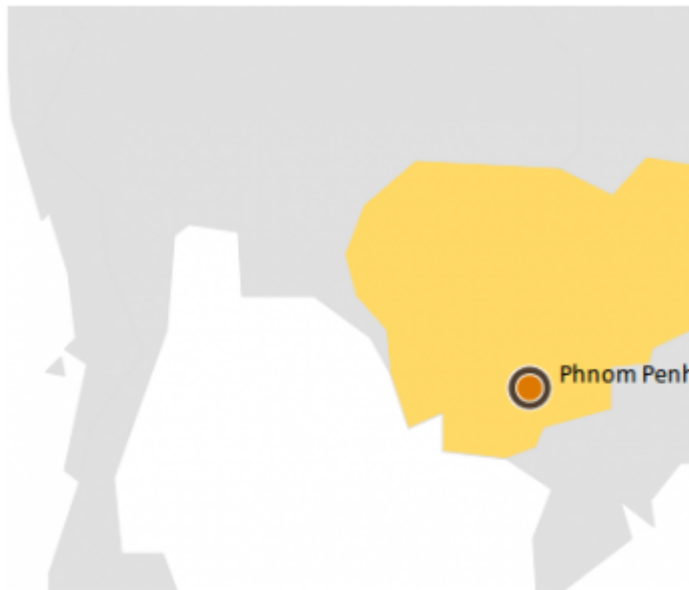




# Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)

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## CAMBODIA



### Core details

**Population:**

14,864,646 (2012)

**WTO accession:**

13 October 2004

**Poverty head count (%):**

22.1

**Share of international non-oil trade (%):**

0.792

**Per capita growth rate (%):**

0.963

**Value of non-oil goods traded (in US\$ million):**

5030

**WB Trading Across Borders rank:**

N/A

**Employment in non-traditional export sectors:**

N/A

Cambodia has been part of the Integrated Framework (IF) since 2001, putting in place a Pro-poor trade strategy and one of the first pilot countries to complete a Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS). The IF helped support Cambodia's engagement and accession to the WTO, building political commitment for reforms, a strong institutional set-up and a full trade needs assessment in order to kick-start the implementation of reforms and trade and development projects on the ground. There has since been an important roll-out of a new business and trade-friendly legal framework.

### Main Projects Ongoing

**Description of the projects (objectives and interventions):**

Cambodia's EIF Tier 1 Project, "Strengthening Institutional Mechanisms for Formulating, Implementing, Managing and Monitoring Cambodia's Trade Integration Strategy" has been under implementation since May 2010 by the Department of International Cooperation (D/ICO). The Tier 1 Project takes into consideration Cambodia's updated 2007 Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS), the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP), the Trade Sector Wide Approach (SWAp) and Trade SWAp pillar roadmap. Its main objective is to enhance Cambodia's national capacity to formulate, implement, manage and monitor a pro-poor trade policy that is consistent with and supportive of the country's NSDP and its Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Cambodia's Tier 2 on "Export Diversification and Expansion Program I" (CEDEP I) supporting sectors such as milled rice, high value silk and also in program monitoring was approved by the EIF Board in August 2012 and is under implementation. A 2nd Tier 2 proposal was submitted and is being considered by the EIF ES. It will support export of marine fish products, cassava and the

hospitality industry (Royal Academy of Culinary Arts).

Under the Integrated Framework (IF), Cambodia has benefited from two Window II Projects including "Capacity-building for pro-poor trade reform" and "Trade-related assistance for development and equity".

### **Main progresses to date:**

Overall, the EIF Tier 1 project has become a program and a platform for better mainstreaming of trade into national development plans through the DTIS Update and contribution to the Government Rectangular Strategy and National Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018. It contributes to the improved coordination and dialogue with Development Partners (DPs) on the country's trade development vision, the Aid for Trade (AfT) mid-term strategy and the results framework leading to an increase in AfT resources managed under the SWAp. The EIF programme also makes an effective contribution to reinforce the institutional set-up for the Trade SWAp or the NIAs.

The Trade SWAp was launched in 2008 based on the DTIS 2007 and serves as a national trade sector development plan. Various SWAp Pillar Working Groups and an Implementation Committee (IC) were set up and held regular meetings with support from the NIU to support the SWAp implementation both at technical and policy levels. A Trade SWAp Pillar Roadmap was validated in 2012 as a Medium-term Programme (MTP) and framework for donor coordination as well as a Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Framework for the Trade SWAp.

