

Information on the country strategy Cambodia

For each partner country of VLIR-UOS, a country strategy has been developed. The country strategy represents the strategic niche for VLIR-UOS cooperation in a country, with specific **thematic areas** and an institutional and/or regional focus, based on the needs and national priorities of the country with regard to higher education and development. The [Cambodia Country Strategy](#) the national development strategy which recently has put more focus on **human capital development**, considering the knowledge-based economy and information technology. This is translated in the country strategy by means of following central themes: '**education**', '**health**', '**rural development & agriculture**', '**environment**' and '**governance & sustainable development**'. '**Institutional capacity building**' and '**research strengthening**' have been identified as crosscutting themes. **Geographically** there are no limitations however it could be interesting to link up with the rural areas in project interventions. As for the **potential partners**, both public and private institutes are eligible for cooperation. Priority should be given to public institutes as to assure the links with rural areas.

Information for potential synergy and complementarity

Synergy and complementarity (S&C) can improve the impact of development cooperation interventions and is a top priority of the Belgian minister of Development Cooperation and encouraged by the reform of non-governmental cooperation in 2016. In order to promote S&C, all Belgian non-governmental development actors were invited to elaborate a Joint Strategic Framework (JSFs) per country in 2016. These JSFs provide information about the goals to which the actors want to contribute, and also indicate potential for synergy and complementarity. In the table below, a general overview of relevant information from the Joint Strategic Framework Cambodia is provided for each thematic area of the VLIR-UOS country strategy. The Joint Strategic Goal relevant for each theme is listed, together with the Belgian non-governmental actors which are active in Cambodia with funding of the Belgian development cooperation. By providing this list, VLIR-UOS wants to facilitate synergy and/or complementarity with programmes of other Belgian actors. Synergy and complementarity will also be integrated as an element in the selection of interventions, more in particular when discussing the (developmental) relevance of project proposals. The last updated version of the JSF Cambodia can be found [here](#).

| Thematic area of the VLIR-UOS country strategy | Potential match with the Joint Strategic Goal of the Joint Strategic Framework | Belgian Non-Governmental Actors active in this area |
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| EDUCATION | (4) Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all | VVOB, ARES, HI, Eclasio, LC |
| HEALTH | (2) Contribute to quality of health and to better access for all vulnerable patients | ITM, HI, LC |
| RURAL DEVELOPMENT and AGRICULTURE | (1) Contribute to rural development and to food, nutritional and economic security of vulnerable rural populations | LD, WWF, Eclasio, OWW |
| GOVERNANCE and SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT | (3) Improve knowledge and implementation of human rights and labour rights and support social economy | WWF, Eclasio, HI, LC |
| ENVIRONMENT | (6) Improve environmental protection and climate change resilience | WWF, LC, Eclasio |

Crosscutting themes for **HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH and INNOVATION POLICIES**(5) Ensure and improve access to knowledge, improve **research** and stimulate innovation in order to contribute to development

ARES, Eclasio, LC, VVOB

More information about the other Belgian actors active in **Cambodia** with funding of the Belgian development cooperation can be found in the table below. Their own suggestions for possible cooperation with academics are also provided, but this should not be seen as an exhaustive list. Academics and ICOS (institutional coordinators for development coordination at level of the Flemish HEIs) elaborating a project proposal are invited to contact relevant organisations for more information and/or to enquire them on potential collaborations.

