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REHABILITATION WORKSTREAM

Australia–Cambodia Cooperation for Equitable Sustainable
Services - Phase 2

WHO'S ACCESS 2 WORK

ACCESS 2's support to WHO embedded rehabilitation and disability inclusion in Cambodia's national health agenda. A dedicated role in the WHO Cambodia office provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Health (MoH), guided by WHO's Rehabilitation 2030 initiative, including support to develop the ministry's Policy and Strategic Plan on Disability Health Equity and Rehabilitation in the Health Sector 2026–2035.

Assessments and technical advice covered financing for rehabilitation, access to assistive technologies and disability inclusion across policies contributing to Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Rehabilitation is now strengthened and expanded into more than six national policies and plans, a foundation WHO and MoH continue to build on.

KEY OUTCOMES

-  Stronger MoH leadership and coordination of rehabilitation and disability health equity.
-  Integrated rehabilitation and disability health equity into wider health reforms, policies, plans and clinical guidance
-  Foundations established for integrating disability and rehabilitation into Primary Health Care, supporting progress towards Universal Health Coverage.

KEY DETAILS



Duration

Aug 2023 – Jun 2026



Locations

National

Project Spotlight

Strategic Plan on Disability Inclusion and Rehabilitation in Health

Cambodia's first ten-year plan for disability health equity and rehabilitation was developed by the MoH with WHO technical support. Built on national assessments and provincial consultations, it gives hospitals and development partners a framework for inclusive and comprehensive health services towards UHC by 2035.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (to June 2026)



The first national assessment of rehabilitation and assistive technology was completed. This supported the drafting of the Policy and Strategic Plan on Disability Health Equity and Rehabilitation in the Health Sector 2026–2035.



Integrated rehabilitation across a set of MoH Clinical Practice Guidelines.



Physiotherapists, prosthetics, orthotists, occupational and speech therapists are now recognised in the Health Workforce Development Plan 2025-2034.

BENEFICIARIES



Direct

Ministry of Health policymakers, including the Preventive Medicine Department (PMD), and Department of Health Services (DHS).



Indirect

People requiring rehabilitation services and assistive technology for improved health, functioning and wellbeing.



I strongly believe that this policy and strategic plan will serve as a key guiding document to strengthen inclusive health services, expand rehabilitation services, and reinforce multisectoral collaboration, ensuring that persons with disabilities can access the services they need with dignity and equality.

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