

Integrated Framework Window II project brief

Country:	Cambodia		
Project title:	Capacity Building for Pro-poor Trade Reforms		
Project number:	CMB/02/G01/JX/99	(Operationally completed)	
Duration	2 years		
National counterpart:	Ministry of Commerce; The Royal Government of Cambodia		
Implementing agency:	The Royal Government of Cambodia, Ministry of Commerce (NEX)		
Project summary:	<p>This project objective was to address appropriate policy and related national capacity needs in the context of ongoing trade reforms and poverty/human development challenges in Cambodia. Guided by the Government policy document -“The Tokyo Road Map: Mainstreaming Trade for Poverty Alleviation” (2001), and the outcome of the IF Study on Integration and Competitiveness (2001) and its appended Technical Assistance Matrix, the project followed three priority objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Promote a broader national constituency on trade and poverty, through a strategic and information-based partnership development approach; ii. Further elaborate on the links between poverty reduction/human development and trade expansion; and iii. Enhance opportunities for effective allocation of ODA towards trade, through the strengthening of supply side responses notably in diversified agriculture/agro business and handicrafts. 		
Project activities &/or results framework:	<p><i>Objective I:</i> To promote a broader national constituency on trade and poverty.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established a multi-skilled IF National Core Team with specialties on: WTO, ASEAN, Intellectual property, commercial law development, domestic trade, trade promotion, website development, and administration. • First Cambodian Export Product Quality fair was convened and has become an annual event. • Trade policy and trade negotiations skills developed within and outside government (private sector and small scale enterprises & industries) 	
	<p><i>Objective II:</i> To further elaborate on the links between poverty reduction/human development and trade expansion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mobilized and strengthened national leadership on trade and human development through a structured Leadership Mapping exercise supported by the project. ▪ Feasibility study and impact assessment for the development of an Export Processing Zone in Koh Kong undertaken. 	
	<p><i>Objective III:</i> To enhance opportunities for effective allocation of ODA towards trade through support for (a) Diversified agriculture/agro business, and (b) Handicraft (silk products).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical support helped to develop and strengthen agro-processing and marketing of fruit and vegetables (including herbs and spices) and other tropical products ▪ Reorganized and developed the Cambodia handicraft sector with special focus on silk products with unique qualities and a high potential in export markets. 	
Budget total:	US\$500,000		
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