A trade chapter was included in the National Strategic Development Plan III (NSDP III) 2009-2013. Three out of five priorities of the NSDP III are directly linked to trade.

The new DTIS Update, to be fed into the National Strategic Development Plan IV (NSDP IV) 2013-2018 and Rectangular Strategy (2013-2018), has been prepared.

A trade mainstreaming agenda is developed in 2012 through rolling out an EIF trade mainstreaming module with support from the UNDP. This agenda focuses on integrated trade, competitiveness, sectorial strategies and regional integration. Furthermore, a SWAp communications strategy is developed and under implementation by the NIU.

The Tier 2 project, Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Program (CEDEP) Part I: Milled Rice, High Value Silk and Program Monitoring, was approved and has been under implementation since October 2012.

The Tier 2 project on CEDEP II on Fishery, Cassavas, Tourism and M&E is under preparation. The Trade Development Support Program (TDSP), or Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Trade Related Assistance in Cambodia (MDTF TRAC), was extended until 2015. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) took over the role of Donor Facilitator (DF) from UNDP from October 2012.

A Government-Private Sector Forum was established and chaired by the Prime Minister. Under the auspices of the Cambodian Chamber of Commerce, eight thematic working groups were established to facilitate the engagement of the private sector in trade policy related issues.

The Tier 1 project extension for 2 years was approved on July 17, 2013.

### **Outlook:**

The implementation of the Tier 1 Phase 2 will focus on several items. First, strengthening the NIU sustainability and capacities to implement TRTA programmes and to effectively formulate projects for increased economic diversification. Second, maintaining a network of SWAp focal points in line Ministries working as an extended NIU, Third, servicing regular meetings of the SWAp Pillar Working Groups, Implementation Committee. Fourth, mainstreaming of trade in the policy dialogue and formulation and trade awareness-raising. Fifth, supporting the implementation of Tier 2 projects. Sixth, developing a communications plan and EIF awareness-raising. Seventh, sharing experience with other LDCs. Finally an M&E of the SWAp and TRTA project will be completed.

Cambodia is continuing to work on its 2nd DTIS update launched in the first quarter of 2013. It is expected that this DTIS be validated by the end of 2013. The elaboration of strategies for sustainability of NIU and Trade SWAp as well as for AfT resources mobilization is a key feature of the updated SWAp Road Maps.

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## **Results**

Computerization of customs operations using ASYCUDA, management of standards to help exporters plus legal and regulatory reforms bringing customs into compliance with WTO obligations have had a significant impact on clearance of containers at the border, cutting the number of days required by over half between 2007 and 2010. This has also reduced the time to export from an average of 37 days in 2007 to 22 days in 2012 and the time to import from an average of 45 days in 2007 to 26 days in 2012 according to the World Bank's *Doing Business Survey*. Cambodia has since positively advanced 17 places in the "Ease of Doing Business" ranking from 150 in 2007 to 133 in 2013.

With EIF support, the Ministry of Commerce has championed raising awareness on the importance of trade facilitation, which has

helped stakeholders including the customs officials, Camcontrol, the port officials and private sector to understand their role in facilitating trade. At the Sihanoukville Autonomous Port, this has led to an increase in productivity from operating 10 containers for each ship per hour to operating 30 containers per hour.

## Links

Ministry of Commerce, Trade Sector Wide Approach  
<http://www.moc.gov.kh/tradeswap/> [1]

## State of implementation

TIER 1 OUTCOME AND INDICATORS					
Outcome 1: Sufficient institutional and management capacity built in Cambodia to formulate and implement trade-related strategies and implementation plans					
Outcome 1 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12	
O1.1: Support to NIAs (Y/N)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O1.2: DTIS Action Matrix (Date)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
O1.3: Fiduciary capacity (1-5)	4	4	3	1	
O1.4: Trade strategy updated (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O1.5: Trade Strategy quality (1-5)	3	3	3	2	
O1.6 Trade strategy implemented (1-5)	4	3	3	2	

Outcome 2: Cambodia mainstreams trade into its national development strategies and plans					
Outcome 2 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12	
O2.1: Trade in the National Development Plan (1-5)	2	2	2	2	
O2.2: Trade in Productive Sector Strategies (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O2.3: Public-Private Dialogue (1-5)	1	1	1	1	

