



Cambodian Disabled People's Organisation (CDPO)

DISABILITY INCLUSION WORKSTREAM

Australia–Cambodia Cooperation for Equitable Sustainable Services - Phase 2

CDPO'S ACCESS 2 WORK

CDPO builds on ACCESS Phase 1 to advance disability-inclusive policies and services nationwide. It strengthens the capacity and coordination of its national network of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), including women-led and youth-led OPDs, to advocate for disability-inclusive social protection, commune investment planning and other essential services. Meetings and policy dialogues connect OPDs with government agencies, while analysis of disability inclusion in the social protection system builds evidence for advocacy. CDPO and its network also refer persons with disabilities to services and build public and policymaker understanding of disability rights and the National Disability Strategic Plan.

KEY OUTCOMES

-  Strengthen women- and youth-led OPDs to advocate for disability inclusion and social protection.
-  Increase policy makers', providers' and public understanding of disability rights and social protection.

KEY DETAILS

-  **Duration**
Jan 2024 – Jun 2028
-  **Locations**
Nationwide OPD network
-  **Direct Beneficiaries**
2,349

Project Spotlight

Local Deaf Networks

Working with the Caritas Deaf Development Programme, CDPO is establishing deaf networks in Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Siem Reap and Kampot. Deaf leaders receive governance and advocacy training, a first step towards a national association of the deaf and wider use of Cambodian Sign Language.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (to June 2026)

1,126

People supported to receive a disability ID card

990

People supported to enrol in the Family Package

35

Organisations of Persons with Disabilities supported

- Supporting 35 Organisations of Persons with Disabilities to engage in Commune Investment Programme (CIP) planning process.
- Two national policy dialogues brought 114 participants, including 93 persons with disabilities, together with ministries on inclusive social protection and disability identification.
- CDPO's five-year strategic plan (2026 to 2030) was developed and launched.
- Local Deaf Networks formally established in Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Siem Reap, and Kampot.
- The Voice of Persons with Disabilities podcast channel reached over 60,000 listeners in six months.

WHO BENEFITS



Direct

Organisations of Persons with Disabilities trained in inclusive social protection and commune investment planning.



Indirect

Self help groups, persons with disabilities and their families and provincial government institutions.



In building a more inclusive Cambodia, CDPO amplifies the voices of persons with disabilities, driving change through greater access to social protection, improved public understanding of disability rights, and inclusive local planning.

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