



## ADAPTATION FUND

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### **PROPOSAL FOR CAMBODIA**

## Background

1. The Operational Policies and Guidelines (OPG) for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund (the Fund), adopted by the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board), state in paragraph 45 that regular adaptation project and programme proposals, i.e. those that request funding exceeding US\$ 1 million, would undergo either a one-step, or a two-step approval process. In case of the one-step process, the proponent would directly submit a fully-developed project proposal. In the two-step process, the proponent would first submit a brief project concept, which would be reviewed by the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) and would have to receive the endorsement of the Board. In the second step, the fully developed project/programme document would be reviewed by the PPRC, and would ultimately require the Board's approval.

2. The Templates approved by the Board (Annex 5 of the OPG, as amended in March 2016) do not include a separate template for project and programme concepts but provide that these are to be submitted using the project and programme proposal template. The section on Adaptation Fund Project Review Criteria states:

*For regular projects using the two-step approval process, only the first four criteria will be applied when reviewing the 1st step for regular project concept. In addition, the information provided in the 1st step approval process with respect to the review criteria for the regular project concept could be less detailed than the information in the request for approval template submitted at the 2nd step approval process. Furthermore, a final project document is required for regular projects for the 2nd step approval, in addition to the approval template.*

3. The first four criteria mentioned above are:

- (i) Country Eligibility,
- (ii) Project Eligibility,
- (iii) Resource Availability, and
- (iv) Eligibility of NIE/MIE.

4. The fifth criterion, applied when reviewing a fully-developed project document, is: (v) Implementation Arrangements.

5. It is worth noting that since the twenty-second Board meeting, the Environmental and Social (E&S) Policy of the Fund was approved and since the twenty-seventh Board meeting, the Gender Policy (GP) of the Fund was also approved. Consequently, compliance with both the ESP and the GP has been included in the review criteria both for concept documents and fully-developed project documents. The proposals template was revised as well, to include sections requesting demonstration of compliance of the project/programme with the ESP and the GP.

6. In its seventeenth meeting, the Board decided (Decision B.17/7) to approve "Instructions for preparing a request for project or programme funding from the Adaptation Fund", contained in the Annex to document AFB/PPRC.8/4, which further outlines applicable review criteria for both

concepts and fully-developed proposals. The latest version of this document was launched in conjunction with the revision of the Operational Policies and Guidelines in November 2013.

7. Based on the Board Decision B.9/2, the first call for project and programme proposals was issued and an invitation letter to eligible Parties to submit project and programme proposals to the Fund was sent out on April 8, 2010.

8. According to the Board Decision B.12/10, a project or programme proposal needs to be received by the secretariat no less than nine weeks before a Board meeting, in order to be considered by the Board in that meeting.

9. The following project concept titled “Climate Change Adaptation through small-scale & protective infrastructure interventions in coastal settlements of Cambodia” was submitted by UN Habitat, which is a Multilateral Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund.

10. This is the first submission of the proposal using the two-step submission process. It was received by the secretariat in time to be considered in the thirtieth Board meeting. The secretariat carried out a technical review of the project proposal, assigned it the diary number KHM/MIE/Urban/2017/1, and completed a review sheet.

11. In accordance with a request to the secretariat made by the Board in its 10th meeting, the secretariat shared this review sheet with UN Habitat, and offered it the opportunity of providing responses before the review sheet was sent to the PPRC.

12. The secretariat is submitting to the PPRC the summary and, pursuant to decision B.17/15, the final technical review of the project, both prepared by the secretariat, along with the final submission of the proposal in the following section. In accordance with decision B.25.15, the proposal is submitted with changes between the initial submission and the revised version highlighted.

## Project Summary

Cambodia – Climate Change Adaptation through small-scale & protective infrastructure interventions in coastal settlements of Cambodia

Implementing Entity: UN Habitat

Project/Programme Execution Cost: USD 437,788

Total Project/Programme Cost: USD 4,608,300

Implementing Fee: USD 391,705

Financing Requested: USD 5,000,000

### Project Background and Context:

The project's overall objective, is to enhance the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable coastal human settlements on the coast of Cambodia through greater coverage of protective and basic service infrastructure and natural assets. The project takes a horizontally and vertically integrated approach to improving and strengthening basic service infrastructure through improved capacity, better local-level planning and community-level implementation.

The actions taken by the project will be targeted to benefit the poorest and most vulnerable people in two of Cambodia's most climate change vulnerable provinces. To do this, a combination of soft and hard measures is proposed to ensure that resilience at the household and commune level is strengthened sustainably. Soft measures include vulnerability assessments and action plans, designed to target the most vulnerable settlements and design and implement the most necessary actions, and improved capacity at the commune and district level, to subsequently sustain actions and replicate them elsewhere through better planning which will mobilise national and international finance . Hard measures will be investments in small-scale protective and basic service infrastructure and natural assets designed to increase people's resilience.

Component 1: Comprehensive vulnerability / baseline assessment and action plans completed in the target communes/districts (USD 800,000).

This component will focus on laying the ground work for reducing vulnerability to climate change related hazards, with a focus on community-level resilience in the target communes/districts by:

- Conducting climate change vulnerability assessment in the 5 target districts
- Producing action plans that identify and prioritize resilience investments, including consideration of impact on eco-tourism.
- Integrate the findings of the assessments and action plans with the commune investment plans
- Assessing environmental and social risks and developing a plan to ensure compliance with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy and UN-Habitat's Environmental and Social Safeguards System.
- Conducting a willingness to pay/infrastructure revenue survey to ensure that, where possible, infrastructure generates revenue that can be used to re-invest in operation, maintenance and upgrading.

This component has been included in the project because it means the interventions implemented under Component 3 will be based on scientific evidence and rigorous planning. Specifically, UN-Habitat's P4CC approach ensures that activities are feasible, effective and acceptable to communities, and is thus a participatory approach.

Component 2: Capacity built to install, protect, and manage infrastructure and natural assets, while also increasing capacity to plan for replication in other areas (USD 500,000).

This component will strengthen awareness and ownership of the climate change adaptation process in local government (district and commune level) through increased capacity. This will be done by:

- Developing/refining guidelines on district/commune level Vulnerability Assessment and action planning, including for eco-tourism.
- Developing guidelines for the operation and maintenance of small-scale protective and basic infrastructure and natural assets.
- Community-level training to construct, maintain and operate community-scale infrastructure and natural assets. There will be at least 1 initial training and 2 follow-up trainings in each community, as the project will work with 15 settlements, there will be a total of 45 trainings in total at community level. There will also be at least 2 provincial/district level training in each province.

Component 3: Resilience built through small-scale protective and basic service infrastructure and natural assets (USD 3,000,000).

This component will increase resilience through a mix of green and hard measures that will include year-round water supply, flood/coastal flood protection, sanitation, ecosystem based adaptation options including mangroves and commune-level law enforcement of the marine protected area (in Koh Rong) and in line with this, concrete livelihood protection and enhancement strategies, including for eco-tourism. This will be done by:

Due to the projected climate change impacts and disasters already occurring in coastal areas, life, health, assets and livelihoods can only be protected through physical interventions (with the support of the soft interventions above). Interventions will be selected looking at their resilience building impact, cost-effectiveness, risks and sustainability, but will lead to protection against coastal erosion, storms and floods (i.e. mangroves, zoning/protection or other protective infrastructure), reduction of droughts and improvement of health (i.e. water sup and sanitation) and in line with above, increased resilience of livelihoods and eco-tourism.

Component 4: Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured (USD 170,512).

This component will ensure the project implementation is fully transparent, all stakeholders are informed of products and results and have access to these for replication. Moreover, this component will also contain specific activities to further replicate and scale up the knowledge and awareness. This is done through:

- Lessons learned and best practices are captured and disseminated both with the project area and beyond, including at national level, to enhance replication potential.
- Advocacy platform built at the national level, with other stakeholders working on local level climate change adaptation work, including UNDP and UNCDF.
- Support provided to the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development to prepare a direct access proposal to the Green Climate Fund to continue and upscale adaptation actions in the target area of this project and beyond.





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## ADAPTATION FUND BOARD SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL REVIEW OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

PROJECT/PROGRAMME CATEGORY: Regular-sized Project Concept

Country/Region: **Cambodia**

Project Title: **Climate Change Adaptation through small-scale & protective infrastructure interventions in coastal settlements of Cambodia**

AF Project ID: **KHM/MIE/Urban/2017/1**

IE Project ID:

**US\$5,000,000**

Reviewer and contact person: **Bradley Hiller**

IE Contact Person: **Laxman Perera**

Requested Financing from Adaptation Fund (US Dollars):

Co-reviewer(s): **Ming Yang**

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| Country Eligibility | 1. Is the country party to the Kyoto Protocol?   | 8/24/2017<br>Yes.<br>Ratification accession: 18 Dec 1995<br>Entry into force: 17 Mar 1996   |                               |
|                     | 2. Is the country a developing country particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change? | 8/24/2017<br>Yes.<br><br>In recent years, the Kingdom of Cambodia was among the countries most affected by extreme weather events in the Asia Pacific region, and constantly ranks among the most vulnerable countries in the world according to the annually published Climate Risk Index as well as the Climate |                               |



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|                     |  | <p>Change Vulnerability Index. Between 1991 and 2014, extreme hazards, floods and storms caused economic losses amounting to more than US\$ 235 million and killed over 1500 people. Figures show that the country's vulnerability to extreme weather events such as floods, and cyclones cause most losses in terms of both mortality and economic losses.</p> <p>Cambodia's climate change vulnerability mainly originates in its geography and high dependence on the agriculture sector. The country further shows a severe lack of coping capacity with regard to its physical infrastructure and its institutions stemming from limited financial, technical and human resources. Coastal zones, as well as nationwide infrastructure are amongst the most affected in the country. This also affects the fast-growing tourism sector, especially in coastal areas, on which the economy more and more relies.</p> <p>Increases in sea levels are especially alarming for Cambodia's coastal areas that are already experiencing severe seawater intrusion, beach erosion, high tides, and frequent storm surges. Additional impacts such as land subsidence in the region may even further intensify its effects.</p> |                               |
| Project Eligibility | 1. Has the designated government authority for the Adaptation Fund | 8/24/2017<br>Yes. The endorsement letter was signed on August 3, 2017  |                               |

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|                 | endorsed the project/programme?   |  |                               |
|                 | 2. Does the project / programme support concrete adaptation actions to assist the country in addressing adaptive capacity to the adverse effects of climate change and build in climate resilience? | <p>8/24/2017<br/>Yes.</p> <p>The proposed project's main objective is "to enhance the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable coastal human settlements in Cambodia through greater coverage of protective and basic interventions". To align with a government request to promote ecotourism in Cambodia, this project targets poor and vulnerable areas where ecotour-ism is popular or has growth potential. It is structured around the following components:</p> <p>Component 1: Comprehensive vulnerability / baseline assessment and action plans completed in the target towns/provinces (USD 500,000)</p> <p>Component 2: Capacity built to install, protect, and manage infrastructure and natural assets, while also increasing capacity to plan for replication in other areas (USD 500,000)</p> <p>Component 3: Resilience built through small-scale protective and basic service infra-structure and natural assets (USD 3,000,000)</p> <p>Component 4: Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured (USD 170,512)</p> |                               |

