

# Country Profile Cambodia



## STOP CHILD EXPLOITATION!

**In Cambodia, children are at risk of exploitation in travel and tourism, forced labour, child trafficking, unsafe migration, and online child sexual exploitation.**

Cambodia is one of the most socio-economically vulnerable countries in Southeast Asia. Children are at risk of sexual exploitation in travel and tourism, forced labour, child trafficking and unsafe migration. Children also face exploitation online where it is reported that 1 in every 10 children suffer online sexual abuse and exploitation in the country.<sup>1</sup> There is a lack of awareness on online dangers, reporting mechanisms and positive parenting which increases the vulnerability of children and youth online. Exploitation is also faced by children in detention centres who are in conflict with the law.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>"Disrupting Harm in Cambodia", 2022, UNICEF, ECPAT and INTERPOL

<sup>2</sup>"Child Exploitation Situational Analysis in Cambodia", 2023, Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Stakeholder Reach  
2023

CHILDREN  
1145

FAMILIES AND  
COMMUNITIES  
378

CIVIL SOCIETY  
REPRESENTATIVES  
53

LAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
AGENTS  
218

GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS  
298

PRIVATE  
SECTOR STAFF  
17

## Our Projects



### Safety for Children and their Rights Online (SCROL)

**Project locations :** Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Kandal, Kratie, and Battambang

1 in 10 children in Cambodia suffer online abuse! The Safety for Children and their Rights OnLine (SCROL) project in the country works to protect children and prevent online child sexual exploitation (OCSE) by enabling systemic changes that ensure a safe online environment. The project works with the private sector, law enforcement agencies and relevant government departments to build their capacities to respond to OCSE in terms of strengthening implementation of laws and facilitating policy changes. The project also works to empower children to advocate for a safer online environment, where children spread awareness and sensitise through peer support groups and children's clubs. Survivors of exploitation are ensured access to referral services.



- **“The SCROL project is supporting us in developing a Code of Conduct for private sector companies to implement the national Child Online Protection Guidelines.”<sup>2</sup>**

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**We fight against Child Labour, Sexual Exploitation of Children and Humanitarian Crises.**

<sup>2</sup> The Ministry of Post and Telecommunications (MPTC) under the Royal Government of Cambodia, supported by the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children and UNICEF Cambodia, launched the Guidelines on Child Online Protection for the Digital Technology Industry to ensure a safe and positive online experience for all children.

## Achievements 2023

1. A child led campaign, ‘Safe Online World for Girls’ reached close to 100K children, and an interactive Facebook chatbot game on online safety learning was developed.
2. Through our new partnership with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, we actively contributed to the integration of the country’s Child Online Protection Guidelines for the Digital Technology Industry.<sup>3</sup>
3. Children from diverse backgrounds including indigenous and LGBTQ+ communities shared their views with high-level officials to improve OCSE related prevention and response. This was done through a workshop with the National Technical Working Group which supervises the implementation of the government’s National Action Plan to prevent and respond to (Online Child Sexual Exploitation) OCSE 2021-25.

Implementing partners : APLE Cambodia, AusCam Freedom Project

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## About

### Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a global child protection organisation that works in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. We prevent and stop child exploitation, and empower children to make their voices count. We tackle issues at the roots by enabling systemic change with the support of grass-roots-level implementing partners. We ensure that children are at the centre of our initiatives.

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## Key Figures

**529**

Children know how to report cases of online

**221**

Children reached through emergency and referral support

**16**

Community Based Organisations an improve their capacity to respond to OCSE cases

**3**

Information packages on OCSE produced for law enforcement officials

**59**

Girls and children from LGBTQ communities learn how to raise awareness of OCSE