

CAMBODIA-CANADA LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT PROJECT

PROJECT DETAILS

Country/ies:	Cambodia
Duration:	March 2002-Sept 2009
Budget:	CAD \$ 5,814,035
Funder:	Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
Partner(s):	Parliament of Cambodia (National Assembly and Senate)
Status:	Closed

About the Parliamentary Centre

The Parliamentary Centre is a Canadian not-for-profit, non-partisan organization that supports parliaments around the world. Our assessment, strategic planning and training programs, combined with research products and networking channels, help legislatures measure their performance, build capacity, tackle key issues and promote mutual learning.

In short - we help legislatures better serve their people.

About the Project

From March 2001 until March 2010, the Parliamentary Centre implemented the Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project (CCLSP) with support from the Canadian International Development Agency. CCLSP is the longest-standing and largest project supporting the Cambodian Parliament to date.

The main objectives of the project were to strengthen the capacity of both the National Assembly and the Senate of the Parliament of Cambodia to exercise its legislative, representative and oversight roles. Specific objectives included:

- Enhanced capacity to effectively draft and review legislation;
- Increased responsiveness of MPs to their constituents;
- Improved capacity of the Secretariats to manage, administer and support the work of the National Assembly and Senate.

Accomplishments

After nine successful years of working with the National Assembly and Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia, some of the project's key accomplishments include:

- Improved capacity of parliamentarians to initiate and consider legislation using various sources of information and analysis;
- Significant increase of the involvement of the Cambodian civil society and general public in the parliamentary process;
- Improved functioning of parliamentary staff, including better human resource and administrative management and stronger capacity to support the work of parliamentarians in areas like legislative analysis and subject matter research;
- The establishment of a functioning Women's Caucus in the Cambodian Parliament, which has helped women parliamentarians to reach across party lines and facilitate discussion;
- The development of over 80 handbooks and guidelines for MPs and parliamentary staff.

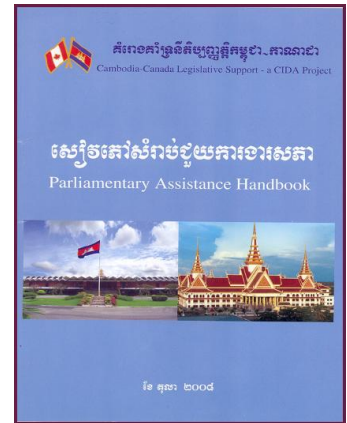
Testimonials

“...the project, in addition to including activities aimed at strengthening legislative capacity of parliamentarians and Secretariat staff, has also provided various opportunities for Women parliamentarians of the Senate and the National Assembly to participate in roundtables, workshops, and study tours that enhance our experience in the areas of legislative review and gender analysis.”

HE Mrs. Ty Borasy

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CCLSP consolidated training materials and lessons learned from project implementation into a Best practices Parliamentary Handbook, distributed to parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, civil society organizations and donors.

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