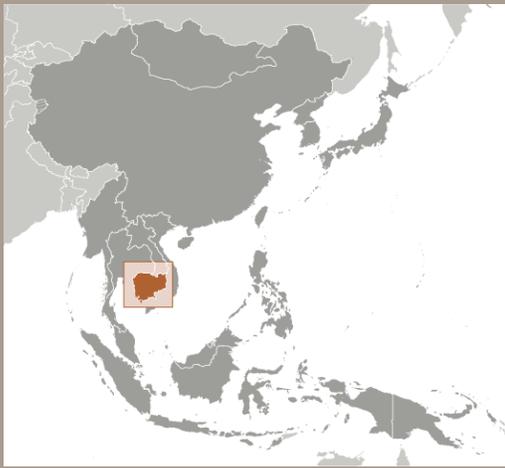


# CDC in Cambodia

## Factsheet



**Staffing: 6 U.S. Assignees  
21 Locally Employed**

### Impact in Cambodia

- Surveillance capacity enhanced the testing of more than 5600 specimens for influenza, respiratory infection, and outbreaks in the national reference laboratory
- 70% of patients with TB are tested for HIV
- 215 HIV voluntary counseling and testing centers actively participate in laboratory external quality control
- Collaborated on almost 100 professional and technical documents about public health in Cambodia



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Center for Global Health  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

established an office in Cambodia in 2002. CDC Cambodia works closely with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other partners to build capacity for surveillance and quality laboratory systems, and to strengthen public health programs in HIV/AIDS, TB/HIV, influenza, immunization, and injury prevention.

#### Top 10 Causes of Death in Cambodia

1. Lower-Respiratory Infection	5%	6. HIV	3%
2. Ischemic Heart Disease	5%	7. Lower Back Pain	3%
3. Lower-Respiratory Infection	5%	8. Pre-Term Birth Complications	3%
4. Stroke	4%	9. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	3%
5. Malaria	3%	10. Major Depressive Disorder	3%

Source: GBD Compare (<http://viz.healthmetricsandevaluation.org/gbd-compare/>), 2010

### HIV/AIDS

The CDC Cambodia office provides technical and financial support to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology, and STDs to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission, strengthen blood and injection safety activities and services, increase voluntary confidential counseling and testing, and improve and expand HIV care and treatment programs. CDC also provides technical leadership and assistance to the MoH to strengthen epidemiologic analysis, surveillance, and operations research, and to improve laboratory and workforce capacity.

### Tuberculosis (TB)

Technical support to the national TB prevalence survey, a critical element for evaluating disease burden and program impact. CDC is helping to improve laboratory diagnosis of TB by introducing liquid culture and other techniques. The agency worked with partners in Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand to conduct clinical research on TB screening and diagnosis among people living with HIV. Once an improved, evidence-based approach was identified, CDC worked with the Cambodian MoH to revise guidelines and to implement the activities that will lead to better diagnosis and earlier treatment to prevent mortality related to TB.

### Influenza

CDC contributes to WHO's Global Influenza Network; addresses the US government strategy for preparedness, communication, surveillance, and response; and helps to build country capacity to respond to seasonal and pandemic influenza. In addition, CDC works with the Cambodian government and partners to identify and characterize circulating influenza viruses and to support early identification of novel influenza viruses, such as avian influenza.





## Cambodia at a Glance

Population:	15,100,000
Per capita income:	\$1,820
Life expectancy at birth women/men:	63/59 yrs
Under 5 mortality:	107/1000 live births

Population Reference Bureau, 2010



## Malaria and Other Vector-Borne Diseases

As a partner in the President’s Malaria Initiative in the Greater Mekong Subregion which includes Cambodia, CDC provides technical assistance to strengthen malaria control activities, including guidance for operations research, monitoring, and evaluation. CDC staff also collaborate with WHO on the Artemisinin Resistance Containment Project, which addresses the regional problem of resistance to artemisinin, an antimalarial drug. To address the problem of Japanese encephalitis (JE), CDC collaborates with the National Immunization Program of the Cambodian MoH to establish population-based meningoencephalitis surveillance in two provinces. CDC assists with monitoring disease rates before and after a mass vaccination campaign to assess the proportion of meningoencephalitis prevented by the JE vaccine.

## Immunization

CDC provides guidance to the MoH and WHO to develop strategies and to provide ongoing guidance for monitoring Cambodia’s progress towards achieving the WHO Western Pacific Region’s twin goals of measles elimination and hepatitis B control by 2012. CDC also provides technical assistance in developing strategies to maintain the polio-free status of the region, including Cambodia. Although Cambodia was certified as polio free in 2000, low coverage with polio vaccine and substandard acute flaccid paralysis surveillance has resulted in the country being at high risk for wild polio importation.

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## Health Systems Strengthening

In 2010 Cambodia established an Applied Epidemiology Program (AET), a six month program to develop competencies among MoH staff for effective surveillance and outbreak response. Participants spend one-third of their time in the classroom and the remaining time in the field. This work is done with guidance from the CDC regional office in Thailand and in collaboration with WHO and the Cambodian MoH. The first five AET participants graduated in 2011. Impact from the program is evident; for example, an AET participant’s evaluation of an early warning surveillance system lead to training for local health staff to improve reporting quality by decreasing delays in and improving the accuracy of reporting. As a result, the Provincial Director agreed to include quality of reporting in a performance-based incentive scheme for local health workers. Prior to 2010, five Cambodians graduated from the Thailand FETP.

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