

PROVINCIAL FACTSHEET

ACCESS 2 in Ratanakiri

Australia–Cambodia Cooperation for Equitable Sustainable Services - Phase 2

RATANAKIRI AT A GLANCE

26%

of women have
experienced intimate
partner violence ¹

21.6%

of the population
has some form of
disability ²

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ACCESS 2 partners
working in the province

¹ Ever-partnered women aged 15-49, lifetime physical, sexual or emotional violence. Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey 2021-2022

² Population aged five and over reporting any level of difficulty (some difficulty, a lot of difficulty, or cannot do at all). Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey, 2014 & 2021-2022

WHAT ACCESS 2 DOES IN RATANAKIRI

ACCESS 2 works in Ratanakiri to bring inclusive services closer to the province's Indigenous communities, where distance, language and social norms can put support out of reach. The program pairs gender-based violence (GBV) response and disability inclusion with a dedicated focus on Indigenous development, working through Indigenous organisations and trilingual community volunteers.

The Provincial Coordination Committee brings sub-national authorities and partners together, and referrals increasingly flow between them. Community partners connect survivors to local authorities, health services and other providers so no one navigates the system alone. The Provincial Disability Action Council and GBV Response Working Groups anchor this coordination.

Engagement here is delivering firsts for the province, including its first One Stop Service Unit for GBV Survivors, 36 confidential GBV counselling rooms at commune and district levels, a revived Organisation of Persons with Disabilities and community dialogues that are shifting attitudes on violence and disability in Indigenous villages.



ACTIVE WORKSTREAMS IN RATANAKIRI



**Gender-Based
Violence**



**Disability
Inclusion**



**Indigenous
Development**

RESULTS IN RATANAKIRI AS OF JUNE 2026

4,924

Attendees at 152
community dialogues in
Indigenous villages

6,933

Persons with disabilities
were identified, with 1,106
accessing the Family
Package

719

GBV survivors received
support, including free legal
consultation and
representation

WHO WE WORK WITH IN RATANAKIRI



Provincial administration partners

- Provincial Department of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation
- Provincial Department of Women's Affairs
- Provincial Department of Health
- Provincial Disability Action Council
- GBV Response Working Groups
- Commune Committee for Women and Children



Implementing & civil society partners

- CARE Cambodia
- People's Action for Inclusive Development
- Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation
- UNICEF
- Organisations of Persons with Disabilities
- Highlander Association
- Conserve Indigenous Peoples Languages Org.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS IN RATANAKIRI

Gender-Based Violence



- Launching a One Stop Service Unit for GBV Survivors at the provincial referral hospital
- Community outreach on violence and mental health awareness in Indigenous languages
- Equipping 36 confidential GBV counselling rooms at commune and district levels
- Supporting 10 GBV Response Working Groups (1 provincial, 9 district) and training 550 members on counselling, referral and legal support

Disability Inclusion



- Supporting disability identification across the province, with 6,933 people assessed and 4,835 receiving disability cards
- Established and strengthened the 54-member Provincial Disability Action Council
- Training 45 provincial and district social workers on child protection procedures

Indigenous Development



- Facilitating community dialogues in Indigenous villages (social analysis and action approach)
- Supporting trilingual volunteers who translate materials and lead dialogues in remote Indigenous villages
- Helping communes integrate gender and disability priorities into local investment plans, with 164 activities budgeted
- Researching social norms and disability in Indigenous communities, surveying more than 300 people to shape services



“ ACCESS 2 has transformed access to services for Indigenous communities and vulnerable populations by bringing essential health, legal, social protection, and support services closer to remote areas. Through culturally responsive approaches, disability-inclusive outreach, and strengthened community awareness, the program has reduced barriers, increased access to rights and services, and fostered more inclusive and resilient communities.

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