

Aid partnership with Cambodia

New Zealand supports Cambodia to grow its agriculture sector, develop a more highly skilled and educated workforce, and build resilience to disasters.

In recent years, we have increased our development investments in Cambodia, as one of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)'s least-developed countries. This supports the ASEAN's commitment to narrow the development gap between its members.

Despite more than two decades of strong economic growth, Cambodia is still only ranked 146 out of 189 countries in the United Nation's Human Development Index with 14% of the population living below the poverty line.

Our development investments in Cambodia focus on areas that Cambodia has prioritised and where New Zealand's expertise is most valued, such as agriculture, knowledge and skills, and disaster risk management. Total aid to Cambodia comprises country-specific activities, as well as scholarships, regional initiatives, Partnerships Fund activities, and when requested, humanitarian response.

What we're supporting

We're working closely with the Government of Cambodia and local partners on several development activities.

Priority	Activities and outcomes
Agriculture Increase economic and food security benefits from agriculture	<p>Working with five commercial vegetable supply chains and farmer cooperatives, and 1,000 farmers, to increase the production and quality of safe vegetables, including improved post-harvest systems and appropriate use of agrichemicals, to meet growing demand in the Phnom Penh market. This five-year \$6.5 million activity is being implemented by the New Zealand Institute for Plant and Food Research with the Cambodia Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries.</p> <p>Supporting ADRA New Zealand to improve economic resilience of household in Pursat Province, this five-year \$3 million activity will develop and strengthen the capability of producer groups to increase agricultural production, improve the value chain and identify market opportunities.</p> <p>Enhancing local agricultural knowledge and skills, business practices and production techniques through a five-year \$2.4 million Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand activity and developing formal and informal cooperatives and agricultural associations for indigenous communities in 36 villages throughout Ratanakiri and Mondulkiri provinces.</p> <p>Providing community-level agricultural infrastructure, inputs and training to farmers in agricultural techniques through a \$0.5 million HOPENZ project to improve food security and incomes for 1,095 rural farming families in Pursat province.</p>
Resilience Strengthen resilience	<p>Increasing access to and utilisation of safe drinking water and promoting good hygiene and sanitation, this four-year \$1.3 million community and school WASH project works in 28 communities and 16 schools (benefitting 25,800 community members and 7,500 students) in Bantey Meanchey Province.</p>
Education Improve workforce skills and capabilities	<p>Providing 35 post-graduate and 23 short-term training scholarships in climate change, agriculture, renewable energy, disaster risk management, education, governance and public sector leadership and English language training to 33 Cambodian officials in New Zealand and 25 participants in Cambodia each year.</p>

Recent achievements

Priority	Activities and outcomes
Agriculture Increase economic and food security benefits from agriculture	Over the past six years, 425 people from Cambodia participated in small business enterprise training, food safety, trade and agriculture training and capacity building activities through our support to the Mekong Institute. Adoption of commercial vegetable production across 324 farms participating in our five-year US\$4.5 million activity in Siem Reap, implemented by iDE, has resulted in a significant increase in average annual profit of US\$5,197 (or 471%) for farmers growing high-value crops and over 2,000 farmers trained in horticulture production techniques, post-harvest systems, and business management.
Education Improve workforce skills and capabilities	Since 1995, over 323 Cambodian officials have participated in our English language training programme in New Zealand.



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