as with today); and
- Continue to organize online FSN Forums.



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CARD, in collaboration with SUN CSA Cambodia, SUN Donor Network and SUN UN Network, have agreed to collaborate to gather and summarize information on the availability of funding for nutrition in Cambodia. SUN CSA Cambodia, led by HKI, was assigned to conduct this exercise.

On July 1, 2020, at the Council of Ministers, SUN CSA Cambodia's representative presented findings from nutrition budget analysis at a partner meeting chaired by H.E Sok Silo, Secretary General of CARD, and Government SUN Focal Point. The meeting discussed inclusion of the government's COVID-19 response cash-transfer (US\$25 million per month) as part of the analysis as well. The final goal of the analysis process is to increase the resources and effectiveness of nutrition programs by raising awareness on where and how financial resources are being committed. This information is essential for identifying where additional resources are needed in order to successfully achieve the NSFSN 2019-2023. The analysis includes both government resources for nutrition and development partner funding. We found that the majority of reported nutrition budget lines from government sources are for nutrition-sensitive programming, such as agriculture, WASH, maternal and child health, or social protection. Our next step is to verify the findings with the Ministry of Economics and Finance, and get additional information on gaps.



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The Alliance has been continuing to conduct regular monthly meetings, opening them up further to all members, rather than just the Executive Committee, as has been the case in the past. These meetings have served as an excellent platform for members to update each other on the progress we are making with our COVID-19 response, as well as share updates, concerns and the latest information. Coordinating and aligning our response to the pandemic is key in collaboratively achieving our goals.



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The 'One Day One Post' social media campaign aims to share a daily post on the SUN CSA Cambodia Facebook showcasing the work of Alliance members in responding to COVID-19. There have been numerous posts on members' equipment donation, promotion of nutritious food production, hygiene education and community information dissemination, among many other things.

SUN CSA Cambodia
April 29 · 🌐

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SUN CSA Cambodia Member World Vision Cambodia is continuing to respond to COVID-19 in their target communities in the areas of Health, WASH, Education/Protection and Food, through government and key partners. WV has reached 818,580 people, including 155,815 children, so far by distributing:

- 3,579 boxes of masks
- 8,782 liters of alcohol
- 75,435 soaps... See More



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Another SUN CSA Cambodia member, FIDR (Kratie office), has been providing emergency assistance to Kratie Provincial Health Department in order to protect health staff and local people against Covid-19. On April 22, they delivered thermometers, masks and a fogger machine to Kratie PHD. These were then distributed and shared among health workers in the PHD as well as to 3 Operational Districts, 3 Referral Hospitals and 31 Health Centers.



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SUN CSA Cambodia member WorldFish Cambodia's Feed the Future Cambodia Rice Field Fisheries II project integrates fish conservation with community-wide water use to help farmers grow 'climate smart' vegetable gardens. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, horticulture specialists have had to overcome constraints to the regular training and awareness-raising provided to the project beneficiaries.

In response to health advice from local authorities to avoid meetings and large gathering... See More



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SUN CSA Cambodia member organisation IIRR Cambodia is working in Kampong Thom, Mondul Kiri, Koh Kong, Pursat and Kampong Chhnang, and recently shared with us some of their efforts to combat COVID-19. In accordance with government guidelines, no group meetings or trainings have been held, however field staff have been able to make home visits while practicing social distancing. Household follow-up visits have been conducted to target farmers so they can still receiving... See More




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SUN CSA Member HKI, in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF, issued a joint statement to congratulate the RGC for taking strong actions against four separate companies found in violation of Cambodia's BMS Code. The three agencies strongly condemned the violators, who took advantage of the current situation for their own gain. The statement says "The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the need for stronger legislation to protect families from false claims about the benefits and safety of breast-milk substitutes or aggressive marketing practices that undermine breastfeeding."