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|                 | <p>3. Does the project / programme provide economic, social and environmental benefits, particularly to vulnerable communities, including gender considerations, while avoiding or mitigating negative impacts, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund?</p> | <p>8/24/2017<br/>Yes.<br/>The most problematic climate hazards identified in the target areas are sea level rise, storm surges, floods, strong waves, seawater intrusion and droughts, leading to coastal erosion, low agriculture production, destroyed houses, slowdown of fishing activities, damaged roads and dikes, lack of clean water supply, poor sanitation, health issues and threatening of (eco-)tourism.</p> <p><i>Economic</i><br/>Climate change is already causing economic losses but the government faces challenges in terms of financial resources and technical capacity to respond. Tourism is one of Cambodia's four main economic sectors.</p> <p>Economic benefits of the project include:<br/>-Areas with significant potential for tourism development will be protected, more resilient and have more robust ecosystems that are necessary to continue to support tourism development and thus greater levels of employment<br/>-Target areas will have access to year-round, safe water supply, removing the need to buy externally sourced water<br/>-Flood defences, protection and improved drainage will all contribute to reducing and eliminating loss and</p> |                               |

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|                 |           | <p>damage occurring because of climate change hazards</p> <p>-Using the people's process as a means to implement the hard components of the project will directly contribute to higher incomes and have the co-benefit of improving vocational skill levels, which will enable people to earn higher wages.</p> <p>-Improved protective infrastructure will have the co-benefit of protecting agricultural areas and other service infrastructure, which will also benefit livelihoods.</p> <p><i>Social</i></p> <p>The project will bring numerous social benefits. Women and youth will be involved specifically in the assessment, planning and implementation of all components.</p> <p>Social benefits of the project include:</p> <p>-Year-round water supply will improve hygiene and nutrition and have a positive co-benefit on health. As described in the economic benefit section, the actions will have numerous livelihood co-benefits, which will contribute to reducing poverty.</p> <p>-Alignment with the commune/district in-vestment plans and increased capacity for officials at those levels to plan for and manage climate resilient investments will ensure that infrastructure and settlements are more resilient in the long term.</p> |                               |

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|                 |           | <p>-The project will use the vulnerability assessment and action planning process conducted in component 1 to ensure that actions target the poorest and most vulnerable, including women, youth and the elderly. While the project does not work in indigenous areas, it will ensure inclusion of minority Muslim communities, a small number of which exist in the area.</p> <p>-The communities including the poor and vulnerable areas increase capacities and opportunities to gain income from eco-tourism.</p> <p><i>Environmental</i></p> <p>Environmental benefits of the project include:</p> <p>-Investments in Koh Rong will include maintenance of the marine protected ar-ea, which provides critical ecosystem services to poor and otherwise vulnerable people on-shore</p> <p>-Improvements in waste management (when waste management has adaptation benefits) will occur as a result of the pro-ject investments. Otherwise, the capacity building undertaken under component 2 will strengthen commune/district invest-ment planning capacity to ensure that these underlying environmental concerns are addressed</p> <p>-Better onshore management of water will contribute to reducing coastal erosion effects</p> |                               |

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|                 | 4. Is the project / programme cost effective?   | <p>8/24/2017<br/>Not clear at this time.</p> <p>As indicated on pages 25-27, most (72%) of the project fund will be invested in tangible assets. The project document also states that alternative investments and implementation options have been considered and analysed in the proposed project. However, the project document does not present details of the project sub-components. How can the project developer make comparative analysis between this project and any other alternative projects? For example, on page 22, the project document reads the following: "Procure necessary hardware to implement small-scale infrastructure measures". This project sub-component will spend most project funding but the document does not show what hardware to procure. How can a project cost-effectiveness analysis be conducted with insufficient information? <b>CR1</b></p> | <p><b>CR1:</b> The comments are addressed, but the Agency did not list the tangible assets that will be invested in the project.</p> <p>At the project proposal stage, please add this missing information. Then, please undertake a cost-effective analysis on the basis of the capital investment and operation costs of the tangible assets.</p> |
|                 | 5. Is the project / programme consistent with national or sub-national sustainable development strategies, national or sub-national development plans, poverty reduction strategies, national | <p>8/24/2017</p> <p>Yes, the concept note links the project to relevant international, national and sub-national strategies/plans.</p> <p>The project aligns with a government request to promote ecotourism in Cambodia and targets poor</p>  |   |

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|                 | communications and adaptation programs of action and other relevant instruments? | <p>and vulnerable areas where ecotourism is popular or has growth potential.</p> <p>The project has been designed to align with national and sub-national development policies, strategies and plans on development, climate change and disaster resilience and decentralization reform. The project aligns with the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (CCCSP) (2014-2023), the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), and the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).</p> <p>The National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) (2014-2018) is the primary national development strategy.</p> <p>The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) sets eight strategic objectives to implement the CCSP, half of which this project is aligned with. Furthermore, this project is aligned with some of the actions in the CCAP (which is the implementation component of the CCSP).</p> <p>The project is also aligned with Cambodia's Decentralization &amp; Deconcentration (D&amp;D) reform. By working with NCDD to channel local investments, the project is aligning with and strengthening the decentralization process and the main body, the NCDD, that manages this.</p> |                               |

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|                 |           | <p>In terms of plans at the sub-national level, 6 cities, including Kep and Sihanoukville, are starting to work with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) to develop green city strategic plans, under the framework of the emerging national strategic plan for green secondary cities. The project will partner with GGGI to ensure the alignment of this initiative with the proposed project.</p> <p>With regard to project components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Component 1 is comprehensive vulnerability/baseline assessment and action plans completed in the target communes/districts as prioritized in CCCSP and action 2 of CCAP.</li> <li>-Component 2 is Capacity built to install, protect, and manage infrastructure, while also increasing capacity to plan for replication in other areas, in line with the CCCSP, NSDP, the Organic Law and the IP3-II. The project also supports the national deconcentration and decentralisation in the implementation process because it enhances capacity of sub-national levels for their independent climate change adaptation strategies in the future.</li> <li>-Component 3 is resilience built through small-scale protective and basic service infra-structure and ecosystems, which aligns with the priorities of the CCAP and NDC.</li> <li>-Component 4, Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured aligns with CCCSP and the NSDP in their aims to increase capacity.</li> </ul> |                               |



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|                 |  | The concept note also outlines compliance with national technical standards.  |                               |
|                 | 6. Does the project / programme meet the relevant national technical standards, where applicable, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Fund?? | <p>8/24/2017</p> <p>Yes, it seems to be based on the information presented. The project links the following outputs to relevant rules, regulations, standards and procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Conducting climate change vulnerability in the 5 target districts (UN-Habitat Planning for Climate Change and Practitioner's Handbook on implementing the Vulnerability Reduction Assessment (UNDP)).</li> <li>-Producing action plans that identify and prioritise resilience investments (UN-Habitat Planning for Climate Change and Practitioner's Handbook on implementing the Vulnerability Reduction Assessment (UNDP)).</li> <li>-Integrate the findings of the assessments and action plans with the commune investment plans (Guidelines for Integrating Climate Change into Commune Development Planning (MoE/CCCA), Effective Mechanisms for Climate Change Mainstreaming in sub-national planning (MoE/CCCA) (Green City Planning Methodology (MoE/GGGI), Guidelines for Commune Development Plans and Investment Plans (NCDD)).</li> <li>-Developing guidelines for the operation and maintenance of small-scale protective and basic</li> </ul> |                               |

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|                 |           | <p>infrastructure (Guidelines on provincial/district/commune project operations).</p> <p>-Community-level training to construct, maintain and operate community-scale infrastructure (Commune planning and investment project guidelines for infrastructure projects).</p> <p>Conduct Environmental and Social Risk assessments and other safeguarding measures (Sub-decree #72 on Environmental Impact Assessment Process).</p> <p>-Procure necessary hardware to implement small-scale infrastructure measures (Procurement Manual for Externally Financed Projects/Programs in Cambodia (MoEF – established under sub-decree)).</p> <p>-Participatory planning, construction and maintenance of resilient infrastructure (The compliance depends on the exact nature of the infrastructure to be constructed, however, relevant standards could include: EIA, Procurement process, local planning process and operation and maintenance procedure, Technical Guidelines for Commune/Sangkat (2009). Fund's projects which consist of 3 parts (Part 1: Assessment and designs; Part 2: Technical designed standard, construction, equipment /materials and works; Part 3: Monitoring and Evaluation) (2009)).</p> <p>The concept note does not outline compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Fund in this section.</p> |                               |

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|                 |  | However, in other sections of the concept note, the project components, outcomes and outputs align with four of the Adaptation Fund's seven outcomes as stated in the Adaptation Fund results framework.   |                               |
|                 | 7. Is there duplication of project / programme with other funding sources? | <p>8/24/2017</p> <p>Not at this time. As outlined in the concept note, there is good awareness of other projects (except local / international NGO activity, if there is any).</p> <p>The sites selected for this project were chosen because of their high vulnerability and inability to adapt to climate change, as well as because the Royal Government of Cambodia has identified the coastal zone as a priority area. However, the target sites are also characterised by minimal other work by development partners in climate change.</p> <p>The concept note describes 6 other projects planned or being implemented / closed in Cambodia with relevance to climate change adaptation and resilience building. However, from the information provided, there seems good awareness of the scope and location of the other interventions to help prevent duplication of efforts.</p> <p>However, the reviewer notes that the other projects listed are all coordinated by United Nations, development bank or bilateral aid agencies. There is no mention of any projects being engaged in by</p> |                               |

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|                 |   | international or local NGOs. Some level of awareness of activities by those actors could help prevent any possible duplication and/or disruption of their ongoing efforts (if any). <b>CR2</b>   | <b>CR2:</b> Comments are addressed and issues are cleared. |
|                 | 8. Does the project / programme have a learning and knowledge management component to capture and feedback lessons?   | 8/24/2017<br>Not completed at this time.<br><br>Knowledge management is stated on pages 35 -36. But please consider some activities to distribute knowledge and lessons to citizens all over Cambodia. For example, distribution of flyers of this project to libraries, schools, and government agencies or dissemination of lessons and experience of this project via nationwide TV programs with will help. <b>CR3</b>   | <b>CR3:</b> Comments are addressed and issues are cleared. |
|                 | 9. Has a consultative process taken place, and has it involved all key stakeholders, and vulnerable groups, including gender considerations in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund? | 8/24/2017<br><br>Yes, (2) consultation missions were undertaken, with both national government stakeholders, international agencies, and local governments and communities. The concept note also outlines further community consultation if the project moves ahead.<br><br>In development of the project, UN-Habitat undertook a joint mission by the country office and a representative of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific to consult national and local stakeholders |  |

