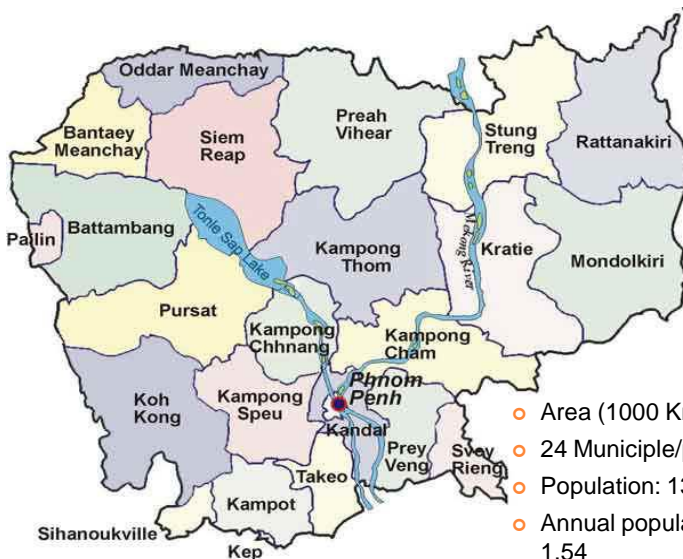


Situation of Women with Disabilities in Cambodia

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- Area (1000 Km²):181.035
- 24 Municipality/provinces
- Population: 13.4 Million
- Annual population growth rate (%): 1.54
- People with Disabilities: 8.1%

WWD in Cambodia have been marginalized not only from social and economic participation but also political participation. They face the double challenges of being discriminated against as women and as disabled, seriously limiting their capacity to exercise their political rights



Disability & gender gap in Socio- economic participation in general & in education

- Education: 40 % of WWD are illiterate
- The negative impact of traditional gender role
- A mistake sense of care and protection in parents
- Lack of or poor transportation
- Poverty



Disability & gender gap in Socio- economic participation in general & in education

- Lack of support, less power in the family & society
- Lack of confidence: lower WWDs in self representative structure
- Violence & sexual abuse
- Poor Health care services
- Legal framework not yet well protect WWDs rights.

Although increasing, **Political participation** of WWDs is still limited in Cambodia. This compounded in addition often experience negative 'social constructions' of disability and economic- social disparities.

Lower self-evaluations of political efficacy, civic skills, and political interest and structural factors are all considered to contribute to lower political participation among women




MOVEMENT OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITY


- 8 Women with Disability Forums (WWDFs) are formed in order
 - To protect the rights, freedom, & the interest of WDs;
 - To prevent, reduce and eliminate discrimination against WDs;



ACTIVITIES OF WWDFs

- Disseminate the rights of PWDs
 - Join the meeting with CC
 - Create and strengthen SHG
 - Participate the network meeting at national level
 - Empower women with disability to talk about their own issue(health, couple, education...etc).
 - Coach and training Women with disabilities to be become the leader
 - Awareness to their family about their value
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RECOMMENDATION

- To promote gender and disability in education, poverty reduction and employment programs and policies to address the disadvantages girls & WWDs face in these areas and to foster sustainable change in socio-economic dynamics which disproportionately affect WWDs
 - Promote gender equity in self representing structures of persons with disabilities
 - Promote the political participation of WWDs at sub national & national level.
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RECOMMENDATION

- The Governments should encourage women with disabilities to have fully participation in all aspect.
- Women with disabilities should be upright their skill as the leaders, and their family should be train about the value of women in society.
- All governments should remove the culture barrier from women with disabilities



THANKS

FOR YOUR PAY ATTENTION!
**REMEMBER! ANY DEVELOPMENT
NOT INCLUDES WWDS IS NOT
DEVELOPMENT. WE SHOULDN'T BE
FORGOTTEN. RIGHTS IS NOT
WRONG!!**

