



# Project Launching Ceremony Strengthening Civil Society for Democratic and Sustainable Development in Cambodia Phase II

16 November 2021  
Hybrid (Virtual and Face to Face)

## 1. Summary of the Project: Phase I and Phase II

With the joint funding support from the European Union (EU) and Bread for the World (Bfdw) and other funding partners of CCC, **“Strengthening civil society for democratic and sustainable development in Cambodia”** Phase II is implemented by the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) from **1 July 2021-31 December 2023**. The project (in the amount of 750,000 Euro) is treated as a core element of the Governance Hub Program (GHP), a single and unique program of CCC.

There are three specific objectives of the project: 1). Enabling environment and democratic space for CSOs enhanced 2) CSOs are empowered and increased capacity, resilience, and representation. 3) CSO Resource Hub formed at the national level.

During first phase of **“Strengthening civil society for democratic and sustainable development in Cambodia”** over the 45-month period of implementation (**April 2017-December 2020**), the project interventions achieved the followings:

- New modality of the GPP certification system has been completed with full participation of stakeholders.
- The capacity development interventions of CCC have been revisited and sharpened, making them more practical, simple and better respond to the needs of its beneficiaries.
- Diversified supports on good governance and sustainability agenda for Community based Organizations (CBOs).
- Dozens of researches related to the operation and enabling environment of civil society in Cambodia have been produced.
- About 70% of the key asks raised by CCC at the government-CSO partnership dialogue have been addressed (fully and partly) by the government including the partnership dialogue between the government and CSOs, the amendment process on LANGO, Taxation law compliance and dialogue, the implementation of Accounting and Auditing Law, the implementation of Labour law etc.
- The awareness, capacity development and M&E of SDGs and CSDGs have been promoted particularly for CSOs, youth and the general publics. The SDGs Youth Ambassador Program has introduced many initiatives which inspired inclusive participation from youth into this SDGs agenda.
- The provincial NGO networks have enhanced their representation and capacity to bring some key asks to the attention of the government, particularly through the government-civil society dialogues and other collaboration platforms.

- The Civil Society Fund (CSF) was established and seen an effective agenda to promote financial sustainability of civil societies at the grassroots level through good coordination and support for them to access funding. So far, CSF provided 9 small grants with the amount of £15,000 each to 9 partners to support their implementation of initiatives that could generate income in order to promote their own and their beneficiary's sustainability.

## 2. The Project Launching Ceremony

CCC is going to organize a project launching ceremony. The event will be conducted on **16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 as the hybrid (Virtual and Face to Face), at the Hotel (to be confirmed), Phnom Penh**. In general, there are four objectives of the project launching ceremony:

- To officially welcome partners and stakeholder of the project
- To jointly identify key priorities and actions for the project even in the COVID-19 situation
- To celebrate all achievements of the project phase I and roll over the sustainability actions for this project phase II
- To appreciate all stakeholders for their supports and collaboration which make all the project achievements possible

Expectedly, the project launching event will be joined by around 100 people from various institutions and sectors in the hybrid format (Virtual and Face to Face). These include representatives from the government, the development partners, the civil society organizations, provincial NGO networks and the media.

## 3. Agenda of the Event

Time	Activities	Person in Charge
08:30-09:00	Registration and networking	CCC
<b>Project Launching Ceremony</b>		
09:00-09:10	National anthem and introduction to event objectives and agenda	<b>Ms. Pheng Chandy</b> Master of Ceremony
09:10-09:20	Welcome remarks by CCC	<b>Ms. SIN Putheary</b> CCC Executive Director
09:20-09:30	Key remarks by EU Representative	<b>Mr. Bryan FORNARI</b> EU Head of Cooperation to Cambodia
09:30-09:50	Official project launching speech by the Ministry of Interior	<b>H.E Ngan Chamroeun</b> Secretary of State of the Ministry of Interior, and Head of NCDDES
09:50-10:10	<b>Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Achievements of Project Phase I:</li> <li>- Project Phase II: What are the expected outcomes and how to achieve them</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>	<b>Ms. Luy Theary</b> Head of Program, CCC
10:10-10:30	Group photo and interaction with media	All participants (Virtual and Face to Face)

**Note:** Organizer reserves the right to change the agenda based on the real situation.