June 1, 2020

Joint Statement on the Enforcement of Sub-Decree 133 Implementation in Cambodia

On behalf of Helen Keller International (HKI), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), we commend the strong actions of the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Ministry of Health against four separate companies (**Royal Platinum Co. Ltd., Nutrilatt, LMM Distribution, and VVH Import Export**) found in violation of Cambodia's Sub-Decree 133 during the COVID-19 pandemic, between March and May 2020. Monetary penalties were imposed upon these violators, ranging from 2,500,000 – 5,000,000 Riel (US\$625 – US\$1250), depending on how many times they had offended. These companies had repeatedly promoted breast-milk substitutes, in violation of The International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes, and Cambodian Sub-Decree 133 on the Marketing of Products for Infant and Young Child Feeding, hence endangering the lives of infants and young children in the Kingdom of Cambodia.


We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Ministry of Health for taking this pivotal action to protect the health and wellbeing of Cambodian children, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis. At the same time, we strongly condemn the violators who took advantage of the current situation for their own gain.

The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the need for stronger legislation to protect families from false claims about the benefits and safety of breast-milk substitutes or aggressive marketing practices that undermine breastfeeding. More actions are required to enforce the call from WHO, UNICEF and the Cambodian Ministry of Health for exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a child's life, and continued breastfeeding until two years of age or beyond.


According to The Lancet 2016, scaling up appropriate breastfeeding practices could prevent an estimated 832,000 child deaths globally each year. Breastfeeding greatly contributes to children's physical and cognitive development, protects against infection, and strengthens a child's immune system. This is particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sub-Decree 133 plays a critical role in promoting and protecting the nutrition and health of children in Cambodia, by monitoring and restricting the advertising, marketing and labeling of infant and young child feeding products, including infant formula and other breast-milk substitutes. Since the establishment of the National Oversight Board and the Executive Working Group for Sub-Decree 133 in 2014, the Royal Government of Cambodia has worked hard to improve monitoring and enforcement of Sub-Decree 133 despite challenges such as limited resources.


Sub-Decree 133 helps protect Cambodian children and their families from misleading and inappropriate promotion of infant formula and other breastmilk substitutes. The Sub-Decree was first developed in 2001 by the Infant and Young Child Feeding Technical Working Group, led by the National Nutrition Program of the National Maternal and Child Health Center, under the Ministry of Health. Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen approved the Sub-Decree on November 18, 2005. In 2014 the Royal Government of Cambodia renewed its dedication to protecting and promoting breastfeeding through the monitoring



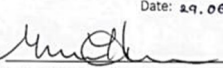
and enforcement of Sub-Decree 133. The Sub-Decree is enforced through joint efforts, led by the Ministry of Health and in conjunction with the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Information, and Ministry of Industry and Handicraft. Effective monitoring and enforcement of the Sub-Decree requires taking action against violators. Doing so will ultimately result in better prospects and futures for the children of Cambodia. We applaud the continued dedication and commitment of the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Ministry of Health in their efforts to protect and promote children's wellbeing and nutrition, especially during this difficult time of global COVID-19 pandemic.



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ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY



In response to the rapid transmission of COVID-19 that has significantly challenged Cambodia's health system, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Cambodia, has responded by supplying personal protection equipment (PPE) and education materials to communities in its project target areas by working with local health departments, who are the front line workers. ADRA wants community members to make the right choices in their personal hygiene, sanitation, social distancing behaviors, and daily livelihoods to prevent, control and respond to COVID-19.



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ALIVE & THRIVE



Alive & Thrive (A&T) has been focusing on upholding breastfeeding best practices throughout the country during the pandemic. The organisation has maintained ongoing collaboration with other development partners, such as Cambodia's Ministry of Health and UNICEF, to provide technical inputs to COVID-19 and breastfeeding focused materials. A&T has provided technical inputs to the maternal and child health, nutrition and breastfeeding sections of Cambodia's COVID-19 Clinical Management Guidelines (currently in the approval stage), to a poster on breastfeeding during COVID-19, and on an ongoing basis to FHI360's COVID-19 Response Team. A&T has also conducted monitoring in Takeo Provincial Hospital to observe and promote skin-to-skin contact immediately after birth, and exclusive breastfeeding. During monitoring they were able to observe the breastfeeding poster displayed in the maternity ward and post-delivery room. A&T has also worked with EQHA/FHI360 to arrange and conduct basic training on COVID-19 to the staff at the National Maternal and Child Health Centre Hospital.