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|                 |           | <p>between 8th and 12th of May 2017. They met the following stakeholders: Ministry of Environment / National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD); National Committee for sub-national Democratic Development; Local officials in Preah Sihanouk Province; Communities in Preah Sihanouk Province; Local officials in Kep Province; Communities in Kep Province; UNDP; UNCDF; GGGI; and UNEP.</p> <p>The meetings at the national level focused primarily on alignment with national priorities (as identified in Section D), coordination (and avoiding duplication) with other development partner initiatives (outlined in Section F), the implementation modality (which will be discussed further in the full proposal, but is outlined briefly below) and the target districts and communes.</p> <p>At the local level in both provinces, discussions with local officials went into greater detail on the priority areas, the development challenges/underlying vulnerabilities they face and the climate hazards.</p> <p>Between 3 and 7 July 2017, community consultations took place. The objective was to understand the local climate change impacts/effects per community, (the lack of) community coping mechanism/barriers to building resilience, specific resilience building needs</p> |                               |

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|                 |   | <p>and interest and concerns regarding the proposed project in general.</p> <p>If the project proceeds, in depth consultation with communities will take place to discuss and select possible activities and hard interventions, including: - Alternative options for increasing resilience; -Costs (also for maintenance), also looking at alternative options; and -Potential environmental and social risks and impacts of intervention (identified by through initial screening).</p>   |  |
|                 | 10. Is the requested financing justified on the basis of full cost of adaptation reasoning? | <p>8/24/2017<br/>Unclear at this time.<br/>Component 2 of this project is budgeted with \$500,000 (12% of the total project resources). The output of this component is capacity developed for local communities. The project document does not show details about the training program. Please articulate the number of training workshops to be conducted, the number of people and what kind of people to be trained. Please present the cost of training per capita in both Table 5 on pages 18-19 and on Table 11 on pages 42-43.<br/><b>CR4</b></p> | <b>CR4:</b> Comments are addressed and issues are cleared. |
|                 | 11. Is the project / program aligned with AF's results framework?                           | <p>8/24/2017</p> <p>Yes, the project components (except component 4) are aligned with various Adaptation Fund outcomes.</p>   |  |

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|                 |           | <p>Component 1 is in line with Adaptation Fund Outcome 1 (and national government priorities) by laying the ground work for reducing vulnerability to climate change related hazards, with a focus on community-level resilience in the target communes/districts.</p> <p>Component 2 is in line with Adaptation Fund Outcome 3 and ongoing priorities under the NCDD by strengthening awareness and ownership of the climate change adaptation process in local government (district and commune level) through increased capacity.</p> <p>Component 3 is in line with Adaptation Fund Outcomes 4, 5 and 6, this component will increase resilience through a mix of green and hard measures that will include year-round water supply, flood/coastal flood protection, sanitation, ecosystem based adaptation options including mangroves and commune-level law enforcement of the marine protected area (in Koh Rong) and in line with this, concrete livelihood protection and enhancement strategies, including for eco-tourism.</p> <p>Component 4 is not specifically aligned with any Adaptation Fund Outcomes in the concept note.</p> <p>Additionally, the project seeks full alignment with Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy</p> |                               |

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|                 |  | (ESP), and will also be screened according to UN-Habitat's new Environmental and Social Safeguards policy.  |  |
|                 | 12. Has the sustainability of the project/programme outcomes been taken into account when designing the project? | <p>8/24/2017</p> <p>Not completed at this time.</p> <p>The project document does not show how the tangible assets invested by this project will be in operation sustainably after the project implementation is over. The future GCF funding might be available to the Country, but may not be applicable to support the infrastructure funded by this project. Please undertake a financial analysis to see if the revenue of the infrastructure operation can cover the operation cost.</p> <p><b>CR5</b></p> | <p>The project now proposes to conduct a survey in conjunction with the Action Plans (under Component 1) to understand willingness to pay and revenue models for small-scale infrastructure. To this end:</p> <p>An extra bullet has been added under Component 1 on Page 20.</p> <p><b>CR5:</b> Comments are addressed but more work needs to be done at the proposal stage.</p> <p>In the project proposal preparation stage, please (1) show the tangible assets to be invested; (2) demonstrate how the operation and maintenance costs of these assets will be covered; and (3) show the availability and way of using GCF funds.</p> |



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|                 | 13. Does the project / programme provide an overview of environmental and social impacts / risks identified, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund? | <p>Yes.</p> <p>The project seeks full alignment with Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), and will also be screened according to UN-Habitat's new Environmental and Social Safeguards policy.</p> <p>All project activities under Components 1, 2 and 4 are 'soft' activities will not cause direct, indirect transboundary and cumulative impacts to environment and society.</p> <p>All hard activities in the project will be undertaken under Component 3. These hard activities carry the risk of causing environmental and social impacts. As the activities implemented under the project will be local and small scale, it is deemed that they are not 'Category A' risks. All activities implemented under Component 3 are, therefore, Category B or C.</p> <p>The concept note outlines elements of gender sensitivity and women's empowerment. It lists "gender equity and women's empowerment" as potential impacts and risks which will require further assessment and management for compliance.</p> <p>The concept notes states that an environmental and social management plan will be prepared as part of the full proposal.</p> |                               |

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|                       |   | <p>This proposal uses a substantial share of the budget to identify infrastructure interventions that will not be identified prior to project approval. In doing so, it duplicates the national local planning processes that already include climate change adaptation and vulnerability considerations. All the project interventions can be fully identified, fully taking climate change adaptation considerations into account, during project formulation. The project locations include environmentally sensitive and protected areas. The proposed approach to managing ESP risks related to the unidentified sub-projects (USPs) is inadequate: local communities would be responsible for risk identification and management using an alien 'People's Process' concept that ignores that existing societal and legal framework.</p> <p>ESP risks identified should also include risks for the principles Compliance with the Law (particularly regarding land ownership), indigenous peoples (Cham), and heritage (this is also a national legal requirement). The proposal does not mention ESP risks to undocumented Vietnamese populations that may be present in the project area. <b>CR6</b></p> | <p><b>CR6:</b> Comments are addressed.</p> |
| Resource Availability | 1. Is the requested project / programme funding | <p>8/24/2017<br/>Yes. Requested funding is US\$5 million.</p>   |  |

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|                             | within the cap of the country?   |  |                               |
|                             | 2. Is the Implementing Entity Management Fee at or below 8.5 per cent of the total project/programme budget before the fee?      | 8/24/2017<br><br>Yes, the Implementing Entity Management Fee is listed as 8.5 percent (US\$391,705) in addition to the total project cost (US\$4,608,300), taking the funding request to US\$5million. |                               |
|                             | 3. Are the Project/Programme Execution Costs at or below 9.5 per cent of the total project/programme budget (including the fee)? | 8/24/2017<br><br>Yes, the project execution costs are listed as 9.5 percent (US\$437,788) of the total project cost (US\$4,608,300).   |                               |
| Eligibility of IE           | 4. Is the project/programme submitted through an eligible Implementing Entity that has been accredited by the Board?             | 8/24/2017<br><br>Yes, UN-HABITAT is an eligible Implementing Entity accredited by the Board.   |                               |
| Implementation Arrangements | 1. Is there adequate arrangement for project / programme management, in compliance with the Gender Policy of the Fund?           | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage).   |                               |

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|                 | 2. Are there measures for financial and project/programme risk management?   | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage). |                               |
|                 | 3. Are there measures in place for the management of for environmental and social risks, in line with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund? | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage). |                               |
|                 | 4. Is a budget on the Implementing Entity Management Fee use included?   | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage). |                               |
|                 | 5. Is an explanation and a breakdown of the execution costs included?  | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage). |                               |
|                 | 6. Is a detailed budget including budget notes included?   | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage). |                               |
|                 | 7. Are arrangements for monitoring and evaluation clearly defined, including budgeted M&E plans and sex-disaggregated  | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage). |                               |

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|                   | data, targets and indicators, in compliance with the Gender Policy of the Fund?  |  |                               |
|                   | 8. Does the M&E Framework include a break-down of how implementing entity IE fees will be utilized in the supervision of the M&E function?   | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage). |                               |
|                   | 9. Does the project/programme's results framework align with the AF's results framework? Does it include at least one core outcome indicator from the Fund's results framework?  | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage). |                               |
|                   | 10. Is a disbursement schedule with time-bound milestones included?  | n/a (Not required at Project Concept stage). |                               |
| Technical Summary | The proposed project's main objective is "to enhance the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable coastal human settlements in Cambodia through greater coverage of protective and basic interventions". The project aligns with a government request to promote ecotourism in Cambodia and targets poor and vulnerable areas where ecotourism is popular or has growth potential. |  |                               |

The project is structured around the following components:

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- Component 3: Resilience built through small-scale protective and basic service infra-structure and natural assets (USD 3,000,000)
- Component 4: Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured (USD 170,512)

Overall, the concept note comprehensively addresses the Adaptation Fund technical review template. This submission draws on two primary data collection missions (including stakeholder interviews) and demonstrates sound knowledge of the factors contributing to vulnerability in Cambodia's coastal areas. The concept of linking adaptation and resilience improvements for local communities with opportunities for income-generating eco-tourism seems to have potential for sustainability. The concept note illustrates good awareness of other (international) actors present and the implementing entity (UN-HABITAT) has a record of implementing projects in Cambodia.

The initial review found that this is a comprehensive proposal with significant supporting information provided. Preliminary project consultations have been conducted and a network of stakeholders has been established. Subject to some of the clarifications and corrective actions being completed, this submission could comply with the Adaptation Fund conditions.

Following the initial review, a number of clarification requests (CRs) and corrective action requests (CARs) were made:

**CR1:** Please articulate the investment items so that cost-effectiveness of the project can be evaluated.

**CR2:** The proposal lists a lot of activities by other United Nations agencies, development bank/s and bilateral agencies, but does not mention any projects being engaged in by international or local NGOs. Please provide a paragraph or two of the activities by those actors (if any), so that we can be more confident that this project proposal will not duplicate and/or disrupt any ongoing efforts.

**CR3:** Please consider a wide range of Knowledge Management procedures so that the results of the project can be better disseminated.

