



LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (LG-CC)



The National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development
(NCDD-S)

PURPOSE OF PROJECT

The purpose of Local Governments and Climate Change project is to demonstrate the role of local governments in fostering climate change resilience and to identify practical ways to mainstream climate change resilience into sub-national planning and finance systems. An important focus is thus on how to strengthen institutions and systems at both national and sub-national levels. The entry points are provided by the recently introduced sub-national planning and sub-national finance systems.

KEY RESULTS

The project has three key results:

- Analysis of awareness to climate change at local levels and how this is expressed within Provincial, Municipal, District and Commune decision making, planning and budgeting processes, together with proposals for raising that awareness and identification of appropriate national and local partners for this;
- Design and operation of practical systems for mainstreaming climate resilience in a fiscally sustainable manner and within existing local government financing systems, including the piloting of fiscal grants that support climate resilience;
- Proposals for amendments to Sub-National planning Guidelines and entry points for climate change financing into Cambodia's nascent Sub-National Finance system, including advocacy at National level to disseminate and discuss the results of the project with National authorities and representatives from all Cambodian Provinces.

BACKGROUND

Climate change (CC) represents a significant challenge for Cambodia. As outlined in several key analytical and official documents, such as Cambodia’s most recent NSDP and NAPA, the impact of climate change across the Country will vary greatly from place to place and will require strong adaptive capacity by its local governments. Research and emerging policy practice indicate that small-scale, practical measures under the mandates of local governments are key to developing climate change resilience. The current RGC’s reform towards Sub-National Democratic Development (SNDD) provides a unique opportunity for mainstreaming CC at Sub-National level.

This pilot project focused on demonstrating the key role that sub-national governments can play in fostering Cambodia’s climate change resilience. The pilot project focuses initially on one province and will provide continuous feedback to the main national level partners (NCCC and NCDD). Identification and piloting of concrete ways to mainstream CC resilience into Sub-national planning, and piloting funding mechanisms to enable local governments to play a key role in promoting climate change resilience are the main activities of the project.

DURATION	15 months
TOTAL BUDGET	300K
CCCA-TF CONTRIBUTION	\$250,000.00
CO-FINANCING	50K (cash) + in-kind support from senior UNCDF TA at Nat. and Regional levels (approx. 60K) and equipment.
PROJECT DELIVERY	N/A
PROJECT STATUS	New project, based on UNCDF’s Innovations for Decentralization and Local Development (IDLD, ending Dec. 2011)
LEVEL OF INTERVENTION	National and sub-national
PROJECT PARTNERS	UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and Takeo Province
LOCATION	National Level: NCDD, Sub-national level: 1 Pilot Province (Takeo)
CCCA PROGRAMME	Result 5
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