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ANGKOR HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN



Angkor Hospital for Children, has been busy raising awareness of COVID-19 in the community. Using information from the MoH, they have been broadcasting in each village in Siem Reap, distributing leaflets, and conducting direct individual family education on topics such as:

1. What is COVID-19?;
2. How to prevent COVID-19;
3. Hand hygiene; and
4. Food safety, environment and sanitation

There has been good feedback from the community, and people are happy to get more information to better understand COVID-19.



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CARITAS

Throughout the pandemic, Caritas Siem Reap has been using their Community Health Project as a channel to implement their COVID-19 response. The project has three components:

1. Increasing the knowledge of target populations on primary health care and safe motherhood, including communicable/non communicable diseases;
2. Reducing mother and child malnutrition; and
3. Enhanced community sanitation and hygiene through better WASH practices in communities and schools.

Since COVID-19 hit, project staff have been implementing activities in the field to improve prevention methods, that are aligned with guidance from the Ministry of Health. These actions include:

- Delivery of hygiene materials to 1,524 families in target areas: 90L alcohol, 1000 masks, and 1,524 soaps, as well as 1,080 soaps to health centers;
- Distribution of IEC materials: 3,700 posters on COVID-19 prevention methods to beneficiaries, and 50 posters on hand washing for VHSGs;
- Providing health education on COVID-19 prevention to 253 people in target areas; and
- Supporting emergency food deliveries to 160 vulnerable families: 20kg rice, 1 case of noodles, and 10 cans of fish per family.



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DANISH CARE FOODS

Danish Care Foods (DCF), a partner company of Vissot Co., Ltd, was created to scale up the production of local ready-to-use therapeutic foods in Cambodia. DCF specializes in making ready-to-use therapeutic (Nutrix) and supplementary food products to treat severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in children. Their unique product range incorporates locally-available ingredients, including wild-caught fish, and is affordable for low-income consumers. During the COVID-19 crisis, the company continues to produce products to meet demand. Recently, DCF represented Cambodia in the SUN Pitch Competition for 2020, and was awarded First Runner-Up and a US\$10,000 cash prize. “Winning is awesome! It is a great feeling to see how hard work and dedication pays off. This award will help us to further strengthen our business,” said DCF Founder and CEO, Lyndon Paul. DCF also recently hosted the Youth Nutrition Champions on a visit to learn about the production and sale of ready-to-use therapeutic foods for SAM children.



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FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT/RELIEF

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HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL

As part of the #NuritionCantWait campaign, Helen Keller International (HKI) Cambodia has been conducting online quizzes with questions related to breastfeeding practices, including breastfeeding during COVID-19. So far, six questions have been posted on social media and there has been great public interest and participation in the campaign.

Over three weeks of online quizzes, more than 120,000 people have been reached through social media, with 3,522 people liking the quiz posts, 2,100 people joining the quizzes, and more than 1,200 people sharing the posts. 1,125 people answered all questions related breastfeeding correctly. HKI gave each winner a bottle of liquid soap and a water bottle or bag. The organisation will continue this campaign and use the results to inform advocacy activities to strengthen public awareness on breastfeeding and the enforcement of Cambodia's Breastmilk Substitute (BMS) Code.

HKI, in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF, also issued a joint statement to congratulate the RGC for taking strong actions against four separate companies found in violation of Cambodia's BMS Code. The three agencies strongly condemned the violators, who took advantage of the current COVID-19 crisis for their own gain.



