

# CDC in CAMBODIA



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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) established an office in the Kingdom of Cambodia in 2002. CDC works with the country's Ministry of Health (MOH) and local and international partners to address HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), malaria, influenza, and COVID-19. CDC's partnership with the MOH strengthens Cambodia's laboratory, surveillance, and workforce capacities to respond to disease outbreaks.



CDC Cambodia provided guidance and training to public health responders working on the COVID-19 response



CDC Cambodia supported the Ministry of Health's Emergency Operations Center



As of December 2020, 36 graduates completed the Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP). These epidemiologists detect, prevent, and control diseases before they become epidemics



Through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), CDC supports Cambodia to sustain HIV epidemic control



CDC works with Cambodia's national HIV and TB control programs to screen for TB among people living with HIV and provide TB preventive treatment



CDC Cambodia helped implement a laboratory quality management system (LQMS) and obtain accreditation for HIV hub laboratories



With technical support from CDC, the Cambodian National Institute of Public Health Reference Laboratory achieved international accreditation in February 2019



CDC's malaria work in Cambodia includes drug and insecticide resistance surveillance, vector monitoring, case management, and social and behavior change communication



CDC supports identification and characterization of circulating novel influenza viruses in Cambodia



Staff from the Battambang Hospital referral laboratory collect COVID-19 samples in Battambang, Cambodia. Photo by Chiek Sivhdur/Battambang Referral Hospital

## Global Health Security

Resilient public health systems can rapidly prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats before they become epidemics. CDC's team in Cambodia works to enhance the country's ability to respond to public health emergencies and strengthen workforce capacity. CDC also played a key role in the MOH's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## HIV/AIDS and TB

CDC works with the MOH to build a sustainable HIV response program. Cambodia strives to sustain epidemic control and eliminate HIV. CDC focuses on:

- Finding people with undiagnosed HIV and placing them on treatment
- Ensuring treatment continuity and client-centered services
- Developing an HIV case-based surveillance system that uses real-time data from HIV recency testing to find and respond to outbreaks
- Improving laboratory systems to detect and monitor HIV
- Adopting and ensuring nationwide implementation of international HIV policies
- Supporting the national HIV and TB control programs to ensure that people living with HIV are screened for TB and receive TB preventive treatment

## Laboratory Capacity Building

CDC helps strengthen the quality of laboratory systems in Cambodia to accurately diagnose, monitor, and treat infections, including HIV/AIDS,

COVID-19, TB, and influenza viruses. CDC also helped implement a laboratory quality management system and supports HIV hub laboratories to achieve international accreditation.

## Malaria

Through the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), CDC works with Cambodia's National Center for Parasitology, Entomology and Malaria to pilot and expand malaria elimination activities in Western Cambodia. PMI supports the National Malaria Elimination Action Framework to scale up control and elimination activities for a malaria-free Cambodia by 2025. CDC and partners provide:

- Technical assistance for surveillance (antimalarial drug resistance and insecticide resistance)
- Case management
- Supply chain management
- Vector monitoring
- Social and behavior change communication

## Influenza

CDC works with the Cambodian government and other partners to help build influenza surveillance and laboratory capacity. Cambodia contributes to the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Influenza Network.



### CDC STAFF

3 U.S. Assignees  
18 Locally Employed



### AT A GLANCE

Population: >16.8 million  
Per capita income: \$4,430  
Life expectancy: F 73 / M 67 years  
Infant mortality rate: 12/1,000 live births

Source:  
Population Reference Bureau 2022, Cambodia



### TOP 10 CAUSES OF DEATH

1. Stroke
2. Lower respiratory infections
3. Ischemic heart disease
4. Cirrhosis and other chronic liver diseases
5. Tuberculosis
6. Neonatal disorders
7. Diabetes
8. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
9. Tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer
10. Road injuries

Source: GBD Compare 2019



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