



GGGI Cambodia: Fact Sheet

Green Urban Development Program

Challenges

Cambodia's impressive economic growth over the past decade has been largely driven by tourism, garment exports, real estate and construction. Economic development has resulted in significant population growth, particularly in urban centers. The urban population of Cambodia is expected to double by 2030, which will exacerbate a number of urban challenges the country is already facing in the form of:

- Under supply of infrastructure
- Housing shortages
- Increasing traffic congestion

Activities

Recognizing that balanced urbanization is key for sustaining growth, reducing poverty and achieving upper middle-income status by 2030, the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has identified the importance of investing in urban infrastructure and improving urban planning will be critical. GGGI is helping the RGC efforts to utilize green growth solutions to achieve economic growth in an environmentally sustainable manner in the urban sector through the Green Urban Development Program. Developed and implemented in partnership with the National Council for Sustainable Development, the project is:

- Assessing green growth opportunities across sectors
- Advising on the institutional reforms and national policies required for achieving improved development outcomes
- Providing technical assistance on integrating green growth into the planning processes of Cambodia's cities

- Supporting the government with implementing projects aimed at improving the livelihoods of Cambodia's urban poor
- Developing a green city strategic plan for Phnom Penh that supports climate change adaptation, curbs emissions and enable the urban economy to develop as an engine of inclusive growth

Overall Objectives

- Assist the development of green city projects across Cambodia
- Support city planning through diffusing green growth concepts and instruments
- Generate bankable projects that result in climate change resilience and improved livelihoods for Cambodia's urban poor

Implementing Partners

- National Council for Sustainable Development, General Secretariat for Sustainable Development, and the Ministry of Environment

Results to Date

- Assisted with the adoption of the National Policy and Strategic Plan on Green Growth 2013-2030
- Assisted with the establishment of Cambodia's national governance structures for the coordination of green growth sector strategies and actions