

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, a socio-economically vulnerable country in Southeast Asia, faces significant child protection challenges. Children are at risk of sexual exploitation in travel and tourism, forced labour, trafficking, and unsafe migration. Online exploitation is also a growing concern. 1 in 10 children in the country experiences online sexual abuse and exploitation¹. Limited awareness of online risks, inadequate reporting mechanisms, and gaps in positive parenting further heighten children's vulnerability in digital spaces. Exploitation is also prevalent among children in detention centres who are in conflict with the law.²

¹"Disrupting Harm in Cambodia", 2022, UNICEF, ECPAT and INTERPOL

²"Child Exploitation Situational Analysis in Cambodia", 2023, Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Stakeholder Reach
2024

CHILDREN

775

FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

215

CIVIL SOCIETY
REPRESENTATIVES

61

LAW
ENFORCEMENT
AGENTS

204

GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS

276

PRIVATE
SECTOR STAFF

23

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 suffers online sexual abuse and exploitation.¹ The SCROL project in the country works with the private sector, law enforcement, and government to strengthen laws, policies, and systems that effectively prevent and respond to online child sexual exploitation (OCSE). It empowers children to advocate for their rights online and raise community awareness through peer support groups and children's clubs. The project ensures survivors of exploitation receive essential referral services.



**Children stage a
dance drama in
Phnom Penh raising
awareness of online
safety.**



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“ Now we have more knowledge on how to protect children online. In my class, I teach them the importance of being careful online and using appropriate protection settings. ”

Prum Sopheap

A high school teacher from Phnom Penh, Cambodia participated in a capacity building training on online safety education under the Safety for Children and their Rights OnLine (SCROL) project. She now teaches 500 students from class 9 and 10 about protection from online exploitation in her classes.

Key Figures 2024

244

Law enforcement and government officers strengthen capacity to prevent and respond to online child sexual exploitation

13

Community-based Organisations (CBOs) improve the quality of their response to online child sexual exploitation

585

Community members increase their knowledge on prevention of online child sexual exploitation

176

Cases of online child sexual exploitation reported accessed referral support

38

Children and youth build their capacities as agents of change

Our Achievements

Our Child-Friendly Checklist featured in a training manual on prevention and response to online child sexual exploitation and abuse endorsed by The Police Academy in Cambodia.



Three technology companies inducted our Code of Conduct on Child Online Protection into their policies.



Through a position paper, child advocates developed online safety recommendations for the government's National Action Plan on Prevention and Response to Violence Against Children (2025-2030).



Campaign on online safety in Cambodia in partnership with the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications reached close to 693K adolescents.



Implementing Partners

APLE Cambodia
AusCam Freedom Project

Funding Partners

Dutch Postcode Loterij

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About Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a global child rights 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 catalyse systemic change with the support of grassroots-level implementing partners. We ensure that children are at the centre of our initiatives.

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