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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

International Institute for Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) Cambodia is working in Kampot, Kampong Thom, Mondul Kiri, Koh Kong, Pursat and Kampong Chhnang, and recently shared with us some of their efforts to combat COVID-19. In accordance with government guidelines, no group meetings or trainings have been held, however field staff have been able to make home visits while practicing social distancing. Household follow-up visits have been conducted to target farmers so they can still receiving extension services during the COVID-19 outbreak. Family food production has been promoted in Koh Kong to ensure household food security and local good supply, and young farmers have been supported in producing chicks for local supply to increase access for other farmers. In addition, field staff helped to install drip irrigation systems for farmers in target villages to enable access to water for homestead food production.



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JOHANNITER INTERNATIONAL



Working through local partner Live and Learn Cambodia (LLC), Johanniter Cambodia has been addressing COVID-19 in their project activities since the second quarter of 2020. The organization has been specifically conducting awareness raising on best handwashing practices and COVID-19 prevention. The target groups for this intervention are indigenous communities across 22 villages of Ratanakiri province in the northeast of Cambodia. Additionally, Johanniter have published and distributed more than 20,000 information posters focused on COVID-19, handwashing and other key infection prevention measures.



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KHMER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Khmer Community Development (KCD) has been working hard on their COVID-19 response in Kandal, with the support of Quaker Service Australia (QSA). Responses so far include inviting a doctor in to improve staff knowledge of the virus, distributing seeds to farmers in target have been combatted with individual home visits while practicing social distancing



areas to ensure food security in the coming months, cooperating with local authorities to conduct awareness raising on appropriate hygiene practices, and IEC and soap distribution. This great work has improved understanding of the virus among staff and the community, reducing fear and eliminating rumors. There have been challenges implementing some activities, especially awareness raising, but these have been combatted with individual home visits while practicing social distancing and wearing masks and gloves. KCD has also produced a great video to encourage children to wash their hands well, especially during COVID-19. Moving forward, KCD will continue these activities.



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LET US CREATE FUTURES



LUCF have been providing COVID-19 response support to our communities, including information and essential items provision to protect against the virus and provide nutrition support and home learning support.

They have supported their beneficiaries and the wider community with information handouts and the distribution of person protective equipment and cleaning products. The LUCF team run small monthly community meetings to discuss COVID-19 risks, prevention and best practices.

Monthly food packs are provided to beneficiaries, alongside weekly home learning activities for the students. The LUCF Teachers and Community Support Officer conduct weekly follow up sessions with students and parents to ensure they are receiving the best possible support, with regular attention to hygiene.



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LIVE & LEARN CAMBODIA



LLC is committed to supporting poor and remote communities to alleviate poverty and to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. With the support of our funding partners, our teams and community volunteers in various locations have organized campaigns to raise awareness of COVID-19 prevention and take real actions to prevent transmission. In April and May 2020 our awareness activities, led by local task forces conducting door-to-door visits, reached 3,000 people. We have also distributed thousands of COVID-19 prevention posters addressing frequent hand washing with soap and social distancing. Our campaigns also addressed awareness and prevention of gender-based violence during the pandemic. Mr. Ly Sophea, a task force

group leader in the Chhak commune, Boribo district, Kampong Chhnang province, said he is “very happy that LLC supported these activities, as it is important to help members of my community understand the importance of gender issues during the COVID-19 outbreak.” During all community meetings or small gatherings, infection prevention measures such as handwashing, face masks, social distancing and discussions on prevention have become the first items on the agenda.



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NETHERLANDS DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV) and Swiss Agency for Development and Contact's CHAIN project tackles market system constraints to improve service delivery to smallholder farmer households in four of the poorest provinces in Cambodia. In response to the COVID pandemic, under guidance from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, CHAIN supported partners with interventions to increase food quality and security aiming to increase income and opportunities for rural households, including those returning from neighboring countries. The COVID-19 response by CHAIN focused on four interventions:

- Food security through short terms crops; by production of vegetables by vulnerable groups (villages selected by partners, who return to village and other vulnerable households).
- Facilitate production year-round with more access to water for production; for CHAIN farmers mainly (semi-commercial and commercial farmers)
- Supporting awareness raising through distribution of leaflets
- local market actors through coaching on how to manage their business with in the current situation

To date, CHAIN, through its partners, has distributed seed for fast growing crops for home consumption and natural fertilizers to 1539 households in three provinces (Oddar Meanchey, Kratie and Stung Treng). CHAIN and partners aim to support 75 water access investments (for production/irrigation) in co-investment with farmers to allow them to produce year-round. 57 are in place so far.