Outcome 3: Coordinated delivery of trade-related resources (funding, TA, etc.) by donors and implementing agencies to implement Cambodia's priorities following the adoption of the DTIS Action Matrix					
Outcome 3 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12	
O3.1: Annual joint sector implementation overview (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

O3.2: Frequency of Government-Donor consultation in trade (1-5)	1	1	1	1
O3.3: UN-CEB Cluster activities based on DTIS Action Matrix (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O3.4: Joint donor initiatives in trade (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

<b>Outcome 4: Cambodia secures resources in support of initiatives that address DTIS Action Matrix priorities</b>				
<b>Outcome 4 indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>'10</b>	<b>'11</b>	<b>'12</b>
O4.1: Medium-term Programme (1-5)	2	2	2	2
O4.2: Government budget contribution (Y/N)	No	No	No	Yes
O4.4: Number and amount of projects funded from DTIS Action Matrix (in US\$ million)	1 (1.35)	1 (1.5)	1 (3.1)	24 (14.9)

## Financial information

### DTIS Update

Starting date / End date  
27/02/2013  
Approved Budget  
199,983  
Board Approval Date  
29/09/2009  
Disbursement  
199,983  
Expenditure Reported  
193,761  
MOU Approval Date  
25/02/2013  
MOU Expiry Date  
31/03/2014  
Phase:  
Completed

### NIA Support

Starting date / End date  
06/05/2010  
Approved Budget  
1,293,900  
Board Approval Date  
29/09/2009  
Disbursement  
1,174,606  
Expenditure Reported  
1,027,944  
MOU Approval Date

03/02/2010  
MOU Expiry Date  
30/03/2016  
Phase:  
Implementation

### **Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Program (CEDEP) I - Evaluation Component**

Starting date / End date  
20/12/2012  
Approved Budget  
290,520  
Board Approval Date  
06/08/2012  
Disbursement  
150,000  
Expenditure Reported  
67,193  
MOU Approval Date  
25/10/2012  
MOU Expiry Date  
24/10/2015  
Phase:  
Implementation

### **Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Program (CEDEP) I - Silk Component**

Starting date / End date  
27/09/2012  
Approved Budget  
1,004,347  
Board Approval Date  
06/08/2012  
Disbursement  
1,004,347  
Expenditure Reported  
826,254  
MOU Approval Date  
25/09/2012  
MOU Expiry Date  
24/09/2015  
Phase:  
Implementation

### **Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Program (CEDEP) I - Rice Component**

Starting date / End date  
24/01/2013  
Approved Budget  
1,112,847  
Board Approval Date  
06/08/2012  
Disbursement  
1,112,847  
Expenditure Reported  
297,365  
MOU Approval Date  
14/12/2012  
MOU Expiry Date  
31/12/2015  
Phase:  
Implementation

### **Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Program (CEDEP) II - Evaluation Component**

Starting date / End date  
14/11/2014  
Approved Budget

347,610  
Board Approval Date  
13/01/2014  
Disbursement  
75,000  
Expenditure Reported  
1,180  
MOU Approval Date  
11/08/2014  
MOU Expiry Date  
10/08/2017  
Phase:  
Implementation

### **Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Program (CEDEP) II - Cassava Component**

Starting date / End date  
09/04/2014  
Approved Budget  
997,026  
Board Approval Date  
13/01/2014  
Disbursement  
600,000  
Expenditure Reported  
33,627  
MOU Approval Date  
08/04/2014  
MOU Expiry Date  
07/04/2017  
Phase:  
Implementation

### **Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Program (CEDEP) II - Marine Fishery Component**

Starting date / End date  
10/04/2014  
Approved Budget  
988,953  
Board Approval Date  
13/01/2014  
Disbursement  
400,000  
Expenditure Reported  
54,349  
MOU Approval Date  
07/04/2014  
MOU Expiry Date  
06/04/2017  
Phase:  
Implementation

### **Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Program (CEDEP) II - Academy of Culinary Arts of Cambodia (ACAC) Component**

Starting date / End date  
Approved Budget  
950,000  
Board Approval Date  
13/01/2014  
Disbursement  
0  
Expenditure Reported  
0  
MOU Approval Date  
15/07/2014  
MOU Expiry Date  
30/06/2017  
Phase:

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