| NGA | Short description of the activities in Cambodia | Name of the local partner(s) | Region(s) | Suggested research topics <i>(do add extra questions)</i> | Contact person |
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| ARES | <p>En accord avec la cible stratégique 5 du Cadre Stratégique Commun (CSC) défini par les ACNG actifs au Cambodge, l'ARES développera un programme d'appui institutionnel à l'Institut de Technologie du Cambodge (ITC) dont l'objectif est de développer les capacités et les structures de recherche.</p> <p>Viendra s'ajouter à ce programme, un éventuel projet d'initiative innovante en 2020 lors d'un appel concurrentiel et des activités de synergies ou de complémentarité avec les ACNGS actifs dans le pays selon les pistes dégagées dans le cadre du CSC.</p> | Institut de Technologie du Cambodge (ITC) | | | Amélie Schnock |
| HI | <p>The programme will contribute to the achievement of the JSF's strategic goal 2, Contribute to quality of Health and to better access for all vulnerable patients, by ensuring 11.000 people with disabilities (at least 35% women) have access to good quality rehabilitation services at the Kampong Cham Physical Rehabilitation Center (PRC) over the period 2017-2021 and by contributing to the future sustainability of the rehabilitation sector in Cambodia through the dissemination of innovations in the management, costing and funding of rehabilitation services, that could be adopted as standards by the Government and support the transition of PRCs from IOs/INGOs management to public one. The intervention will also develop synergies with Louvain Development's intervention in mental health that will enable Kampong Cham PRC's clients and families with psychological distress to access necessary mental health support services.</p> | Persons with Disabilities Foundation - PWDF | National | | Jean-François Michel |
| ITM | <p>Capacity building of national institutes to conduct clinical, operational, entomological and health systems research in order to conduct and support evidence-informed health policymaking for improved population health in Cambodia.</p> | Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE (SHCH) | National | | Lut Lynen |

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| | <p>Our partners are the Sihanouk Hospital Centre of Hope (SHCH), the National Centre for Parasitology, Entomology and Malaria Control (CNM), the National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD Control (NCHADS), and the National Institute of Public Health (NIPH).</p> <p>The contribution of the local partners and ITM will focus on four domains:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) improved management of infectious diseases; (2) adapted malaria elimination strategy and improved control of other vector-borne diseases; (3) elimination strategy of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis; (4) health systems and policy research, governance and knowledge management. | <p>National Centre for Parasitology, Entomology and Malaria Control (CNM) The National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD (NCHADS) National Institute of Public Health (NIPH)</p> | | | |
| LC | <p>The Food and Economic Security (FES) program of LC in Cambodia will aim at creating structures that can help farmers to develop their activities and find both technical and financial support. The program will aim to set up self-help groups including health beneficiaries (families with MH patients & people with disabilities) to create a space for exchanges, solidarity and help members to develop small business activities. The key approach of the project involves the building of capacity, the transfer of technical knowledge and awareness raising. The Non-communicable Diseases (NCD) programme of LC in Cambodia will mainly address the problems of diabetes & hypertension and mental health in Cambodia. It will contribute to quality of health and to better access for Cambodian people, especially the vulnerable groups. The next 5-year program will extend the actual support at all levels, including national level, provincial, operational district and community level with a comprehensive approach.</p> | <p>Mlup Baitong FAEC RUA-Ecoland Center CCAMH DMHSA PMD SSC TPO</p> | National | | <p>Amaury Peeters</p> |
| Eclosio | <p>The UpScale Project of ADG in Cambodia is to strengthen capacities of small-scale family farmers and their family members to achieve food sovereignty, to create favorable conditions to enable small-scale farmers to defend their rights and interests, get proper incomes from sustainable agricultural activities to durably maintain their living conditions above poverty line, empower women in their communities, and enable youth to live with dignity in their rural areas. UpScale Project is strengthening institutional capacities of more than 70 Farmer Organizations, is supporting collective initiatives to develop agri-business, is accompanying small-scale farmers in their transition to agroecology, and is conducting studies/ researches to develop adapted strategies and models to support small scale farming.</p> | <p>CIRD FAEC ISC FCFD MFR DACP</p> | National | <p>Modes of extraction of peptides from plants for the traditional manufacture of botanical pesticides (with ITC) Biopesticides (with RUA)</p> | <p>Christophe Goossens</p> |

