Expanding and financing Social Protection in Cambodia and experiences of the UN Joint Program

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1. Cambodia Social Protection Framework

Cambodia Social Protection Framework: To ensure the consistency and the link of the systems
The National Social Protection Policy Framework provides the consistency and harmonization of the social assistance schemes and the social security schemes with common governance.

Legal framework and Provisions: Develop a Social Protection draft law, by defining the governance structure of the entire social protection system, the functions and duties of all relevant ministries and institutions, the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and the operation of each social security schemes, including social assistance programs.
1. Cambodia Social Protection Framework

Social Assistance

National Social Protection Policy Framework

- Emergency Response
- Protection of Pregnant Women and Children
- Scholarship for Primary and Secondary Education
- School Feeding Program
- Vocational Training
- Cash Transfer for Elderly People and People with Disabilities

Social Protection draft Law

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Social Security

National Social Protection Policy framework

Employment Injury
Disabilities
Health Insurance
Pension
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2. Social Protection Governance Structure

Policy Level
- National Social Protection Council
  - Executive Committee
    - Secretariat
      - Sub-committee

Regulatory Level
- Social Security Regulator
- Social Assistance Programs
  - Emergency Response
  - Human Capital Development
  - Vocational Training

Operation Level
- Social Security Fund
  - Health Insurance
  - Employment Injury
  - Pension
  - Unemployment
  - Social Welfare of Vulnerable People

Institutional Capacity
- Human Resource
- Infrastructure (MIS, Settlement Sys.)
Characteristics and guiding principles

• Inter-sectorial, harmonization and coordination
• Efficiency and effectiveness of delivery
• Human development
• Life-cycle approach
• Poverty reduction focus
• Strong leadership role of the Royal Government of Cambodia
• Appropriate responses to the needs
• Adequacy of responses and benefits
• Safeguarding social equity and solidarity
• Adaptability to changing context
3. Current Social Assistance Program

Current Social Assistance Program
### Current operational cash transfer programmes

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<tr>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Benefit Rate</th>
<th>Frequency of Payment</th>
<th>Mode of payment</th>
<th>Geographical Target</th>
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<tr>
<td>CTP-PWC</td>
<td>$190 for two years &lt;br&gt; - $10- 4 times during pregnancy &lt;br&gt; - $50- 1 time for delivery (baby bonus) &lt;br&gt; - $10- 10 times for post delivery and child vaccination</td>
<td>Schedule based</td>
<td>Electronic-payment</td>
<td>Nation-wide</td>
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<td>Disability Allowance</td>
<td>Current values set at $15 (not implement), $30 or $60 (based on three different levels of disability)</td>
<td>$30- moderate/year $60 severe/ year</td>
<td>Distribute by PDoSVy/District Deposited manually into beneficiaries’ bank account (5%)</td>
<td>Target commune, in some districts and some provinces (2020= 524 target communes, in 64 districts, 8 provinces)</td>
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<td>Scholarships</td>
<td>60$ Primary: Children grade 1-6 Secondary: Children grade 7-9</td>
<td>Three times a year</td>
<td>Cash delivery ceremony</td>
<td>Will check</td>
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Streamlining program delivery

Identification and referral of individuals enabled at various points:
- Community Orgs.
- Village heads
- NGOs
- Health Centres
- Schools
- Beneficiary

Beneficiary is approved and relevant information is passed on:
- Commune (Social Service Workforce)
  - Registration and Approves
  - Conditions check by relevant PHF/School
  - Case Management: Assesses cases not meeting conditions

Provincial Departments:
- Technical support and M&E

Beneficiary:
- Receives payment

MEF approve (Beneficiary fund and operation fund)
- GS- NSPC Account
- MoSVY- Single Operator Account
- PSP
  - Process and Reconcile payment

Beneficiary
- Receives payment

Streamlining program delivery
Streamlining Program Delivery Mechanism

MIS connecting all the programmes; facilitating beneficiary management

The MIS links to the PSP, the programme fund, and IDPoor data base

Five different cash transfer programmes

Administrative Functions

Referrals and Identification

Social services

Local NGOs

INGOs

Schools

Hospitals

Communal Council

District administration

Provincial department

National ministries

CT-PWYC

Scholarship

Disability

Old Age

Beneficiary database

MIS

Conditions

PSP

Programme Fund

Disability database

IDPoor

Child protection services
5. Covid-19 and social protection responses in Cambodia

- Covid-19 Cash Transfer program for the poor and vulnerable households affected by Covid-19
- Building on the existing cash transfer program for women and children under 2. Cambodia has been able to design and deliver the cash transfer program to 670,000 ID poor households totaling 2.7 Million individual recipients.
- The government reserved 300 Million USD of the national budget for social protection support for a period of 6 months (Jun-Dec 2020)
- The program has provided lessons learnt for developing an adaptive social protection framework and to open opportunities for a successful transition from Covid-19 to routine social assistance responses.
6. Experiences in working with the UN Joint Programme

Broad support provided to expand the Cambodian Social Assistance program assisted by the UN family, Australia Aid, GIZ, including:

1. Direct technical assistance for the expansion of the social assistance coverage, including the cash transfer for pregnant women and children ages 0-2, a disability allowance program and the design of the family package

2. Technical support to develop options and design the Covid-19 CT response

3. The development of the M&E tools, including the response to Covid-19

4. Flexible and close collaboration with UN agencies and other donors building beyond the scope of the UN Joint Program documents.
Thank you!