

NOURISH



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



Save the Children

THE PROBLEM

Approximately 40 percent of Cambodia children under-five are chronically malnourished (or stunted) — and this percentage has remained stagnant over the past five years. This is of grave concern for Cambodia because stunting has detrimental long-term consequences on the health and economic development of the population.

OUR RESPONSE

NOURISH will accelerate stunting reduction by focusing directly on several of the key causal factors of chronic malnutrition specific to Cambodia—poverty, lack of access to quality nutrition services, unsanitary environments, and social norms and practices that work against optimal growth and development.

NOURISH aims to improve the nutritional status and well-being of women and children in under-served, rural communities in Battambang, Pursat, and Siem Reap provinces. The project is piloting innovative nutrition and WASH

modalities in five districts, 14 communes, 138 villages in the three provinces reaching more than 100,000 people in year one, and based on lesson-learned will scale up interventions in years two and three of the project.

NOURISH will be implemented through four over-arching strategies.

1. Improving community delivery platforms to support improved nutrition:

A major delivery platform supported by NOURISH will be the community stunting prevention program that will establish fixed locations for growth promotion and will include referral mechanisms for sick and severely malnourished children through existing social support and health systems. NOURISH will train and support village health support groups to deliver quality nutrition counseling and community growth monitoring and promotion activities.

2. Creating demand for health and WASH practices, services, and products:

Demand creation

will be done through conditional cash transfers (CCTs), vouchers, and social and behavior change communication (SBCC). The CCTs will serve as an incentive for women to access services and overcome constraints related to poverty. In addition, community-led total sanitation will create the demand for sanitation and the provision of vouchers will support the poor target population to purchase WASH products (water filters, latrines, and hand washing devices) for improved sanitation, hygiene, and safe drinking water.

3. Using the private sector to advance supply of WASH and nutrition products:

On the supply side, NOURISH will work with the private sector to develop business centers to build the market for sanitation through training, bulk purchase mechanisms, and developing quality standards. Creating the supply to meet the demand will ensure households and communities have access to WASH components in a sustainable manner and contribute

to improved household and community practices around WASH and the reduction of diarrheal diseases and parasitic infections.

4. Building capacity of government and civil society in nutrition:

NOURISH will build the capacity of government staff and civil society for nutrition activities, through organisational development, mentoring and training, supportive supervision; and advocacy activities. The project will support village health support groups and commune councils to encourage nutrition activities in the community, reinforcing the SBCC messaging and community structures for nutrition.

PARTICIPANTS

To promote optimal growth and development, the project will target women and children during the first “1,000 days” – from the start of a woman’s pregnancy until the child reaches two years old.

PARTNERS

This project is funded by United State Agency for International Development (USAID) through Save the Children US. Save the Children leads the project implementation and manages five partners – The Manoff Group; SNV; Operation Enfants du Cambodge; Wathnkpheap; and Partners in Compassion. We are also working with Ministry of Health, Ministry of Rural Development, and Council for Agricultural and Rural Development.

TIMEFRAME

June 2014 to June 2019





Save the Children

Save the Children

Cambodia Country Programme

#5, Street 242

Sangkat Chaktomouk

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Tel: +855 23 224 403/4/5/6

info.cambodia@savethechildren.org

www.cambodia.savethechildren.net