**CR4:** Please consider training the trainers.

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|       | <p><b>CR5:</b> Please justify how the investment assets will be in operation after the project is completed.</p> <p><b>CR6:</b> ESP risks identified should include risks for the principles Compliance with the Law (particularly regarding land ownership), indigenous peoples (Cham), and heritage (this is also a national legal requirement). The proposal does not mention ESP risks to undocumented Vietnamese populations that may be present in the project area.</p> <p>The final technical review finds that the Implementing Entity tried to address all comments. Most issues have been cleared. A couple of important issues, including the presentation of detailed information on tangible asset acquisition and cost-effective analysis on the basis of the asset operation, are not cleared at the concept note. The reviewer agrees that these issues can be cleared at the proposal stage.</p> |
| Date: | 13 September 2017  |



ADAPTATION FUND

**REQUEST FOR PROJECT/PROGRAMME  
FUNDING FROM THE ADAPTATION FUND**

**Climate Change adaptation through small-scale & protective and infrastructure interventions in coastal settlements of Cambodia**



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## PART I: PROJECT/PROGRAMME INFORMATION

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| Project/Programme Category:    | Regular  |
| Country/Cities:                | Cambodia   |
| Title of Project/Programme:    | Climate Change Adaptation through<br>smallscale & protective infrastructure<br>interventions<br>in coastal settlements of Cambodia |
| Type of Implementing Entity:   | Multilateral Implementing Entity   |
| Implementing Entity:           | United Nations Human Settlements<br>Programme (UN-Habitat)   |
| Executing Entity/ies:          | Ministry of Environment, National Committee<br>for Sub-National Democratic Development   |
| Amount of Financing Requested: | US\$ 5,000,000   |

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## 1. Project Background and Context

### The problem

**Climate change is a major challenge for reaching national development goals** In recent years, the Kingdom of Cambodia was among the countries most affected by extreme weather events in the Asia Pacific region<sup>1</sup>, and constantly ranks among the most vulnerable countries in the world according to the annually published Climate Risk Index<sup>2</sup> as well as the Climate Change Vulnerability Index<sup>3</sup>. Between 1991 and 2014, extreme hazards, floods and storms caused economic losses amounting to more than US\$ 235 million and killed over 1500 people<sup>4</sup>. Figures show that the country's vulnerability to extreme weather events such as floods, and cyclones cause most losses in terms of both mortality and economic losses<sup>5</sup>.

Cambodia's climate change vulnerability mainly originates in its geography and high dependence on the agriculture sector. The country further shows a severe lack of coping capacity with regard to its physical infrastructure and its institutions stemming from limited financial, technical and human resources<sup>6</sup>. Coastal zones, as well as nationwide infrastructure are amongst the most affected in the country<sup>7</sup>. This also affects the fast

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<sup>1</sup> Global Climate Risk Index, 2015. Online at <https://germanwatch.org/en/9531>

<sup>2</sup> Global Climate Risk Index, 2016, p. 23. Online at <https://germanwatch.org/fr/download/13503.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Climate Change and Environmental Risk Atlas 2015. Online at <https://maplecroft.com/portfolio/new-analysis/2014/10/29/climate-change-and-lack-food-security-multiply-risks-conflict-and-civil-unrest-32-countriesmaplecroft/>

<sup>4</sup> Global Climate Risk Index, 2016, p. 23, online at <https://germanwatch.org/fr/download/13503.pdf>. UNISDR Global Risk Assessment 2017, online at <http://www.preventionweb.net/countries/khm/data/>. The International Disaster Database (EM-DAT), 2017, online at [http://www.emdat.be/country\\_profile/index.html](http://www.emdat.be/country_profile/index.html)

<sup>5</sup> Index for Risk Management (INFORM) Country Risk profile for Cambodia, 2017. Online at <http://www.inform-index.org/Countries/Country-profiles/iso3/KHM>

<sup>6</sup> INFORM Country Risk profile for Cambodia, 2017. Online at <http://www.inform-index.org/Countries/Country-profiles/iso3/KHM>

<sup>7</sup> Cambodia's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions, p. 2. Online at <http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/INDC/Published%20Documents/Cambodia/1/Cambodia's%20INDC%20to%20the%20UNFCCC.pdf>

growing tourism sector, especially in coastal areas, on which the economy more and more relies. Rising sea levels can potentially impact coastal systems in multiple ways, including flood and storm damage, inundation, loss of wetlands, erosion, saltwater intrusion, and rising water tables<sup>8</sup>.

In addition, there is growing risk that severe weather events will impact Cambodia. Climate Change therefore makes it more and more difficult for Cambodia to continue achieving its main national development priority, i.e. to significantly reduce poverty rates while simultaneously fostering economic growth at a yearly rate of seven per cent, as outlined in its National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) 2014-2018.<sup>9</sup> And although Cambodia managed to graduate from the status of low income country to lower-middle income country in 2016<sup>10</sup> as intended by its NSDP<sup>11</sup>, the uncertainty and intricacy of increasing climate change risks and threats significantly hampers economic growth and development potential in the future<sup>11</sup>.

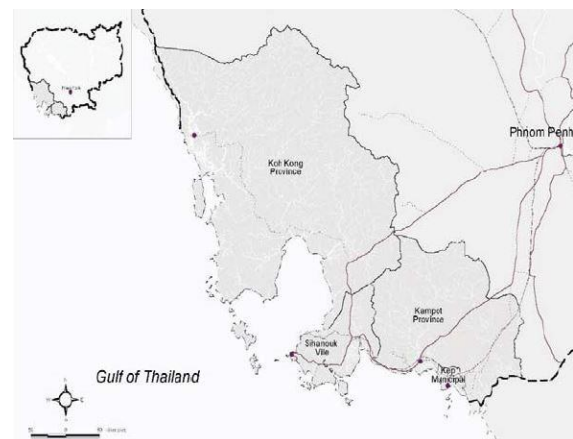
## Climate change projections and expected impacts

### Climate change projections

Like other countries in the Asia-Pacific region, <http://cms>

Cambodia's climate is governed by a mon-soon weather cycle, with a wet season be-

**Figure 1 Cambodia coastal areas.** Source: Cambodia Coastal Situation Analysis, 2011, p. 6. Online at <http://cms>



[daa.iucn.org/downloads/cambodia\\_coastal\\_situation\\_analysis\\_final.pdf](http://daa.iucn.org/downloads/cambodia_coastal_situation_analysis_final.pdf) between May to November that is dominated by heavy rainfall and average temperatures of 28°C and a dry season

<sup>8</sup> Second National Communication to the UNFCCC, p. xv. Online at <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/natc/khmnc2.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> National Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018, p. 4. Online at <http://www.mop.gov.kh/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=XOvSGmpl4tE%3d&tabid=216&mid=705>

<sup>10</sup> The World Bank, 2017. Online at <http://data.worldbank.org/?locations=KH-XN>

<sup>11</sup> National Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018, p. 4.

<sup>11</sup> Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan 2014-2023, p. xv. Online at <http://www.bb.undp.org/content/dam/cambodia/docs/EnvEnergy/CCCAPProjects/Cambodia%20climate%20change%20strategic%20plan%202014-2023.pdf>

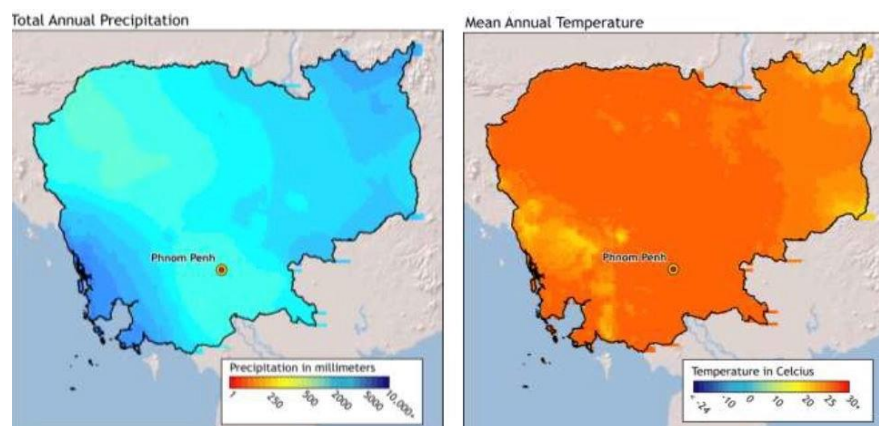
Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan 2014-2023, p. 8.

from November to May, with an average maximum temperature of 38°C in April and an average minimum temperature of 17°C in January. Over the last decades, mean temperatures in Cambodia have increased significantly, a trend that is predicted to continue with projected increases in monthly averages between 0.013°C and 0.036°C per year by 2099 with higher predictions for locations at low latitudes<sup>13</sup>.

Rainfall varies within the country and is strongly influenced by topography, declining in the central plains, and increasing in the upland areas. However, rainfall is heaviest along the 435km coastline stretching from Koh Kong Province bordering Thailand in the west, Sihanoukville Municipality which contains Cambodia's largest deep-water sea port, Kampot province bordering Vietnam to the East, and Kep Municipality (see fig 1). While lowlands may receive average annual rainfall of 1400mm, data shows that rainfall within coastal areas can be as high as 4000mm per year or higher<sup>12</sup> (see fig 2).

*Notes: Shows rainfall patterns (left) and temperature distributions (right) for Cambodia taking 1960-1990 averages. Source: The World Bank*

*Group, 2011, p. 3. Online at: [www.worldclim.org/current](http://www.worldclim.org/current)*



**Figure 2 Annual Climate Baseline for Cambodia.**

Although evidence of climate change impacts on rainfall patterns remains inconclusive, predictions for average annual rainfall clearly indicate further changes in rainfall for Cambodia in the medium- to long-term future. Projections show evidence to suggest that

<sup>12</sup> Heng Chan Thoeun, 2015, p. 63. Online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.wace.2015.02.001>

rainfall between the months of June to August will most likely increase in the northwest, while there is a decreasing trend projected for the northeast of the country.

Due a history of civil conflict, there are only very few long-term historical datasets available for climate observations in Cambodia. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), however, provides an overview of forecasting trends from 21 climate models for South-East Asia as a region. This summary states that i) for the period 20812100 temperatures will likely increase in the range of 1.5°C to 3.7°C; ii) while the number of hot days and nights will increase, cold days and nights will likely to become less frequent; iii) rainfall will most likely increase with projections ranging from a decrease of 2% to increases of up to 15%, with projected increases in the intensity of precipitation; iv) sea-levels in the region are forecasted to rise between 0.18 to 0.56cm by the year 2100, though some research has projected sea-level rises in the region of around 1 metre.<sup>13</sup>

### **Expected impacts**

Due to its vulnerability toward the effects of drought, floods and sea level rise, Cambodia's agriculture, human lives and assets were severely damaged by floods and droughts between 2000 and 2010<sup>14</sup>. The 2011 floods resulted in economic losses of around 4% of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP)<sup>15</sup>. Likewise, the 2013 floods caused economic losses of around US\$356 million, of which US\$153 million was the estimated value of the destruction of physical assets (damage) in the affected areas, and US\$203 million the estimated losses in production and economic flows<sup>16</sup>.

Increases in sea levels are especially alarming for Cambodia's coastal areas that are already experiencing severe seawater intrusion, beach erosion, high tides, and frequent storm surges. Additional impacts such as land subsidence in the region may even further intensify its effects<sup>17</sup>. Especially low-lying areas such as coastal settlements, seaports, coastal fisheries, mangrove forests, and tourism facilities would equally be affected. As an example, research by the Danish International Development Assistance found that around 56% of the low-lying south-western coastal city of Koh Kong would be submerged by a one-meter rise in sea-levels. This finding equally holds true for other areas along the coastline of Cambodia<sup>18</sup> (see fig 3).

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<sup>13</sup> See for example Rahmstorf, S., 2007 and Ananthaswamy, A., 2009.

<sup>14</sup> MoE et al. (2013), p. 187.

<sup>15</sup> 2011 GDP (current US\$) amounted to US\$12.83 billion (World Bank, online at <http://data.worldbank.org/country/cambodia>). The 2011 flood resulted in total economic losses of around US\$0.521 billion (EM-DAT country profile).

