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| NZAID making a difference in Cambodia

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NZAID snapshot

- NZAID is the Government's international aid and development agency
- In 2008/09 New Zealand will spend \$471.3 million on overseas development assistance
- NZAID will spend close to \$52 million in Asia in 08/09
- NZAID's assistance to Cambodia in 2008/09 is \$4.4 million.

The facts

- Cambodia is a country in Southeast Asia, bordering Thailand, Lao PDR and Viet Nam
- It has a population of over 13 million
- Cambodia has had relatively solid economic growth over the last decade, although rising inflation and a narrow export base are increasing pressure on the economy.

The issues

- Over 35 percent of the population live below the poverty line and 20 percent are below the food poverty line
- 30 years of internal conflict has wiped out most of the country's infrastructure
- Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in Southeast Asia.

NZAID in Cambodia

Guided by the NZAID Cambodia Country Strategy 2005-10, NZAID's priority in Cambodia is sustainable rural livelihoods. The focus is on pro-poor tourism, natural resource management,

and human resource development. Other areas of assistance include governance and aid effectiveness.

Pro-poor tourism

NZAID provides support to the APSARA Authority which is responsible for Angkor Heritage Park.

Using a phased approach, the APSARA Participatory Natural Resource Management and Livelihoods Programme is designed to increase livelihood opportunities, improve sustainable management of natural resources, strengthen the role and capabilities of communities to participate in the management of the Park, and strengthen APSARA to deliver on their mandate.



Angkor Wat is a major tourist attraction in Cambodia that has the potential to improve the lives of local communities if carefully managed.

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Natural resource management

NZAID is co-funding the Natural Resource Management and Livelihoods Multi-Donor Facility with DANIDA (the Danish aid agency) and DFID (the United Kingdom's aid agency). The facility focuses on improving local government and civil society processes to support the sustainable management and equitable use of natural resources. Access rights to land, aquatic resources, and forestry will be used to secure improvements in rural livelihoods.



Human resource development

The New Zealand Development Scholarship (NZDS) Programme is available to Cambodian officials and open candidates. The NZDS programme strengthens Cambodian human resources by bringing up to 10 selected Cambodian candidates per year to undertake postgraduate study in New Zealand linked to agreed priority development sectors.

Cambodia also benefits from other regional training programmes supported by NZAID such as training programmes for middle management at the Mekong Institute and the Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management. Training is also provided for specialist areas such as agribusiness, metrology, arbitration and the silk industry through the Trade and Development programme.

Community development

NZAID provides small scale rural livelihood development projects through the Head of Mission Funds and the Small Project Funds. These funds are managed by the New Zealand post in Bangkok. They aim to enhance living standards and human resource development of the poor, and in particular vulnerable groups, through equitable and sustainable social and economic development.

Cambodia also benefits from NZAID Asia Development Facility Partnerships for Sustainable Development (ADAF PSD) programme, where funding is being provided for training and quality management of Cambodia



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Working together and aid effectiveness

NZAID is working in partnership with UNDP Cambodia on the Multi-Donor Support programme. The programme aims to implement the government's strategic framework for development cooperation management in Cambodia through capacity building of the public sector and more particularly CDC, the Cambodian agency responsible for Official Development Assistance. NZAID, together with other partners, signed the Declaration on Enhancing Aid Effectiveness with the Government of Cambodia in October 2006.

New Zealand Government