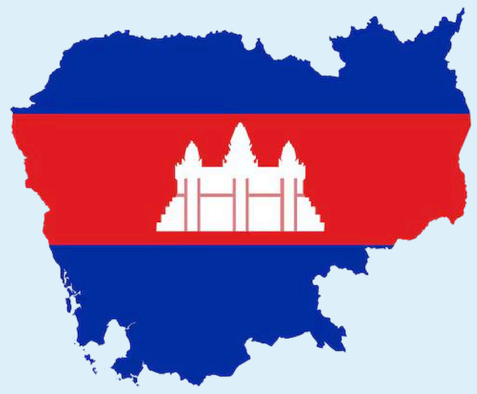
CAMBODIA

Special Initiative for Mental Health



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2025

01 Finalized and disseminated the findings of a Situational Analysis of the Mental Health Country Assessment for Cambodia

02 Finalized the Cambodia Special Initiative for Mental Health Log Frame 2026–2028

03 Finalized the National Guidelines for Mental Health Counselling, the Guidelines for Psychological Trauma Counselling, and the Guidelines for Telephone-Based Psychological Counselling

ACTIVITIES 2025

PROGRAM EXPANSION

- The Situational Analysis of the Mental Health Country Assessment for Cambodia was finalized and informed the Cambodia Special Initiative for Mental Health Logframe and workplan
- Finalized the National Guidelines for Mental Health Counselling, the Guidelines for Psychological Trauma Counselling, and the Guidelines for Telephone-Based Psychological Counselling
- Reviewed the mental health clinical practice guidelines and initiated the draft of Implementation Guidelines for the Minimum Package of Activities in Primary Care for Mental Health

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Trained nearly 800 health care professionals on psychosocial support and trauma counseling in six provinces
- Trained over 400 teachers and over 200 village health support group volunteers on psychosocial support and trauma counseling in three provinces
- Strengthening national ownership, subnational coordination, and multisectoral engagement through the Public Mental Health Leadership Training Workshop

ADVOCACY

- Media campaign featuring the next generation of public mental health leadership in Cambodia. The campaign aimed to highlight the experiences relating to mental health and well-being of young people from those who provide mental health services in Cambodia

Dr Daravuth Yel, Technical Officer, WHO Cambodia facilitating group work at the Public Mental Health Leadership Training Workshop, 05/2026.@WHO

PRIORITIES FOR 2026:

- Continue engagement with government ministries, academic institutions, civil society organizations and provincial health departments to support Cambodia Special Initiative for Mental Healthimplementation and coordination
- Support publication and dissemination of the Situational Analysis and the Baseline Cambodia Mental Health Country Assessment
- Support the finalization of the development of the Implementation Guidelines for the Minimum Package of Activities in Primary Care for Mental Health
- Finalize the Training Curriculum on National Guidelines for Mental Health Counselling and the Training Curriculum Guidelines for Psychological Trauma Counselling
- To explore and identify opportunities to strengthen the integration of mental health indicators into health information systems
- Adapt and implement the WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme training for Cambodia's context

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