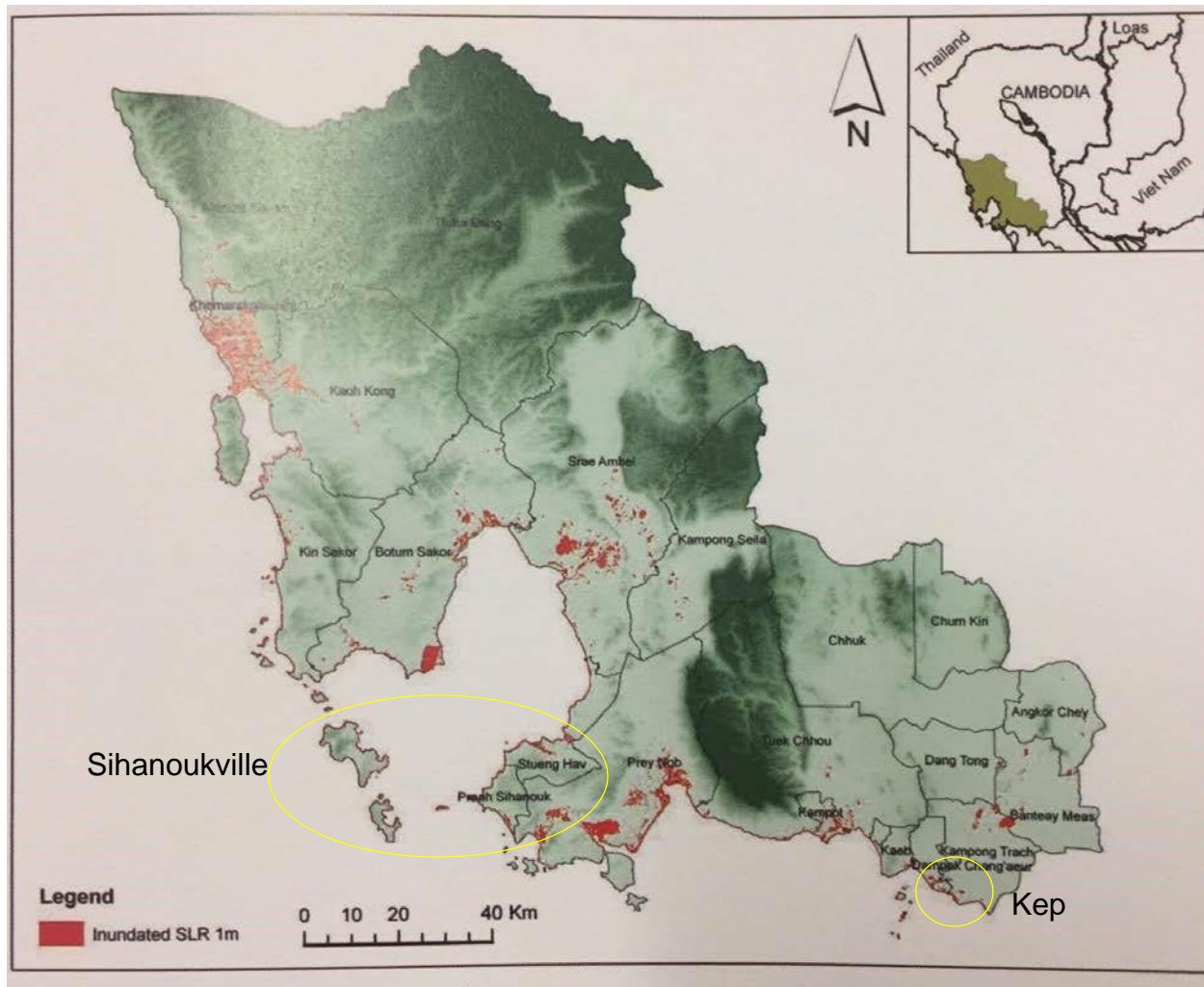
<sup>16</sup> Cambodia's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions, p. 3.

<sup>17</sup> Erban, L.E., Gorelick, S.M. and Zebker, H.A., 2014, p. 1. Online at <http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/17489326/9/8/084010/pdf>

<sup>18</sup> Danish International Development Assistance, 2008, p. 15. Online at <https://www.weadapt.org/sites/weadapt.org/files/legacy-new/placemarks/files/Cambodia.pdf>







Cambodia's coastal provinces already suffer from salinization of surface and groundwater resources due to storms and droughts<sup>19</sup>. The rise in sea levels will only exacerbate these problems. Further, sea-level rise is expected to go hand in hand with an increase in coastal erosion that may have major impacts on the frequency of flooding of economically vital coastal infrastructure such as coastal resorts and harbours, significantly hampering tourism potential. Likewise, an increase in sea-levels is likely to worsen inundation from storms and storm surges.

<sup>19</sup> National Adaptation Programme of Action to Climate Change (NAPA), 2006, p. 4. Online at <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/khm01.pdf>

The above impacts clearly demonstrate the importance for the country to build resilience to natural disasters and prepare vulnerable areas accordingly so that the impact of climate change risks and disasters are minimized to the most possible extents. This will be vital for Cambodia to continue its path along increasing economic growth rates and to be able to protect its citizens, especially those living in coastal areas.

### **Economic context**

**Climate change is already causing economic losses but the government faces challenges in terms of financial resources and technical capacity to respond.**

According to most recent statistics published by the World Bank, in 2015 Cambodia's Gross National Income (GNI) amounted to US\$1,070 per capita, growing at 7 percent per year. This trend is slightly decreasing with forecasted GDP growth rates of 6.9 to 6.8 per cent for the years 2017 and 2018, respectively.<sup>20</sup>

Cambodia's economy is narrowly based however, and driven by four main sectors: garment manufacture, tourism, construction and agriculture, with three of those predominantly urban sectors, heavily dependent on building resilient settlements and infrastructure. Productive share in Cambodia is relatively evenly distributed, with its services sector as the largest contributor at 37.8% of total gross output, followed by the industry sector at 31.3% and the agriculture sector at 30.9%. Intermediate inputs as a share of total cost of production in Cambodia is on average almost equally divided, i.e. 50% comes from domestic resources while the other half is imported.

At the sectoral level, Cambodia's industry sector depends more on domestic sources with respect to their inputs than on imports, while on the other hand its services sector depend more on imported inputs, specifically the transportation, communication and trade sectors. Similar to its production distribution data, Cambodia's GDP heavily depends on both the agriculture and services sectors that accounted for more than three quarters of the country's total GDP in recent years. The tourism sector shows high annual growth rates with high shares in total GDP<sup>23</sup>. The direct contribution of the sector to GDP was around US\$2.3 billion (13.5% of total GDP) in 2015, and is forecast to rise by 6.3% per annum between 2016-2025, to US\$4.58 billion (12.4% of total GDP) in 2025. Total contribution to GDP amounted to US\$5.09 billion (29.9% of GDP) in 2015, and is forecasted to rise by approximately 6.5% annually to US\$10.32 billion (28.0% of GDP) in 2025. In 2014, the total contribution of tourism to employment, including jobs indirectly

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<sup>20</sup> The World Bank, 2017. Per capita GNI is displayed using the World Bank's Atlas method, which smoothens a country's GNI per capita by price variations and exchange rate fluctuations, taking into account the year of observation and the two previous years. It further adjusts the country's own and the international rate of inflation, with the international inflation rate being the euro area, the United Kingdom, the United States and Japan since 2001. Online at <http://databank.worldbank.org/data/reports.aspx?source=2&country=KHM> <sup>23</sup> Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan 2014-2023, p. xv.



supported by the industry, was 26.4% of total employment (2,221,500 jobs). This is expected to rise by 3.3% per annum to 3,199,000 jobs in 2025 (32.6% of total)<sup>21</sup>. In the same year tourism investment was US\$0.4 billion, or 15.6% of total investment. It is expected to rise by 6.4% per year within the next decade to US\$0.8 billion in 2025 (14.1% of total).

The share of foreign visitors in 2015 amounted to nearly 15% of total visitors to the coastal area<sup>25</sup>. Securing continued economic, employment as well as investment growth will heavily dependent on the country's resilience along its coastal lines. Visitors to Preah Sihanouk and Kep have increased year by year. Based on the Provincial Investment Programme report 2,032,881 tourists visited Preah Sihanouk in 2016, a 16.65 percent increased compared to 2015. As for Kep, visitors increased from 761,206 in 2015 to 1,079,493 in 2016.

Both provinces recognize tourism as an important industry and both provinces have a great potential for eco-tourism, with its nature-, livelihood- and community-based tourism activities. However, the tourism sector is also affected by climate change, especially beach erosion, as described in the Environmental Section below. For adaptation to climate change, natural resource enhancement and preservation is therefore necessary, as well as improvement of drainage and the management of water supply, sewage and waste. This will benefit tourism potential directly but also the poor and vulnerable, especially from livelihoods and basic services perspective.

## **Social context**

**Although the government recognize the importance of resilience to natural disasters in the poor communities, they face limited financial resources and human capacity as well as comprehensive data sets.**

Cambodia has a total population of 15.58 million (of which around 51.3% are women) and this figure is growing at a rate of 1.6% annually. Urban areas are growing much more rapidly at 2.6% each year.<sup>22</sup> This is one of the main reasons for the country's increasing demographic pressures over the past years. According to the Fragile States Index, in 2016 Cambodia was one of the few countries in the region that were labelled a high warning status with regard to its state of development, which even marginally worsened within the last decade<sup>23</sup>. And although the country has a relatively high share of payments

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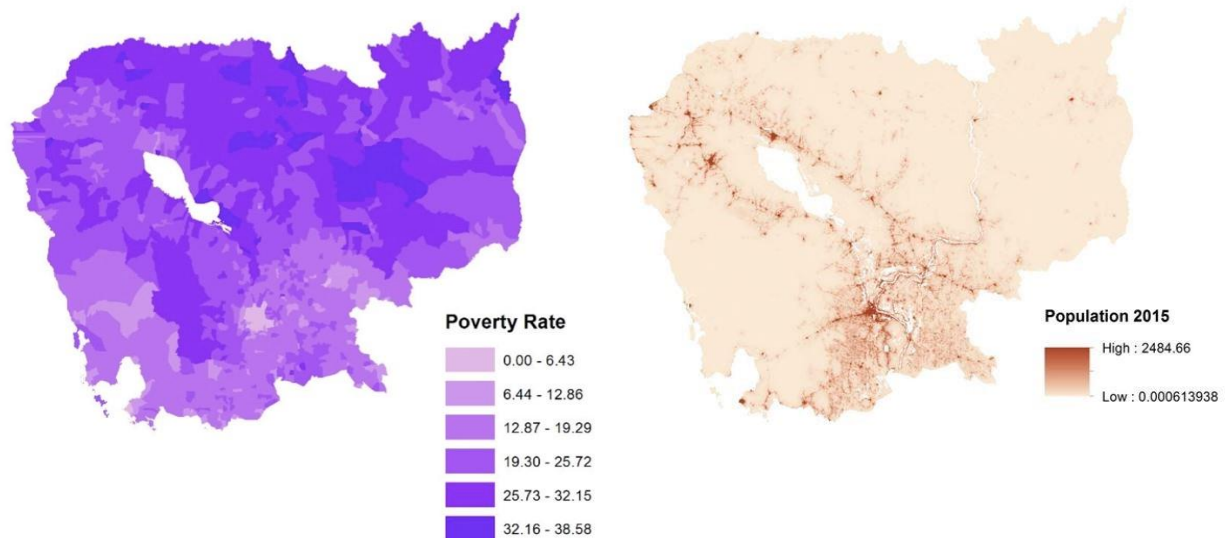
<sup>21</sup> World Travel and Tourism Council, Economic Impact 2015 Cambodia. Online at <https://www.wttc.org/-/media/files/reports/economic%20impact%20research/countries%202015/cambodia2015.pdf> <sup>25</sup> Cambodia Tourism Statistics Report, 2015, p. 5.

