



## Legislature Assistance Project (LEAP)

### Background

Good Governance is at the heart of the successful achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and as the Royal Government of Cambodia's (RGC) National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) points out, 'it is the most important pre-condition for achieving sustainable socio-economic development with equity, equal opportunity and social justice.' Successfully promoting good governance relies directly on an effective and independent legislative branch as envisaged in the Cambodian constitution.

### Purpose of project

The project will assist MPs, Commissions and Secretariats General of both houses in their legislative, oversight and representation functions, reinforcing democratic institutions which act as checks and balances on the executive power. It will enable Secretariats' and their staff to improve the quality of services provided to parliamentarians and their constituents, as well as train MPs to influence policymaking decisions and to exercise their oversight functions to contribute to a participatory and representative democracy.

LEAP is designed to build on previous experience, lessons learned and achievements, and is aligned with the goals outlined in the Parliament's 2006 Strategic Framework and Action Plan for the Capacity Building of the Cambodian Parliament. It is the successor project to the Support to the Capacity Development of the Cambodian Parliament project which expired in March 2007. The project will also work with the Secretariats General of both houses to deliver effective services to the parliament, as well as providing technical and managerial advice to the Technical Coordination Secretariat (TCS) to implement the strategic framework and action plan of the parliament and to coordinate donor assistance.

### Key results and reports

- Strengthen and enhance the capacity of Parliamentarians to better exercise their interrelated functions: representation, lawmaking and oversight
- Strengthen the Secretariats General of both Houses to deliver effective services to the parliament
- Build the capacity of the TCS to manage and coordinate all donor assistance to the Cambodian Parliament

### Main activities

- Enhance representation through outreach activities
- Improve the lawmaking process
- Strengthen oversight functions
- Strengthen the Secretariats General of both houses for delivery of effective services to parliamentarians
- Train commission's assistants in documentation, sectoral issues, and information dissemination.
- Improve in-house flow of information through development of hansard, streamlining of documentation, and research centres
- Technical and Management support to TCS

### Contributing donor

- **UNDP:** US\$850,044

### Duration

2007-2010 (this project is ongoing)

## Total budget

US\$850,044

## Project Partners

**Executing agency:** Technical Coordination Secretariat of the Cambodian Parliament

## Project delivery

**2006:** not applicable

## Location

Phnom Penh

## Thematic Area

**Corporate Thematic Area:** Democratic Governance

**UN Country Programme Outcome:** 2.2 Parliament functions in a way that realizes the representative duties of elected members

## Millennium Development Goal

**Goal 1:** Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Good governance is a prerequisite for Cambodia to reach its Millennium Development Goal of halving poverty and hunger by 2015

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