**PROJECT GOAL**
To achieve child well-being through improved livelihood of poor and vulnerable households.

**PROJECT BRIEF**
- **Timeline:** 1 October 2014 - 30 June 2019
- **Funding Source:** Australian Government — Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), with co-funding from World Vision Australia and Thank you Group
- **Stakeholders:** Provincial Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Cooperatives, Private Sectors, and Saving groups
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- **45 communes, 14 districts in Kandal, Preah Vihear and Kampong Thom Provinces**

**DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT**
- 79% of Cambodian population are living in the rural areas. Most support themselves through smallholder farming.¹
- Agriculture represents 2/3rd of the country’s total employment.²
- Many poor farmers who practice subsistence farming, only produce just enough for themselves and their families with limited profits.
- Many farmers are constrained by:
  - limited capacity to operate in agriculture markets.
  - inadequate technical skills and knowledge to improve productivity.
  - lack of access to capital to expand their productions.

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¹ World Food Programme, 2017
² Cambodia’s National Employment Agency, 2015

(Updated in May 2023)
PROJECT OUTCOMES

90% of agriculture cooperative members increased their own profits through participation in the project activities.

Household agricultural income increased by 63% for the Agriculture Cooperatives (AC) members.

3,690 active Agriculture Cooperative members from 38 ACs have improved livelihood that has an impact on the well-being of their children in three target provinces.

38 ACs have signed contract farming agreements with 11 private sector partners.

PROJECT APPROACH

Strengthening key markets and sectors that drive economic growth or poverty reduction.

Engaging with private sectors at multiple levels including farmers, micro-entrepreneurs, small to medium enterprises and all agricultural value chain actors and support services.

Increasing the business skills of AC steering committees and members to improve their knowledge and skills especially on agricultural value chains.

Adopting a pro-poor market-based approach to increase household incomes by connecting ACs to markets and working closely with private sectors, building business networks and enhancing technical, business and market skills of AC members.

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