Cambodia: Third Education Sector Development Program

Project Name: Third Education Sector Development Program
Project Number: 43260-013
Country: Cambodia
Project Status: Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Loan

Source of Funding / Amount:
- Loan 2888-CAM: Education Sector Development Program III
  - concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund
  - US$ 12.00 million
- Loan 2889-CAM: Third Education Sector Development Program
  - concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund
  - US$ 18.00 million

Strategic Agendas: Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change: Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector: Education - Education sector development - Secondary
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming: Gender equity

Description:
ESDP III is proposed as the third program in the sequence of education sector development programs. It will build upon and extend the achievements of ESDP I and ESDP II. A key lesson learned from these programs is that rapid expansion of the education system needs to be matched equally with quality improvement. While EEQP addresses this through secondary teacher and curriculum development, there are substantial unmet needs at the lower secondary level, in particular.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:
The proposed Third Education Sector Development Program (ESDP III; the Program) seeks to support the Government of Cambodia in enhancing quality and access of lower secondary education. It will consist of a policy loan and an investment loan. In close alignment with the Government’s Education Strategic Plan (ESP) 2009-13, the policy loan will support reforms to reduce dropout rates especially among poor children and girls from remote areas; and strengthened financing and institutional governance of lower secondary education. A linked investment loan will focus on expanding access to lower secondary education and improving educational outcomes of poor children and girls from remote areas.

Impact:
Universal 9-year basic education achieved

Project Outcome:
Increased lower secondary enrollment

Implementation Progress:
Expanded access to lower secondary education
Improved quality of lower secondary education
Improved sub-sector management
Achieved. All of the revised target 44 new LSSs constructed and received establishment packages for immediate start-up.
Achieved. All the revised target 544 new LSS classrooms constructed.
Partially achieved. Number of students aged 12-14 enrolled in lower secondary schools increased by 6.5% (F. 7.3%). Total Students 12-14 enrolled in lower secondary schools in 2017/2018: 469,310 (254, 210 females).
The actual 2010/2011 baseline = 440,660 (236,765 females 53.7%).
Transition rate from grade 6 to grade 7 is increased by 8.5 from baseline (transition rate 2017/18 is 88.5%) and increased by 8.7% from baseline for female students.
Number of female teacher staff in lower secondary schools in 2016/17 increased by 6.7% or 13,026 female teachers (43% of lower secondary teachers are female).
The results of the survey with target schools shows an increase in absences of 2.1%, from 4.9% in 2017 to 7% in 2018.
Achieved. 53% of provinces have achieved completion rate > 40% in 2014/15.
Achieved.
Guidelines for basic education progression program Prakas 218, DoF issued in December 2013.
Guideline on use of SIG for school progression issued December 13, 2013.
Guidelines for school management (SGM) for school progress for implementation.
On average approximately 10% of the total student population are identified as at risk in the target schools. Of these approximately 50% are promoted following additional tuition and support. AR girls are less likely to be promoted than AR boys (45.5% of AR girls were promoted).
153 (24 female, 16%) mathematics (TGLs or senior teachers) from 151 schools were trained in mathematics techniques. 100% of female TGLs or senior teachers were trained.
592 (210 females or 35.5%) science teachers trained, from 151 schools. All mathematics and science teachers in 151 schools from 14 provinces received training in implementing student centered and inquiry-based teaching techniques.
592 (210 female, 35.4%) teachers were science trained, and 153 (24 female, 16%) mathematics teachers were trained. A total of 745 (234 female, 31.4%) lower secondary math and science teachers were trained (2017 & 2018).
Approximately 133 schools from 14 provinces are implementing employability skills programs.
Completed.
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The School Director Professional Development (SDPD) materials, approved in July 2017 and uploaded on the web http://esdp3osphd.weebly.com for school management and teachers access, were used for school management trainings. In total, 300 (7 females or 100% of available female school management) LSS directors and deputy directors, including additional 100 LSS directors under the project's extension period were trained.
At least 80% of lower secondary school directors/deputy directors' (100% of current female school directors/deputy directors) implemented school improvement plans (inclusive of gender equity dimensions) and manage school operating budget.
The guidelines and training materials for secondary school support committee (SSCs), approved in August 2017, were distributed to 250 LSSs, including additional 50 schools under the project’s extended period. Approximately, 64 target schools established SSCs (more than 79% female member).
The guidelines for strengthening the secondary education school cluster, approved in May 2017, were distributed to the 250 target LSSs.
The guidelines provide a platform for schools to strengthen the school management/leadership and performance and knowledge of subject teachers across clusters of schools. In total, 300 (54% female) school directors and deputy directors from 150 LSSs were trained on the approved guidelines and techniques of leading ESC. Approximately, 49 target schools established ESCs.
An impact study and an action research (each has 4 research topics) were completed.

Geographical Location
Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Koh Kong, Mondulkiri, Otar
Phnom Penh, Preah Vihear, Pursat, Ratanakiri, Siem Reap, Stung Treng

Safeguard Categories
- Environment: C
- Involuntary Resettlement: B
- Indigenous Peoples: B

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
No environmental issues anticipated.

Involuntary Resettlement
As agreed with MoEYS/MEF in February 2015, PMU recruited an individual resettlement consultant to conduct site inspection and prepare the IR and ESAs. The CW sites for the phase I construction were already cleared by the PPTA resettlement consultants and the CW sites after phase 3 onwards will be cleared by this consultant. The CW sites under phase 2, the EA has conducted its own inspection, and the safeguards monitoring report was reviewed by ADB confirming its compliance with the safeguards covenant.

Indigenous Peoples
Same as IR. Schools have been built in all the 13 target provinces, including 5 IP majority provinces. The project interventions in the 100 schools in the 13 provinces will positively impact on IP students. The IP plan is being implemented.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design
MOEYS and provincial and district education offices, Ministry of Finance, international organizations, NGOs and other private sector actors involved in education, school teachers and principals, school management committees, and parents and students. Workshops/roundtables with government agencies, DPs, and private sector/nongovernmental actors; compilation of existing data and conduct of focused studies; informal focused group discussions at both the institution and community levels; and direct consultations with school staff and students in target areas.

During Project Implementation

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