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SDC's Engagement in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Cambodia



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Vocational Skills Development remains a priority of Switzerland's International Cooperation 2021-2024

“In developing countries, Switzerland helps to strengthen the framework conditions and promote innovative solutions for developing the economy and the private sector, which is a major provider of employment. **Inspired by the Swiss vocational education and training system, with its focus on skills development, international cooperation helps to ensure that education and training better meet the needs of the labour market.**”

Swiss Cooperation Programme in the Mekong Region 2022-2025

Inclusive Economic Development:

“People in the Mekong region, in particular young people, women and disadvantaged groups (poor people, ethnic and religious minorities, migrants, smallholder farmers) of Cambodia and Laos have better quality employment and income and are more resilient to economic crisis.”

In Cambodia

SDC contributes with various projects

- to the skills development of youth and low-skilled workers, including migrant workers, with a specific focus of disadvantaged groups incl. women
- in close partnership with the relevant ministries (MoLVT, MoT, MEF) and the private sector;
- to improve the quality and relevance of skills training, to increase access to Vocational Skills Development Programmes and to support transition to work and with this to gainful employment and income.

SDC's projects work at 3 levels to achieve 3 outcomes:

- **At policy level:** *Policy makers develop and implement, based on evidence and multi-stakeholder consultation, gender responsive and inclusive policies on VSD, MSME development and decent work together with the private sector and civil society.*
- **At the level of institutions/systems:** *Public and private institutions and civil society organisations provide better quality vocational skills development (VSD), employment support and business development services.*
- **At the level of the target population:** *People have improved skills and are more employable.*

Intervention strategies

- ✓ Support to policy development (TVET law, greening TVET...)
- ✓ TVET school development, including management, training boards, employment services / National online TVET-platform
- ✓ Fostering collaboration between the public and the private sector
- ✓ Promotion of workplace based learning
- ✓ Provision of quality vocational skills training for disadvantaged youth
- ✓ Industry based hospitality training for low-skilled workers and capacity building for hospitality business owners
- ✓ Promotion of entrepreneurial skills
- ✓ Inclusive, gender sensitive

SDC supports Research for Development: R4D

- The programme supports research teams of Swiss researchers and researchers from developing countries to work on global issues for development.
- The benefit and use of the results in practice is of course a priority for the SDC and for the r4d programme.
- This is the reason why we gather here today with interested stakeholders.
- Let's apply the findings and results from this research in our work in Cambodia as much as possible!

Thank you!

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/cambodia/en/home/international-cooperation/projects.html>

