

# CHILD RIGHTS



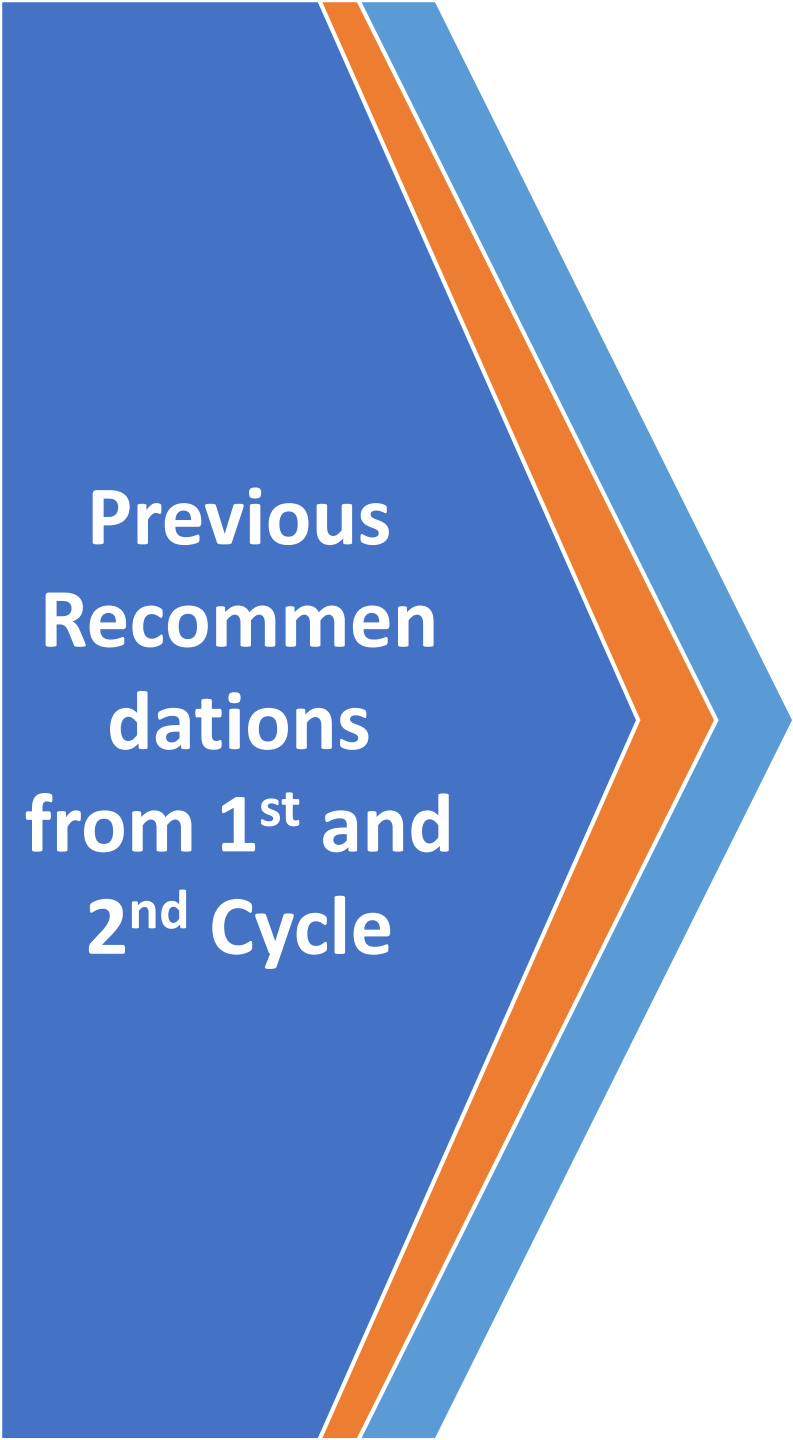
## Third Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Submission on Cambodia Child Rights in the Kingdom of Cambodia (2014 - 2018)

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**Vision:**  
Children in Cambodia **enjoying their rights** as enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).