<sup>22</sup> Displays data for the most recent available year 2015. The World Bank, World Development Indicators, 2017. Online at <http://databank.worldbank.org/data/reports.aspx?source=2&country=KHM>

<sup>23</sup> The Fund for Peace 2017. Online at <http://library.fundforpeace.org/library/fragilestatesindex-2016.pdf>

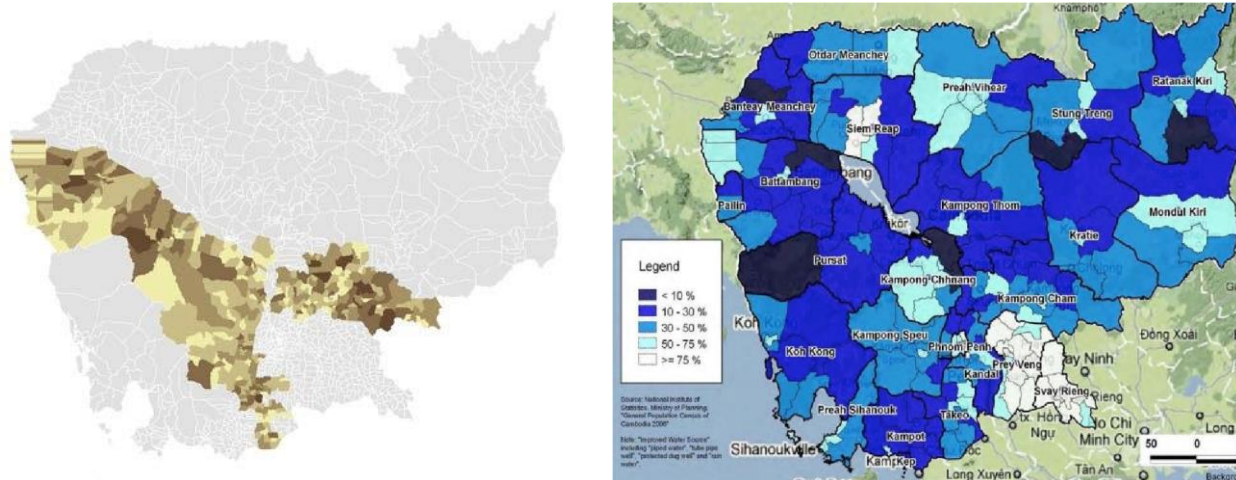
to labour in relation to its GDP compared to its neighbouring countries<sup>24</sup>, uneven economic development only shows slightly improving trends<sup>29</sup>. While household poverty rates are highest in the north-east of the country, overall poverty rates remain high in the coastal area (Figure 4, left), especially considering its higher population density.

The population density map (Figure 4, right) shows that along the coast the cities of Sihanoukville, Kampot and Kep (from left to right) are among the most populated areas. The country's coastal population faces challenges such as low levels of education and poor health and basic infrastructure services. It further shows an on-going deterioration of inequality between the mid-1990s and 2007, although poverty has reduced overall.



**Figure 4 Distribution (%) of household poverty rates by districts and population density in 2015.** Source: Left: own illustration based on the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 2015. Online at [Open Development Cambodia](#). Right: Own illustration based on adjusted UN data from World POP. Online at [World POP](#).

<sup>24</sup> 56% of its economic gains are invested into labour force. Secretario, F. et al., 2009, p. 9. Online at <http://depocenw.p.org/modules/download/index.php?id=62> <sup>29</sup> The Fund for Peace 2017.



**Figure 5 Water and sanitation coverage in 2016 (left) and percentage of households with access to improved water sources in 2010 by district.** *Note: Water and sanitation is displayed from low to high coverage in light and darker colours, respectively. Source: Left: own illustration based on WaterSHED data for its sanitation and hygiene project, covering 5,801 villages, from 527 communes across 58 districts. Online at [Open Development](#). Right: Japan International Cooperation Agency. 2010. p. iv. Online at [JICA](#)*

The expected impacts of climate change in coastal regions, where hazards are likely to increase in frequency and intensity, challenge poverty reduction and health targets. This is due to the fact that poor communities predominantly live in high-risk areas and already lack access to basic services. Especially the frequency of storms and inundation, which are projected to increase with climate change, create conditions for the spread of water- and vector-borne diseases, limit access to clean water and food, flood unsafe sanitation facilities, and isolate the population from health services. Notwithstanding advances in water, sanitation, and hygiene over recent years, the aforementioned issues cause death and have long-lasting impacts on poverty and food security. Approaches to deliver these services need to become sensitive to the impacts of climate change and related hazards. As a means to significantly reduce vulnerability, citizens need to get access to resilient basic infrastructure services such as clean water, sewage, roads, electricity, or telecommunication, to name a few, and improving their resilience to natural disasters.

In a 2005 survey jointly compiled by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Environment (MoE) of Cambodia, respondents from different provinces around the country stated that during major natural disasters the main source of water for household consumption are wells (58%), ponds (14%), streams (12%) and rivers (9%)<sup>25</sup>. As further evident from Figure 4 (right), the overall percentage of households that can access improved water sources is still low, ranging in most districts between 10 to 30%. With regard to coastal district zones, while Sihanoukville provides between 30 and 50% of its households with access to

<sup>25</sup> The study represents responses by villagers from 17 provinces surveyed. Source: MoE, GEF and UNDP (2005), p. 13. Online at <http://camclimate.org.kh/en/documents-and-media/library/category/29-vulnerability-and-adaptation.html?download=54:a-survey-of-rural-cambodian-households-vulnerability-and-adaptation-march-05>

improved water sources, Koh Kong and Kampot align with the country's overall trend of low access. Kep does not have any access to piped water. Figure 5 (left) further depicts information on the access to latrines and water filters from a 2016 project assessment. The lack of available data in this regard for most parts of the country is evidently showing the vital need for continued assessments.

Although the government intends to expand and improve basic infrastructure services throughout the country, the development and implementation of effective climate change strategies is constrained by limited financial resources and human capacity, a lack of reliable and comprehensive data sets, and research to support greenhouse gas inventory, mitigation analyses and vulnerability assessments. Natural disasters, intensified by climate change, have major impacts on basic services and need to be consequently addressed as a means to alleviate poverty and foster economic growth.

In line with the government's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, an approach to establish this should focus on the resilience of coastal zones and infrastructure in more general as they are among the areas impacted most severely by climate change.

## **Environmental context**

**Sea level rise due to climate change and changes of the mangrove systems accelerate coastal erosion and reduce the climate change resilience.**

As specified by the Ministry of Environment (MoE et al., 2013), forest plays an important role in maintaining the country's ecosystems as well as a source of various non-timber forest products. 27 percent of Cambodian land is categorized as protected forest area. In Preah Sihanouk, 26 percent of the land is categorized as protected forest area. In Kep this figure is 7 percent (see Figure 7, left).

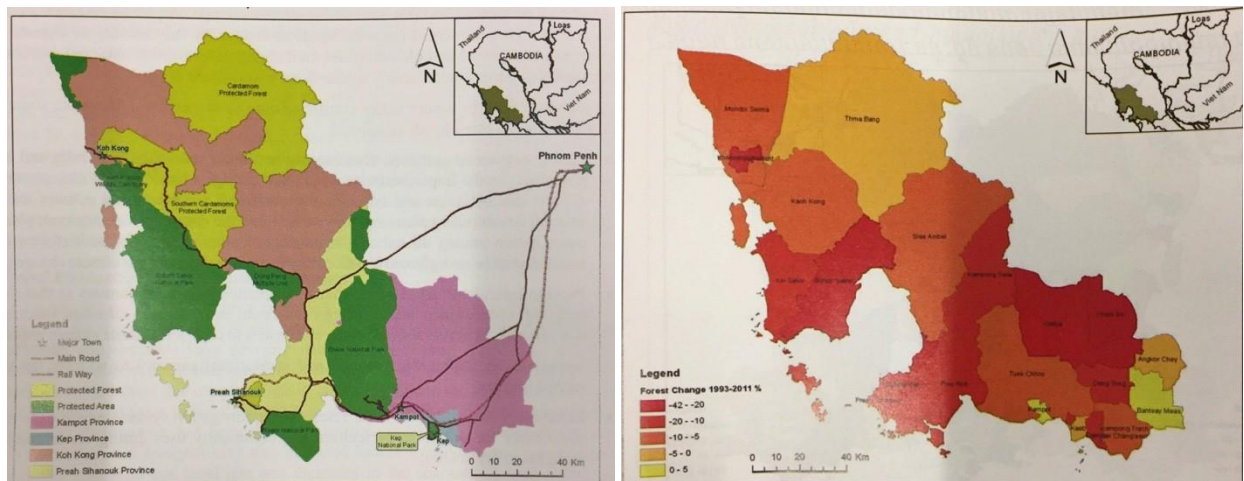
However, forestry was drastically exploited in the last few decades due to illegal logging, encroachment, and economic land concessions. 16.1 percent of national forest cover has decreased between 1965 and 2010, and it annually decreased 0.52% of forest coverage between 2002 and 2010<sup>26</sup>. This figure is one of the highest in the world.

Deforestation is also happening in coastal areas, especially for mangroves (see Figure 7, right). IUCN (2011) identified that approximately 3,500 to 4,000 hectares of former mangrove lands were converted to salt farms in Kampot Province and Kep city, even though salt pans affect to mangrove growth and soil fertility. Moreover, MoE et al. (2014)

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<sup>26</sup> MoE, GEF and UNEP (2013), p. 31.

studied that mangroves in Prey Nob area in Preah Sihanouk are under threat by salt, charcoal use, industrial development, and so on.



**Figure 7 Land use of the Coastal Zone of Cambodia (left) and Percent reduction in forest area on district level from 1993 to 2011 (right).** Source: 3<sup>rd</sup> State of the Coastal Environment, Climate Change and Socio-Economy Report 2013

Besides that 3,446 hectares of area in Preah Sihanouk province and 343 hectares of Kep province are estimated to be below mean sea level if the sea level rises by 1 meter in the future. MoE et al. also estimated that 3,530 hectares of mangroves in Preah Sihanouk and 13 hectares of that of Kep are located within 1 meter above today's mean sea level. Therefore, simultaneous occurrence of changes of the mangrove systems and sea level rise will accelerate coastal erosion as well as reduce the climate change resilience of the coastal areas<sup>27</sup>.

