



Cambodia

Summary of country engagement at SWA

Priority country : Multi-stakeholder approaches

Cambodia joined SWA in 2019. The Ministry of Rural Development is responsible for managing multi sectoral development activities which includes rural water supply, sanitation and hygiene. The Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (RWSSH) Sector envisions “Everyone in rural communities has sustained access to safe water supply and sanitation services and lives in a hygienic environment by 2025” . Based on the Cambodia Socio Economic Survey (CSES) , the rate of improved sanitation in rural areas has increased significantly, from 29.2% (2010) to 71.2 % (2017). Regarding inequality, the JMP data that show only 61% of the poorest population have access to drinking water as opposed to 86 % among the richest population. The Sector has developed the National Strategic Plan (NSP) RWSSH 2014-2025, which also tries at address inequalities. To operationalize the Strategic Plan, two National Action Plans (NAPs) have been developed ie NAP I for 2014-2018 and NAP II for 2019-2023 period.

Commitments by the government

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
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Continuing to strengthen the capacity of key staff responsible for the right to water, sanitation and hygiene (RWSSH) improvement, at the national and subnational levels.	Ministry of Rural Development (MRD)	2023		Government	Reviewing progress
Having at least four open defecation-free provinces by 2023.	Ministry of Rural Development (MRD)	2023		Government	Reviewing progress
Improve sustainable services for the poor, address social and gender inequities and include specific disadvantaged groups and underserved groups.	Ministry of Rural Development (MRD)	2023		Government	Reviewing progress
Strengthening the sectoral and intersectoral coordination mechanisms.	Ministry of Rural Development (MRD)	2023		Government	Reviewing progress

Joint commitments

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Develop a capacity building programme for critical government officials at national and sub-national levels for mainstreaming climate resilience into WASH development planning and programming processes.	Ministry of Rural Development with the Ministry of Environment and UNICEF	2023		Multi-stakeholder, govt-led	Reviewing progress
Accelerate access to climate finance for climate resilient WASH actions identified in Cambodia's 2020 Nationally Determined Contributions.	Ministry of Rural Development with the Ministry of Environment and UNICEF	2023		Multi-stakeholder, govt-led	50%

Focal Points

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