PROGRAMME GOAL

Increase in children who are healthy and well-nourished with access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene in financially stable homes.

PROGRAMME BRIEF

Timeline: 2023 - 2027

Funding Source: World Vision International, private, foundations, bilateral/multilateral government agencies

Stakeholders:

- **Nutrition**: Ministry of Health, National Maternal Child Health Center, National Nutrition Programme and Provincial Health Department (PHD), Health Center, and Referral Hospital, UNICEF and Alive and Thrive.
- **WASH**: Ministry of Rural Development, Provincial Department of Rural Development, Clear Cambodia, Eco-Soap bank, Planet Water Foundation, Research and Innovation Center, Trailblazer Foundation.

DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

- One-fifth (22%) of children under 5 years are chronically undernourished (low height for age) and 10% of the children are acutely undernourished (low weight for height). Only half (51.2%) of the infants aged less than 6 months are exclusively breastfed.

- The percentage of households having access to improved toilet was approximately 80.4% in Cambodia. 17.3% of the households have access to water from unimproved water sources.

- The economic burden of undernutrition among women and children in the country is estimated at USD 145–266 million annually; 45% of these economic losses are linked to stunting (low length-for-age), and approximately 3% are associated with wasting (low weight-for-length).

1 Cambodia Demographic Health Survey, 2021 available at https://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-FR136-Preliminary-Reports-Key-Indicators-Reports.cfm


PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AREAS

INTEGRATED NUTRITION
PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

- Improved access to health and nutrition services and positive behavioral change among pregnant women and children under five years.
- Improved WASH behaviors through behavior change programmes and appropriate WASH infrastructure.
- Improved household income of Most Vulnerable Children’s households (women, people with disability, and youth) through Agriculture Co-operative (AC) to achieve child wellbeing objectives.

TARGET PEOPLE

- 213,431 children aged 0-18 years
- 69,028 pregnant and lactating women
- 85,372 men
- 69,028 women

PROGRAMME APPROACHES

Community Health Workers (0-5 years): Trained Community Health Workers are engaged in facilitating monthly sessions with the mother’s group and grandmothers’ group on Early Childhood Care and Development.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene (0-18 years): A set of behaviour change interventions and community-led activities to improve access to safe water, promoting good sanitation and hygiene practices.

Building Secure Livelihoods (0-18 years): Agriculture Co-operatives and Most Vulnerable Households in the community will be supported through skill-building programmes, and linked with markets and finance institutions to improve local production in terms of fish farming, vegetable farming and livestock and improving the market value chain.

Social accountability (Cross-Cutting Approach): The Implementation of the Social Accountability Framework (ISAF) aims to improve the quality of health service delivery at the health centre level by providing information to the citizens on their rights, facilitation of dialogue between citizens and service providers and support the development of action plans to improve the performance of health staff. This programme also aims at improving the registration of poor households by commune administration for social assistance (IDPoor programme).