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| VVOB | <p>The VVOB 2017-2021 programme in Cambodia will upgrade the capacity of teacher trainers and practice school supervisors at 4 Teacher Education Colleges (TECs) in the provinces of Phnom Penh, Battambang, Kandal and Kampong Cham. Teacher trainers and practice school supervisors will be supported in different ways to upgrade their content knowledge of and pedagogical skills in mathematics, and to manage their classroom to deliver differentiated instruction taking into account learning difficulties and learning disabilities of pupils.</p> <p>In the meantime, VVOB will turn the Teacher Education College and 40 schools in Battambang province into centres of excellence for gender-responsiveness as a part of the TIGER programme (Teaching for Improved Gender Equality and Responsiveness; co-financed by Belgium and the European Union).- The programme aims to protect primary and lower secondary school children from school related gender-based violence, enabling their equitable participation in all spheres of life at school and at home. The programme is built around 3 pillars, including (1) the development of an Action Guide, i.e. a collection of guidelines and best practices related to gender responsiveness; (2) improving and/or strengthening teachers' and school leaders' knowledge, skills and practices related to gender responsiveness; and (3) community awareness raising on the prevention and protection of girls from all forms of violence.</p> | Teacher Training Department, (TTD) Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS) Teacher Education Colleges (TECs) Demonstration and cooperative schools | Phnom Penh, Battambang, Kandal and Kampong Cham | <p>(1) Support on development of tool for assessing learning disabilities and recommendations on implementation of tool for assessing learning disabilities and recommendations on implementation.</p> <p>(2) Measuring changes in gender responsiveness among student-teachers and school leaders</p> <p>(3) Measuring changes in school-related gender-based violence among pupils in primary and lower secondary education in Battambang province</p> | Wilco Visscher |
| WWF | Le projet vise à renforcer les communautés locales de la province de Kratie pour qu'elles puissent se structurer, connaître leurs droits et accéder à un statut de reconnaissance officielle. Grâce à un travail en parallèle de soutien aux alternatives économiques, d'engagement avec les organisations et autorités locales, et une autonomisation des communautés locales, la sécurisation des terres permettra une gestion durable des terres, des forêts et de la biodiversité. | WWF Cambodia Forest and Livelihood Organization (FLO) Cambodian Community Development (CCD) | | | Isabelle Vertriest |
| Decent Work IIAV/IEOI | Trade union partners (CLC of Cambodia), strengthened for improving social dialogue, have in a sustainable way promoted workers' rights of workers in precarious labor situations within Multinationals (MNC) operating in Asia and their supply chains (SC) (including domestic companies and informal economy workers) – with special (specific and crosscutting) attention for gender, environment and financial sustainability | CLC | All provinces | | Stijn Sintubin |
| Decent Work Oxfam | We will obtain national impact by using a combination of strategies: (1) working with a wider constituency covering more than 774 marginalised workers' groups, (2) creation of national and widely supported advocacy coalitions for specific demands for social protection, (3) ensuring that | CFSWF US YRDP CCFC | | Survey on the realities and needs of working women in terms of time poverty improvement. | Floor Overbeke |

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| | <p>representatives are empowered for social dialogue thanks to credible arguments, competences and members' support, (4) ability to grasp or create advocacy opportunities via media, public campaigns and lobby-work, supported by a power and stakeholder analysis, (5) cooperation across borders in regional networks to jointly monitor the roll out of the ASEAN Action Plan for Social Protection, (6) a joint focus on 3 crucial issues: increased inclusiveness, reduced gender gap and increased financing of social protection, and (7) use of peer pressure amongst ASEAN countries resulting from the ASEAN Action Plan. We will work with 15 partners in 3 countries and with 1 regional network, all supported by 6 stakeholders that bring expertise, competences or capacity building. We expect positive impact in terms of increased social and economic resilience for about 200.000 citizens.</p> | <p>CCAWDU IDEA Common Cambodia</p> | | <p>The study would look at the impacts of care work responsibilities on women's ability to enter and stay in the labour market and/or access decent work.</p> | |
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