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It is our ambition that no child under the age of five dies from preventable causes and every child has equitable opportunity to grow and develop.

HEALTHY CAMBODIAN MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

One in 23 Cambodian children dies before their fifth birthday. Globally, malnutrition is the underlying cause of 45 percent of deaths, as children's weakened immune systems make it harder for them to fight off common illnesses. 40 percent of Cambodian children are stunted - a clear indication of malnutrition. Deaths from illness such as pneumonia and diarrhea are preventable with simple and low-cost treatment, but many Cambodian children cannot access health services.

Our health programme aims to increase access to and quality of primary health care and nutrition services to the poor and in particular pregnant women, mothers and children younger than five years old. Our focus is to strengthen the demand as well as the use of these services.

PROGRAMME GOAL

Our aim is to contribute to decreasing maternal, new-born and child mortality through improved quality, access and utilisation of reproductive, maternal and neonatal health services; and address the

complex, multi-faceted causes of chronic malnutrition through an integrated approach that includes nutrition; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); child development; and capacity building.

OBJECTIVES

Address under-five-year-old preventable deaths, and maternal death.

Implement the Fast Track Initiative Road Map for Reducing Maternal and New-born Mortality, in health centers and referral hospitals in Kratie and Stung Treng.

Improve the nutritional status and wellbeing of women and children in Battambang, Siem Reap and Pursat.

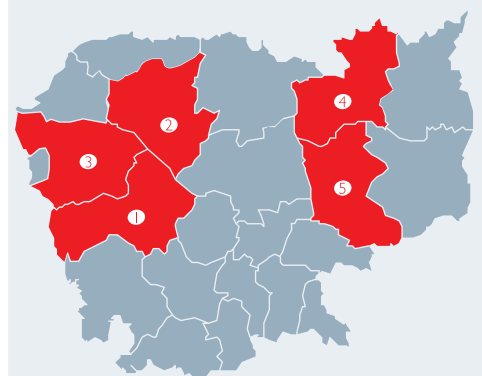
ACHIEVEMENTS

From August 2013 to July 2014, the health programme helped children, families and communities:

- 2,476 women gave birth at a health facility with a skilled birth attendant
- 8,562 women received modern contraception

- 188 midwives were trained to increase their skills in antenatal and postnatal care, delivery and birth spacing
- 25 health centre midwives attended a 21-day clinical training
- 642 volunteers in maternal and new-born health were trained, including 335 Village Health Support Group members, 158 community based distributors and 149 health centre management committee members

WHERE WE WORK



1. Pursat
2. Siem Reap
3. Battambang
4. Stung Treng
5. Kratie



MATERNAL AND NEW-BORN HEALTH – PARTNERING TO SAVE LIVES

Partnering to Save Lives is consortium of agencies – CARE, Marie Stopes International Cambodia and Save the Children – that works in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). PSL aims to save the lives of women and new-born children in Cambodia through improved quality, access and utilisation of reproductive, maternal and neonatal health (RMNH) services through a partnership approach in line with the objectives of the Ministry of Health’s Fast Track Initiative Roadmap for Reducing Maternal and New-born Mortality.

Targeting the vulnerable populations of Stung Treng and Kratie, Save the Children and partners work with Provincial Health Departments and Operational Districts to improve health services. The project includes health infrastructure refurbishment including the construction

of extended rooms for mothers to stay in before and after child birth, and renovation of water and light systems. We support midwifery clinical training and professional supervision and help to strengthen community demand for quality health service utilisation and participation, by working with our partners to strengthen referral systems, remove financial barriers, and promote positive and lasting behaviour change within the community.

MATERNAL AND NEW-BORN NUTRITION – NOURISH PROJECT

This project addresses the complex, multi-faceted causes of chronic malnutrition in Cambodia through an integrated approach that includes nutrition; water; sanitation and hygiene (WASH); and early child development. To promote optimal growth and development, the project targets women and children during the first 1,000 days – from the start of a woman’s pregnancy until the child reaches two years old. This project involves strengthening stakeholders to increase

the use and availability of quality nutrition services; improve access to nutritious food and related information; increase community engagement on nutrition and hygiene practices and improve Infant and Young Child Feeding (exclusive breastfeeding and complimentary feeding) as well as water, sanitation and hygiene practices. Our work aims to strengthen parenting skills, including specific practices such as responsive feeding that promote early psycho-social development and impact on nutritional status.

PARTNERS

Ministry of Health, National Maternal and Child Health Centre, Council for Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition Working Group, Provincial Health Departments of Stung Treng and Kratie, National Nutrition Working Group, Provincial Technical Working Groups on Health, Reproductive Maternal New-born and Child Health (RMNCH) Task Force, MEDICAM, UNICEF, UNFPA, CARE, Marie Stopes International in Cambodia, the Manoff Group, SNV, Media One, Partners in Compassion, Operations Enfants du Cambodge, Wathnakhpeap.

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