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OCCUPATION OF RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE



Occupation of Rural Economic Development and Agriculture (OREDA) has been conducting community development committee meetings to persist with their regular program implementation, despite COVID-19. The organization has been continuing mobile library activities and also providing education on COVID-19 prevention to the community. All of the activities they conduct adhere to COVID-19 prevention guidelines, including social distancing, wearing masks and regularly sanitizing.



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ORGANIZATION TO DEVELOP OUR VILLAGES

As part of their key programming, and in response to the COVID-19 crisis, Organization to Develop Our Villages (ODOV) has set up community support systems to target poor households. They have established Village Model Farms (VMFs) to use as community hubs to improve the food security and nutrition situation. VMFs successfully improve food security, nutrition and health because they give full ownership to the community. The model farms serve as a demonstration site, a centre for practical training for community members, a source of agricultural inputs, and a source of technical information. ODOV has trained over 9,000 farmers in family nutrition, food preparation and sustainable agriculture techniques to ensure healthy, nutritious and diversified food.



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PLAN INTERNATIONAL CAMBODIA



Plan International Cambodia is continuing to respond to the COVID-19 to prevent transmission and reduce the long-term social impacts among the most vulnerable groups in their target areas. The following actions are being taken across priority intervention pillars:

WASH

- 1,235,030 IEC packages, and 35,281 bars and 3,440 bottles of soap distributed across 8 provinces.
- PPE provided to 34 Health Centers across 3 provinces.
- WASH Kits distributed to 5,742 households.

75 public pedal handwashing devices installed across Plan's target areas.

- Hygiene promotion campaigns organized in 306 villages across 3 provinces, reaching 202,677 people - 40,696 girls and 88,243 women.

Education and ECCD

- 32 primary schools in Stung Treng and Ratanakiri supported to run distance learning, and 4210 books distributed for students to read at home.
- Posters on good parenting during the COVID-19, story drawing and painting books, and hygiene materials distributed to 137 community preschools in Siem Reap, Ratanakiri and Stung Treng.
- 29 preschool classes in 2 districts of Stung Treng supported for bi-lingual distance learning.

Child Protection

- Collaborated with Child Helpline Cambodia to provide online child protection counselling to young people exposed to violence.
- Collaborated with TPO to provide online psycho-counselling to youth.

CASH Transfers

- Provided cash transfers totaling 27,520 USD to 300 eligible households across three provinces.

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RAINWATER CAMBODIA

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to infect people globally and within Cambodia. During this time, RainWater Cambodia (RWC) has been addressing the support needs of their target communities to improve access to water supply, sanitation and hygiene, and ensure these areas remained key focuses and the demand was being met. In July 2020, RWC provided a number of support programs to the community, including Water Safety Plan training, WASH Behavior Change Communication, and inspection of piped water installation for the community. To protect the community and ensure safe organisation of each intervention, RWC adhered to the instructions regarding protection from and prevention of COVID-19, issued by Cambodia's Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization. RWC is continuing to integrate COVID-19 oriented activities into their programming, and discussing with the government how to best support school when they start reopening.



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ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE

The Royal University of Agriculture (RUA) is a leading public agricultural university in Cambodia. The University is comprised of nine faculties, a school and four research centers, with 9,527 students and 480 academic staff.

In response to the current COVID-19 situation in Cambodia, RUA strictly follows the instructions of the Ministry of Health in regards to COVID-19 prevention. This involves the implementation and enforcement of guidelines regarding social distancing, wearing of masks and personal hygiene practices.