**Mission:** Advocates for child rights in Cambodia and ensures support for the CRC through Awareness-raising, Monitoring its implementation, Cooperating with member organizations, and Networking with relevant agencies.



**Previous  
Recommendations  
from 1<sup>st</sup> and  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle**

- **Previous Recommendations (1st and 2nd Cycle):** 51 recommendations addressed Child Rights (48 supported, three noted). Some recommendations are partially implemented and some are still not yet implemented and require additional efforts from all of you to follow-up the progress during the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> UPR Cycle of Cambodia.
- **Recommending States (17):** Algeria, Belgium, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Iran, Iraq, Portugal, Russian, Serbia, Nicaragua Uruguay and Uzbekistan, ...

# Special Concerns and Impacts

# Recommendations

## Family Environment and Alternative Care

### Limited number of Social Workers:

- *One social worker covers 1-2 districts*
- The number of trained social workers at both national and sub-national is inadequate

1. Provide professional social workers for every commune and district in Cambodia to respond the needs of communities

2. Formally include social workers as members of the CCWC by 2020; in accordance with SDG 11.1

## Basic Health and Welfare

### Malnutrition remains (Children under 5):

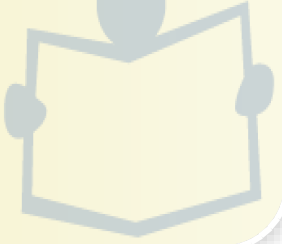
- **32%** of these children showing sign of stunting
- **24%** being underweight and 10% being wasted

1. Adopt the updated Community Participation Policy and Primary Health Care Policy

2. Integrate Village Health Support Groups (VHSGs) into the formal national health system by 2020; (SDG 3.8 & 16.7).



## Education



### Enrollment rate in early childhood education is low:

- Especially for children in remote areas, ethnic minority, poor family
- Children with disability were either never enrolled in school or dropped out



Increase accessibility of early childhood education under six years old by building more Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) centers and adequate enough school facilities by 2020; (SDG 4.1).

## Child Labor



### Lack of standardized guidelines for conducting labor inspections:

- **88%** of child domestic workers are girls
- Cambodian Labor Code explicitly excludes domestic workers.



Amend the Labor Law by stipulating the specific provisions to protect workers' rights and including effective labor dispute resolution and inspection mechanisms and procedure, by 2020; (SDG 8.8).

## Juvenile Justice



### Justice system is not yet fully equipped:

- Almost **41%** of children were placed in cells mixed with adults
- Children are routinely processed through the criminal justice system and prosecuted as adults.



Develop a Child Protection Law in consultation with civil society organizations and development partners, with a sufficient budget allocation for implementation, by 2020; (SDG 16.3).

1) Provide information on availability of social workers *at commune and district levels to respond the needs of communities.*

5) Provide information on the legislation process and specific law applicable *to Protect children in different settings in consultation with civil society organizations and development partners within the development process, with a sufficient budget allocation for implementation in all relevant ministries.*



2) Provide detailed information on implementation of Community Participation Policy and Primary Health Care Policy *and integration of Village Health Support Groups (VHSGs) to ensure the quality and effectiveness of Primary Health Care provision.*

3) Provide updated information on the progress made towards accessibility of *early childhood education under six years old, especially under three years old.*

4) Provide information on measures taken for inspecting the working conditions of child laborers *(over 15 years old) including the number of working hours per day/week for informal sector, mainly domestic work, car wash garage, agriculture and restaurant.*

For more detail information, please also refer to our Joint UPR Submission and its Advocacy Factsheet which are available outside of the room and/or contact via +855 (0) 78 787 123 or at [ed@crc-cambodia.org](mailto:ed@crc-cambodia.org).

**#Children's Rights Are Human Rights!!**

**#Putting Child Rights First!!**

**Thank you for your attention!!**