

<b>Project title: Support to Improved Access to Information in Cambodia</b>		<b>Sector (see Section 3.2.2 of Section 3):</b>			
<b>Location of the action</b>	<b>Cost of the action (EUR)</b>	<b>lead manager or partner</b>	<b>Donors to the action (name)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Amount contributed (by donor)</b>	<b>Dates (from dd/mm/yyyy to dd/mm/yyyy)</b>
South East Asia, Cambodia	225,147	API	The Royal Danish Embassy (DANIDA) and The British Embassy	194,268	<b>01/01/2008-31/12/2010</b>
<b>Objectives and results of the action</b>		<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To mobilize and build the capacity of civil society organizations to support and lead Freedom of Information (FOI) advocacy campaign activities.</li> <li>2. To promote cooperation between civil society and government, and to encourage community input into development of the government's FOI policy and legal framework.</li> <li>3. To increase the public's awareness of FOI and their understanding of how important it is in the protection of their livelihoods and human rights</li> <li>4. To mainstream access to information within political deconcentration and decentralization of Cambodia.</li> </ol> <p><b>Result:</b></p> <p>Built a core team of NGOs to work on FOI; increased knowledge and skills on FOI of NGO staffs; consultations between civil society and government on an FOI policy framework and an FOI law; more FOI awareness campaigns conducted to educate citizens about FOI and its importance to the protection of their livelihoods and human rights; Commune information-disclosure test campaign developed and implemented; FOI integrated into Commune Council plans.</p> <p>Evaluation found that Freedom of Information Programme activities support understanding of and change people's perception about the concept of freedom of information. This promotes awareness that access to public information is essential for good governance. Forums on policy, community issues, and freedom of information are providing democratic space to solve concerns and to further understanding of law implementation. Capacity training on advocacy, freedom of information, and policy is empowering people, contributing to sustainable livelihoods and natural resource governance, promoting people's rights, and encouraging democratic participation.</p>			

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