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SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children's (SC) response to the COVID-19 crisis in Cambodia has been coordinated in partnership with INGOs, local CSOs, the private sector and Royal Government of Cambodia at the national and sub-national levels, focusing on:

Saving Lives: contributing to the national RCCE pillar led by the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization by leading the production and dissemination of child-friendly, gender sensitive, information for children and caregivers across the country on how to protect themselves against COVID-19.

Helping Children Learn: supporting the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS) in developing and testing approaches to promote continuous learning in remote and hard to reach areas. Also contributing to a joint rapid assessment on the impact of Covid-19 on children's education and needs to inform the design of a recovery plan.

Increasing Financial Resilience: strengthening social protection systems to ensure vulnerable households sustain and recover livelihood options and household income. This includes supporting the government to continue cash transfers, providing technical advice on how to adapt their social protection program, and delivering skills-building training to support livelihood opportunities.

Keeping Children Safe: SC supported MoSVY to develop and roll out the Child Protection Contingency Plan for COVID-19 and the National Guidelines on Case Management During Infectious Disease Outbreak (COVID-19). They are also distributing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for frontline social workers and providing training on psychological first aid and mental health to ensure partners are equipped to work with children and families during COVID-19, and supporting them to track calls to helplines to understand the impact of COVID-19 on children.

SC are leveraging their investment in local partnerships to inform their response strategy, program design and influence donor agendas, as well as providing support to CSOs to strengthen their risk management, staff well-being and business continuity during COVID-19. So far SC's COVID-19 response has benefited more than 3.9 million Cambodians, including 1.2 million children.



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SAVE VULNERABLE CAMBODIANS

Save Vulnerable Cambodians (SVC), has been continuing their work to end open defecation in Ratanakiri despite the challenges brought on by COVID-19. In villages of Taveaeng District and Andoung Meas District, Open Defecation Free (ODF) verification meetings have been occurring with excellent social distancing and health check measures. In partnership with the Provincial Department of Commerce in Ratanakiri, they have also initiated a Weekend Market in Banlung district. The market is part of the AIMS project - Accelerating Inclusive Markets for Smallholders - and consists of 20 stalls where local producers sell fruit, vegetables, meat, and sustainably produced handicrafts. The organisers take care to ensure social distancing is observed and all possible hygiene measures are taken, allowing shopping to take place in a safe environment.



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SHARE



Since July 2017, Services for the Health in Asian and African Regions (SHARE) Cambodia has been implementing the 'Smart and Healthy Children from Beginning to 1000 Days' project in Preah Vihear province. The project works with the public health system and service providers (local health centers), and local community authorities, rather than providing direct medical and health. They work over lengthy project spans in strengthen human resources. Since COVID-19 hit in February, SHARE has been cooperating with the Preah Vihear Provincial Health Department to distribute leaflets in order to educate the community on key prevention measures against COVID-19. They have also been working with Health Centers to deliver health education to pregnant women and caregivers of children under 2 years old. Topics include the importance of washing hands with soap, social distancing, covering faces and mouths with a mask or Kroma, and the importance of good nutrition, especially breastfeeding and nutritious complementary foods for small children. SHARE has also delivered gloves, masks and soap to Preah Vihear Health Centers.



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VILLAGE SUPPORT GROUP

Village Support Group (VSG) was established in Battambang in 1994 as a transition project after Cambodia's civil war, to help people in Battambang and those living along the Cambodia-Thailand border through agriculture and healthcare projects.

In response to the rapid transmission of COVID-19 that has significantly challenged Cambodia's overall situation, VSG has altered the way they conduct community engagement activities. In every activity, they strictly follow Ministry of Health instructions regarding hygiene and social distancing practices. Their programs are also now placing a heavy focus on personal hygiene, sanitation, social distancing behaviors and daily livelihoods, to prevent, control and respond to COVID-19.

Their team has been conducting training on field fisheries management to local authorities, and has completed training on the prevention of COVID-19 in order to do this activity safely. They have also disseminating information on nutrition, the benefits of fish, COVID-19 prevention and family hygiene to mothers with children under 5 years old. The VSG team also conducts water sanitation spot checks.



