

OXFAM IN CAMBODIA

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- We work on sustainable livelihoods; holding people in power accountable; and helping communities to reduce risks



THE SITUATION

In Cambodia, Oxfam has been working with local partners, community-based organisations and the local Government for more than 30 years. Our aim is to tackle the growing inequality between rich and poor people to ensure sustainable livelihoods and equal access to resources and opportunities for women and men.

Realising the impact of having women participating equally with men in economic and political life, we focus on promoting women's rights, empowerment,

and leadership at all levels and across all aspects of our work.

We support local non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, and the local Government, to facilitate increased women's access to natural resources, increase their power in markets, strengthen their voice and representation as well as leadership in Government and other various institutions, and ensure their rights in crisis.

IN NUMBERS*

200,000
people helped



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BUILDING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

We support small-scale women producers and their communities in securing rights to land, forests and other natural resources, and in managing these sustainably, while also strengthening their voice, representation and leadership to increase their power in markets.

We support local partners, community-based organisations, and the local government to increase small-scale producers' understanding of, and enhance their engagement in the market through added processing, product development, marketing, and access to business development services, including credit and other forms of financing, from both public and commercial sources.

We also seek to engage with donors and the private sector to promote more socially responsible corporate behaviour and pro-poor business partnerships that support a more equitable economic growth. The aim is to build a productive relationship between the small-scale female producers and the private sector in a fair business environment that is mutually beneficial and at the same time, regulated and supported by the government.

Left: Kan Kimvoy, member of an Oxfam savings group in Stung Treng, feeds a pig purchased with funds borrowed from the group.

BUILDING EFFECTIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

We aim to increase women's social, civic, economic, and political participation and leadership at all levels – from community to national – to ensure that their voices are heard in policy and decision-making process, and to strengthen their equal claim to resources and opportunities, including for their personal development, and to hold relevant institutions accountable for these.

Together with local partners, we help women and their communities gain awareness and understanding about their rights and the laws and regulations that affect them. We help them access community forestry, community fisheries, land titling, and other tools to help them secure these rights.

We work with local community-based organisations to build women's capacity to advocate for equal rights to resources, including land ownership and budget allocation, and to ensure that this process and key mechanisms of a sustainable and community-friendly management of natural resources demonstrate accountability and transparency.

HELPING COMMUNITIES REDUCE RISKS

We support partners' and community-based organisations' efforts to reduce and/or mitigate the risks communities face – risks caused by poor access to water, lack of sanitation, and other related public health risks. This includes building their and the local Government's capacity for disaster preparedness and emergency response.

We aim to deliver timely and effective responses during emergencies that ensure that women's specific needs are met and their rights and dignity are not compromised. We also assist local Government, communities, and community-based organisations in building their capacity and leadership in disaster preparedness, risk reduction, and climate change adaptation, to ensure that food security and livelihoods of people are resilient to shocks.

We are experts in providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion in and outside emergencies. Improving knowledge, attitudes and practices, especially in rural communities, is important to help reduce expenditure on healthcare, and reduce the negative effects on food security and livelihoods.



Photo: Jim Holmes

Haing Sak helps dig a pond as part of an Oxfam emergency rehabilitation scheme in Pech Many village.