Severe environmental degradation has taken place throughout the coastal area of Cambodia – especially in areas where there has been investment in infrastructure and tourism. Besides that, the often-informal nature of the target settlements creates environmental problems, especially in waste management. Moreover, the combined effects of sea-level rise, coastal flooding and on-shore development issues (especially disposal of waste water) is causing coastal erosion.

<sup>27</sup> MoE, GEF and UNEP (2013), p. 190.





**Figure 8: Mangrove deforestation in Preah Sihanouk (left), Exposed roots due to beach erosion and sea level raise in Preah Sihanouk (middle) and Erosion and solid waste in mangrove forest in Kep (right). Source: UNHabitat/Field photos.**

## Focus of the Proposal

As described detail in the following section, the main objective of the proposed project is to enhance the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable coastal human settlements on the coast of Cambodia through greater coverage of protective and basic interventions. To achieve above objective, this project focuses its actions on highly vulnerable settlements in Kep and Preah Sihanouk provinces, in the coastal area of Cambodia. In Kep province the project will target five Sangkats/communes with a total of 36,684 beneficiaries. Further details can be found in target population of approximately 40,000, but interventions will benefit 50-100 percent of the population depending on the intervention (see aAnnex 1 – Beneficiaries).

In Preah Sihanouk province the project will target ten Sangkats/communes with a total of 47,902 beneficiaries. Further details can be found in Annex 1target population of approximately 76,000, but interventions will benefit 50-100 percent of the population depending on the intervention (see annex 1—Beneficiaries).

The most problematic climate hazards identified in the target areas are sea level rise, storm surges, floods, strong waves, seawater intrusion and droughts, leading to coastal erosion, low agriculture production, destroyed houses, slowdown of fishing activities, damaged roads and dikes, lack of clean water supply, poor sanitation, health issues and threatening of (eco-)tourism.

The possible resilience building interventions identified during community consultations (see – climate change – impacts, barriers for adaptation and possible interventions analysis) will be further analysed and prioritized during the full proposal development stage by looking at community vulnerabilities, community needs (especially of women,

youth and disabled people, but also of the identified small Muslim group, cost-effectiveness of interventions and potential environmental and social impacts.

The following Table gives a brief overview of the target areas, the climate hazards they are exposed to and the underlying vulnerability they face. This table has been compiled through a combination of secondary data and consultations undertaken by the formulation mission for this concept note, which is detailed further in Part II Section H.

Table 1 – Summary of target locations and vulnerability

| Province       | Location<br>(municipality/district<br>or<br>commune/sangkat) <sup>28</sup> | Climate Hazards   | Underlying vulnerability  |
|----------------|--|---|---|
| Preah Sihanouk | Koh Rong (Sangkat)   | Sea level rise, storms, coastal flooding                          | Rapid development/investment, lack of basic services, and infrastructure, poverty, lack of access to technology and livelihoods (despite forthcoming tourism development) |
|                | Prey Nop (District)  | Sea level rise, storms, coastal flooding, river flooding, drought | Limited protective infrastructure and natural assets, lack of basic services (esp water)  |
|                | Sangkat Muoy   | Sea level rise, storms, coastal flooding                          | Lack of basic services, tenure insecurity   |
| Kep            | Kep (Municipality)   | Sea level rise, storms, coastal flooding, drought                 | Lack of basic services (especially water), high land prices   |
|                | Damnak Changkor (District)   | Sea level rise, storms, coastal flooding, drought                 | Lack of basic services (especially water), high land prices   |

<sup>28</sup> In Cambodia, Municipalities and Districts are the same administrative level. Municipalities are primarily urban in character, whereas districts are primarily rural. Sangkats and Communes are one level lower than municipalities/districts. Sangkats are primarily urban, whereas communes are primarily rural



**Figure 9 Solid waste blocks sewers and drains (left), Flood in Preah Sihanouk (middle), Inundation damaged housing (right), Livelihood with less sanitation in vulnerable houses near solid waste (bottom left), Unsightly and smelly water discharge along the beach in Preah Sihanouk (bottom centre), and Coastline erosion and sea level rise (bottom right). Source: UN-Habitat/field photos.**

Table 2, below, shows the population of the identified communes, in each district.

| Municipality/<br>District              | No.        | Name of<br>Sangkat/commune | Total<br>Population | Female<br>population | Location                        |
|--|------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Prey Nob                               | 1          | Tuek Thla                  | 5,455               | 2,720                | Coastal                         |
|  | 2          | Tuek L'ak                  | 4,413               | 2,198                | Coastal and River               |
|  | 3          | Sameakki                   | 3,641               | 1,919                | Coastal and River               |
|  | <u>45</u>  | Veal Renh                  | 10,717              | 5,636                | Coastal and River               |
|  | <u>65</u>  | Samrong                    | 6,683               | 3,334                | Coastal and River               |
|  | <u>96</u>  | Prey Nob                   | 7,944               | 3,976                | Coastal and River               |
|  | <u>407</u> | Ou Oknha Heng              | 9,006               | 4,559                | Coastal and River               |
|  | <u>448</u> | Boeng Taprom               | 7,917               | 4,025                | Coastal and River               |
|  |            | Sub-total                  | 55,776              | 28,367<br>(50.85%)   |                                 |
| Preah<br>Sihanouk<br>Municipal-<br>ity | 1          | Koh Rong                   | 1,693               | 791                  | Coastal Area, Island            |
|  | 2          | Sangkat Muoy               | 18,613              | 9,308                | Coastal, informal<br>settlement |
|  |            | Sub-total                  | 20,306              | 10,099<br>(49.73%)   |                                 |



|                                      |           |           |        |                 |         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------------|---------|
| Kep Municipality and Damnak Changeur | 1         | Angkaol   | 8,566  | 4,280           | Coastal |
|                                      | 2         | Pong Tuek | 10,987 | 5,574           | Coastal |
|                                      | 3         | Prey Thom | 8,521  | 3,994           | Coastal |
|                                      | 4         | Kep       | 4,917  | 2,358           | Coastal |
|                                      | 5         | Ou Krasar | 7,772  | 3,738           | Coastal |
|                                      | <u>15</u> | Sub-total | 40,763 | 19,944 (48.92%) |         |

Note: there are no indigenous minorities in the target areas.

In addition, Table 3, below, shows the poverty rate and the percentage of people whose primary water source is considered unsafe, for communes in Preah Sihanouk and Kep Province, according to the vulnerability assessment carried out by the Ministry of Environment in 2015. It clearly shows that a lack of access to safe water is a critical underlying vulnerability.

Table 3 – Poverty level and people with unsafe water

| Municipality/ District               | No                    | Name of Sangkat/ commune | Sensitivity |                  |                       |                   | Over-all vulnerability Index |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
|                                      |                       |                          | Poverty (%) | Unsafe water (%) | No. with unsafe water | Total Sensitivity |                              |
| Prey Nob                             | 1                     | Tuek Thla                | 20.2        | 50.5             | 2,754                 | 67                | 5                            |
|                                      | 2                     | Tuek L'ak                | 20.1        | 47.6             | 2,100                 | 62                | 5                            |
|                                      | 3                     | Sameakki                 | 19.2        | 70.3             | 2,559                 | 61                | 5                            |
|                                      | <u>45</u>             | Veal Renh                | 26.3        | 24.5             | 2,625                 | 47                | 3                            |
|                                      | <u>65</u>             | Samrong                  | 19.8        | 91.8             | 6,134                 | 73                | 3                            |
|                                      | <u>69</u>             | Prey Nob                 | 18.6        | 96.1             | 7,634                 | 56                | 5                            |
|                                      | <u>74</u><br><u>0</u> | Ou Oknha Heng            | 18.0        | 71.0             | 6,394                 | 76                | 5                            |
|                                      | <u>11</u><br><u>8</u> | Boeng Taprom             | 12.6        | 77.8             | 6,159                 | 54                | 4                            |
| Preah Sihanouk Municipality          | 1                     | Koh Rong                 | 23,7        | 70.6             | 1,195                 | 72                | 2                            |
|                                      | 2                     | Sangkat Muoy             | 0.0         | 55.6             | 10,348                | 30                | 1                            |
|                                      |                       |                          |             | Total: 47,902    |                       |                   |                              |
| Kep Municipality and Damnak Changkor | 1                     | Angkaol                  | 18.5        | 77.1             | 6,604                 | 67                | 5                            |
|                                      | 2                     | Pong Tuek                | 18.5        | 88.5             | 9,723                 | 66                | 4                            |
|                                      | 3                     | Prey Thom                | 14.3        | 90.9             | 7,745                 | 57                | 4                            |
|                                      | 4                     | Kep                      | 6.4         | 99.1             | 4,872                 | 50                | 3                            |
|                                      | 5                     | Ou Krasar                | 18.8        | 99.6             | 7,740                 | 63                | 4                            |
|                                      | <u>15</u>             |                          |             | Total: 36,684    |                       |                   |                              |

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|  |  |  |  | Total beneficiaries<br>84,586 |  |  |
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According to the consultations undertaken in the development of this concept note, people face serious challenges in terms of accessing water, due to the need to buy water from tankers or in bottles from other areas. The consultation also identified that several climatic impacts and hazards cause water pollution as well as contaminate ground water resources. This means that providing year-round, clean water supplies to the target populations will also bring economic benefits in terms of reducing expenditures on water.

Meanwhile, a lack of protective natural assets and infrastructure and high exposure to storms and coastal flooding means that people regularly lose assets. Damage to houses is common and during consultations, officials also highlighted frequent damage to adjacent agricultural lands, restricting food supplies, increasing prices and meaning people to either borrow or invest whatever household savings they have in rebuilding houses or making make-shift flood defences.

Community consultation also identified some possible interventions to build resilience in each province. As shown in Table 4, although it is limited, both of Preah Sihanouk and Kep raised several types of possible interventions in order to enhance climate-resilience.

Table 4 – Possible adaptation building interventions in Preah Sihanouk and Kep

|           | Preah Sihanouk   | Kep  |
|-----------|--|--|
| Knowledge | - Provide vocational training on various topics including water, sanitation and hygiene promotion  | - Provide vocational training on various topics including water, sanitation and hygiene promotion  |
| Physical  | - Improve infrastructure (drainage system, agricultural irrigation)<br>- Provide resilient housing models <u>s and designs</u><br>- Enhance water supply systems | - Improve infrastructure (drainage system, agricultural irrigation)<br>- Provide resilient housing models <u>s and designs</u><br>- Enhance water supply systems |
| Natural   | - Conserve, protect and enhance natural resources and biodiversity   | - Increase number of trees in coastline  |
|           | - Implement environmental management activities (e.g. reforestation and water pollution improvement)   | - Conserve and protect natural resources and biodiversity  |

By full proposal development stage, information to enhance resilience of community assets (human, physical, financial, social, natural, knowledge) will be detailed and complete, as well as the scale that will be made 'climate-resilient', and the exact number of beneficiaries, etc. (through conducting in-depth community consultations).