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WATERAID

During the pandemic, WaterAid Cambodia's Healthy People Healthy Place (HP2) project that is currently operating in remote Kratie is continuing to work on safe water drinking and hygiene behavior change activities, and raising awareness to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

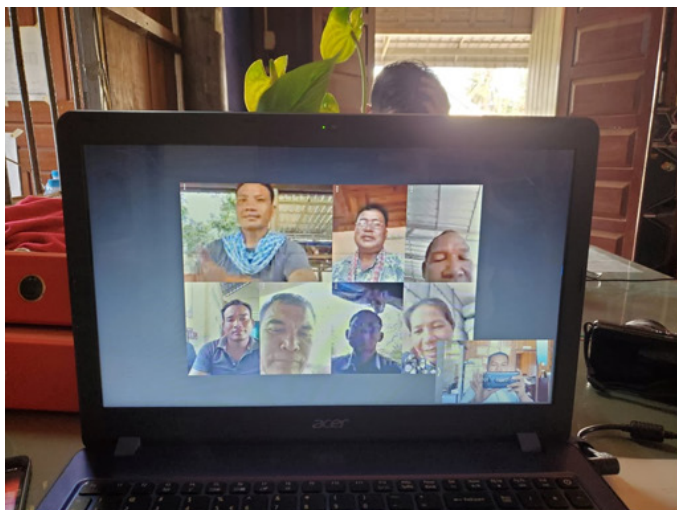
WaterAid Cambodia is supporting local authorities, the Provincial Department of Rural Development and Provincial Health Department to print IEC materials such as banners, stickers and posters; set up low cost hand washing facilities and supply soap and alcohol-based hand rub; and conduct local radio broadcasting on COVID-19 prevention messages and hand hygiene.

Drinking clean water and practicing good sanitation and hygiene can help people stay healthy, and can especially prevent young children from getting diarrhea and other diseases. WaterAid Cambodia has noticed that more and more people are practicing hand washing with soap, using clean water, and drinking water



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WORLD FISH



WorldFish Cambodia's Feed the Future Cambodia Rice Field Fisheries II project integrates fish conservation with community-wide water use to help farmers grow 'climate smart' vegetable gardens. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, horticulture specialists have had to overcome constraints to the regular training and awareness-raising provided to the project beneficiaries.

In response to health advice from local authorities to avoid meetings and large gatherings, WorldFish and partners adapted quickly to the situation by adopting a new means of awareness raising and communication. The horticulture specialists have begun to use Facebook and mobile phone calls as a tool to ensure communities continued receiving their training whilst adhering to government health and safety guideline. They have also been conducting home garden training while implementing social distancing and hygiene practices.



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WORLD VISION



World Vision Cambodia is continuing to respond to COVID-19 in their target communities in the areas of health, WASH, education/protection and food, through government and key partners. So far WV has reached 923,000 people in 1,511 villages in 192 Communes, including 367,000 children (64,561 of the most vulnerable children and 73,636 registered children, by distributing:



- 6,286 boxes of masks
- 163,102 soaps
- 11,173 liters of sanitizing alcohol
- 1,115 boxes of gloves
- 798 water tanks



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YOUTH NUTRITION CHAMPIONS

Due to COVID-19, the Youth Nutrition Champions had to delay or reschedule many youth engagement activities that were previously planned. Despite this, youth engagement remained strong, with weekly meetings between the FAO, CARD, WFP, MAFF and youth representatives continuing in order to plan an online engagement strategy. As part of this, an online survey was conducted that received 91 responses from youth around Cambodia on how COVID-19 has affected them. The responses to this survey have been used to adjust engagement strategies moving forward. Miss Chhun Bormey, the Leader of Youth Nutrition Champions, presented the findings from this youth survey in several online forums and received great interest from stakeholders. SUN CSA Cambodia also had an online meeting with the SUN Secretariat to seek support for a Youth Advocacy Training that will be conducted in the near future, when COVID-19 allows.



SUN CSA Asia Regional Meeting in 2019



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