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Youth Situation Analysis in Cambodia

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Cambodia at the moment has made remarkable progress in its economic growth and development. Cambodia's population is the youngest in Southeast Asia, with up to 26.4 per cent of people between 15 and 30 years of age. Cambodia also has the largest generation of youth transitioning into adulthood. Youth have been central to shaping the workforce and play a critical role in the country's economic development, yet youth too possibly face challenges with exploitation, abuse, and access to services and protection. Therefore, we need to enhance and ensure that youth wellbeing and empowerment is the bedrock as well as a means to deliver for the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and International Conference on Population and Development.

This Youth Situation Analysis focuses on the situation of adolescents and youth between the ages of 10-24. The key areas explored are education, employment, health, and participation. The analysis reviews existing data and collects primary data that is intended to cover the situation of mainstream youth and groups that may also be considered marginalized. This analysis provides useful and actionable insights on marginalized groups, such as women and girls in rural areas, younger adolescents aged 10-19-years-old, single women, migrants or youth impacted by migration, and other groups.

The Youth Situation Analysis findings can effectively support, inform and guide the implementation of government policies, development intervention programmes and funding, and international and national NGO priorities. Moreover, by ensuring that often-marginalized sub-groups and ethnic groups are included, key development and global goals, such as gender, inclusion, and education, will be duly and thoroughly taken into account and ensure that 'no one is left behind'.

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GLOSSARY OF TERM AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
Adolescents	Individuals in the 10-19 years age group
AFD	French Development Agency
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AFRSH	Adolescents Friendly Reproductive and Sexual Health Services
CAPI	Computer-Aided Personal Interview
CARD	Council for Agriculture and Rural Development
CCWC	Commune Committee for Women and Children
CDB	Commune Database
CDHS	Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey
CDRI	Cambodia Development Resource Institute
CEPA	The Culture and Environment Preservation Association
CLC	Community Learning Centre
CRC	Child Rights Centre
CSD	Carbonated Soft Drinks
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
CSEC	Cambodia Social-Economic Census
CSES	Cambodia Socio-Economic Survey
D&D	Government's Decentralization and Deconcentration
DGTVET	Directorate General of TVET
DHS	Demographic and Health Survey
DOE	District Office of Education
DTV	A local satellite television provider in Cambodia
Education attainment	The highest level of education completed by the survey respondents
ESP	Education Strategic Plan
EUEC	European Union
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
FP	Family Planning
FSN	Food Security and Nutrition
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
Higher education	Formal higher education level, including college, university, postgraduate
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HH	Household Head
HSP	Health Strategic Plan
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
ID Card	Identification Card
IDP	Cambodia's Industrial Policy
ILO	International Labour Organization
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
ITC	Institute of Technology of Cambodia
IUD	Intrauterine Device

KAPE	Kampuchea Action to Promote Education
KIIs	Key Informant Interviews
KYA	Khmer Youth Association
KYCC	Khmer Youth Camp for Culture
KYSD	Khmer Youth and Social Development
Loan shark	An informal moneylender, including an individual, group of people, or a business (not registered as a financial institution)
MDD-W	Minimum Dietary Diversity for Women
MEF	Ministry of Economy and Finance
MoEYS	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport
MoH	Ministry of Health
MLVT	Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training
MoP	Ministry of Planning
MoWA	Ministry of Women Affairs
MRD	Ministry of Rural Development
MSMEs	Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
NEA	National Employment Agency
NECHR	National Ethics Committee for Health Research of the Ministry of Health
NEET	Not in Education, Employment, or Training
NEP	National Employment Policy
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NRHP	National Reproductive Health Programme
NSDP	National Strategy Development Plan
NSFN	National Strategy for Food and Nutrition
NSSF	National Social Security Fund
NTB	National Training Board
NYDC	National Youth Development Council
PED	Primary Education Department
PHD	People Health Development Association
POE	Provincial Office of Education
rCSI	Reduced Coping Strategy Index
RGC	Royal Government of Cambodia
RHAC	Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia
Rural	A city, provincial town, district, or commune where the population density is lower than 200 per km ² and male employment in agriculture is 50% or higher.
SCY	Support Children and Young People
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
Single	An individual who is unmarried
SE	Sexuality Education
SMEs	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
TVET-SDP	Vocational Education and Training Sector Development Programme

TVK2	A channel of the state-owned National Television of Kampuchea (TVK), introduced to promote distance learning and e-learning during the COVID-19 pandemic
TWG	Technical Working Group
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCT	UN Country Team
UNDAF	UN Development Assistance Framework
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
Urban	A to city, provincial town, district, or commune where the population density exceeds 200 per km ² and male employment in agriculture is below 50%
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
YCC	Youth Council of Cambodia
YCHD	Youth and Child Hope Development Organization
YFP	Youth for Peace
Youth	Individuals in the 15-24 years age group
Young People	Individuals in the 10-24 years age group
YRDP	Youth Resource Development Programme

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