## 2. Project Objectives

### Main objective

The proposed project's main objective is to enhance the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable coastal human settlements on the coast of Cambodia through greater coverage of protective and basic interventions. To align with a government request to promote eco-tourism in Cambodia, this project targets poor and vulnerable areas where ecotourism is popular or has growth potential.

To accomplish this, a comprehensive baseline vulnerability assessment and the production of action plans in the target settlements is required. Secondly, communes need to be able to plan for resilience and plan an active role in the construction and maintenance of basic resilient systems and to enhance their livelihoods (in line with ecotourism). The third component is to implement adaptation measures: constructing climate and disaster resilient infrastructure systems in human settlements, strengthen the resilience of existing infrastructure systems and protect and/or enhance protective ecosystems.

Specific objectives (also 'project components' in the following table):

- Component 1: Comprehensive vulnerability / baseline assessment and action plans completed in the target communes and provinces
  - This is in line with AF outcome 1: Reduce exposure and vulnerability to climate-related hazards and threats with a particular view to community level resilience
- Component 2: Capacity built to install, protect, and manage infrastructure and natural assets, while also increasing capacity to plan for replication in other areas;
  - This is in line with AF outcome 3: Strengthen awareness and ownership of adaptation and climate risk reduction processes and capacity
- Component 3: Resilience built through small-scale protective and basic service interventions (at the moment, this could include localized flood protection and drainage, or service infrastructure, like year-round water supply or sanitation and protection and/or enhancement of mangroves and coral).
  - This is in line with AF outcome 4: Increase adaptive capacity with relevant development and natural resource sectors,

- AF outcome 5: Increase ecosystem resilience in response to climate change and variability-induced stress
- AF outcome 6: Diversified and strengthened livelihoods and sources of income for vulnerable people in targeted area
- Component 4: Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured ○ Project implementation is fully transparent. All stakeholders are informed of products and results and have access to these for replication.

### 3. Project Components and Financing

Table 5 – Project components and financing

| Project Components  | Expected Concrete Outputs   | Expected Concrete Outcomes   | Amount (US\$)             |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|
| Component 1<br><br>Comprehensive vulnerability / baseline assessment and action plans completed in the target towns/provinces | Output 1.1.1.<br><br>Capacity development support on vulnerability assessment and climate change planning provided to commune and provincial level government | Outcome 1.1.<br><br>Increased awareness on assessing systems, including infrastructure and natural assets, and planning for adaptation | <b>150,000</b><br>(3,5 %) |
|   | Output 1.2.1.<br><br>Integrated climate change vulnerability and disaster risk reduction assessments (incl. maps) conducted/produced in target areas.         | Outcome 1.2.<br><br>Evidence basis generated for reducing vulnerability at the commune and provincial level.                           | <b>200,000</b><br>(5 %)   |

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|  | <p>Output 1.3.1.</p> <p>Provincial and commune level climate change adaptation plans developed, including, as appropriate, actions on water infrastructure and natural assets, use and management, protective infrastructure, livelihoods, needs to enhance eco-tourism- and gender and inclusivity considerations. These action plans will include a prioritised short list of actions.</p> | <p>Outcome 1.3.</p> <p>Adaptation actions identified by commune and provincial authorities, which are aligned with local development planning under the D&amp;D process. These will emphasise infrastructure, natural assets, water and livelihoods.</p>   | <p><b>150,000</b><br/>(3,5 %)</p> |
| <p>Component 2</p> <p>Capacity built to install, protect, and manage infrastructure and natural assets, while also increasing capacity to plan for replication in other areas;</p> | <p>Output 2.1.1.</p> <p>Training for communities, commune and provincial level officials to implement priority activities identified in the action plans, developed under 1.3.1.</p>   | <p>Outcome 2.1</p> <p>Community, commune and provincial level capacity to plan, construct and maintain resilient water and protective infrastructure and natural assets enhanced (in line with ecotourism enhancement potential)</p> <p><u>There will be 45x community level trainings (three in each settlement) at \$10,000 per event, and two provincial level trainings at \$25,000 per event.</u></p> <p><u>Assuming 20% of total beneficiaries are trained, this means that \$26.60 will be spent per capita on training.</u></p> <p><u>Assuming that 200 government officials are trained under this component, the amount spent will be \$250 per capita</u></p> | <p><b>500,000</b><br/>(12 %)</p>  |

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|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| Component 3<br><br>Resilience built through small-scale protective and basic service infrastructure and natural assets | Output 3.1.1.<br><br>Vulnerable assets strengthened, new resilient assets constructed and/or natural assets protected/enhanced in response to climate change impacts, including variability, reflecting the priorities developed in the action plans developed under 1.3.1. | Outcome 3.1.<br><br>84,586 people who live with unsafe water have access to clean water, or protective natural assets and /or infrastructure, and improved livelihood options (in line with eco-tourism enhancement potential) | <b>3,000,000</b><br>(72 %) |
| Component 4<br><br>Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured   | Output 4.1.1.<br><br>Project activities and results are captured and disseminated through appropriate information for the beneficiaries, partners and stakeholders and the public in general.   | Outcome 4.1.<br><br>Project implementation is fully transparent. All stakeholders are informed of products and results and have access to these for replication.   | <b>170,512</b><br>(3,5 %)  |
|  |   |  | <b>4,170,512</b>           |
| 5. Project/Programme Execution cost (9.5 %)  |   | <b>437,788</b>   |                            |
| 6. Total Project/Programme Cost  |   | <b>4,608,300</b>   |                            |
| 7. Project/Programme Cycle Management Fee charged by the Implementing Entity (if applicable) (8.5 %)                   |   | <b>391,705</b>   |                            |

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Amount of Financing Requested | 5,000,000 |
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### Projected Calendar:

| Milestones                                | Expected Dates |
|---|----------------|
| Start of Project/Programme Implementation | 06-2018        |
| Project/Programme Closing                 | 06-2023        |
| Terminal Evaluation                       | 09-2022        |

## PART II: PROJECT / PROGRAMME JUSTIFICATION

### A. Project components

The target areas chosen for the project are characterised by high levels of exposure to several climate change related hazards; sea-level rise, salinity, erosion, storm surge, flooding and droughts, and underlying vulnerability driven by a lack of access to resilient basic services such as water and sanitation, tenure insecurity and high levels of poverty driven by low incomes.

To achieve the project's overall objective, which is 'to enhance the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable coastal human settlements on the coast of Cambodia through greater coverage of protective and basic service infrastructure and natural assets', the project takes a horizontally and vertically integrated approach to improving and strengthening basic service infrastructure through improved capacity, better local-level planning and community-level implementation.

The actions taken by the project will be targeted to benefit the poorest and most vulnerable people in two of Cambodia's most climate change vulnerable provinces. To do this, a combination of soft and hard measures is proposed to ensure that resilience at the household and commune level is strengthened sustainably. Soft measures include vulnerability assessments and action plans, designed to target the most vulnerable settlements and design and implement the most necessary actions, and improved capacity at the commune and district level, to subsequently sustain actions and replicate them elsewhere through better planning which will mobilise national and international finance<sup>29</sup>. Hard measures will be investments in small-scale protective and basic service infrastructure and natural assets designed to increase people's resilience.

<sup>29</sup> The National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development, which is an executing agency on this project, is currently applying to be a GCF direct access entity.

The specific needs of women, people with disabilities and youths will be considered at all stages of the project. This will be achieved through engaging representatives of these vulnerable groups in community and stakeholder consultations in planning and through a community-based approach and the people's process – where community groups are formed and sustained throughout all stages of the project and through which communities participate in project implementation and monitoring<sup>30</sup>. There are no indigenous people in the target areas, though there are a small number of Cham Muslims in some areas.

The components of the project are as follows:

Component 1: Comprehensive vulnerability / baseline assessment and action plans completed in the target communes/districts

In line with Adaptation Fund Outcome 1 and national government priorities (See Section D, below) this component will focus on laying the ground work for reducing vulnerability to climate change related hazards, with a focus on community-level resilience in the target communes/districts by:

- ☐ Conducting climate change vulnerability assessment in the 5 target districts
- ☐ Producing action plans that identify and prioritise resilience investments, including consideration of impact on eco-tourism.
- ☐ Integrate the findings of the assessments and action plans with the commune investment plans
- ☐ Assessing environmental and social risks and developing a plan to ensure compliance with the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social policy and UN-Habitat's Environmental and Social Safeguards System.
- ☐ Conducting a willingness to pay/infrastructure revenue survey to ensure that, where possible, infrastructure generates revenue that can be used to re-invest in operation, maintenance and upgrading

In-depth vulnerability assessments and action planning in line with government and commune processes is required to grasp all issues and needs and to increase ownership and institutionalise and sustain the process and identified priority interventions. The vulnerability assessment and adaptation action planning will be guided by the Planning for Climate Change (P4CC) framework, which provides guidance on assessing vulnerability and implementing adaptation options. P4CC's principles are to be strategic;

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<sup>30</sup> Development driven by people/Support Paradigm: when people stays at the center of development planning process, the resource can be optimized with greater utility impacting larger number of people: <http://sopheapfocus.com/wpcontent/uploads/2010/06/Picture-31.png> People's process of development can be witnessed through the evolvement of people's desire to improve their lives. Humans developed their settlement from living in caves, then building shelters, and now home. Along this settlement evolution, they had also established certain norms, standards, and a mutual understanding surrounding their community. That is called the people's process of development.



meaning implementation should make the best use of the resources (financial, human and time) available, values-based; meaning that actions should be based on what matters most to communities, participatory; that the project should engage as many different stakeholders as possible throughout the project cycle, and integrated; meaning it should align with other plans and policies insofar as possible. This is especially important in the Cambodian context, given the need and government preference for alignment with the commune and district investment plans, as opposed to stand-alone climate change plans.

This component has been included in the project because it means the interventions implemented under Component 3 will be based on scientific evidence and rigorous planning. Specifically, UN-Habitat's P4CC approach ensures that activities are feasible, effective and acceptable to communities, and is thus a participatory approach. Moreover, the action planning phase also enhances the ability of UN-Habitat and the executing partner to ensure compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund. Further details of compliance with this are provided in Section K.

Component 2: Capacity built to install, protect, and manage infrastructure and natural assets, while also increasing capacity to plan for replication in other areas;

In line with Adaptation Fund Outcome 3 and ongoing priorities under the NCDD programme (See Section D), this component will strengthen awareness and ownership of the climate change adaptation process in local government (district and commune level) through increased capacity. This will be done by:

- ☐ Developing/refining guidelines on district/commune level Vulnerability Assessment and action planning, including for eco-tourism
- ☐ Developing guidelines for the operation and maintenance of small-scale protective and basic infrastructure and natural assets
- ☐ Community-level training to construct, maintain and operate communityscale infrastructure and natural assets. There will be at least 1 initial training and 2 follow-up trainings in each community, as the project will work with 15 settlements, there will be a total of 45 trainings in total at community level. There will also be at least 2 provincial/district level training in each province.

This component is required to execute eComponent 3 in a way that is efficient and sustainable. Component 2 will begin as the action planning under Component 1, Output 1.3.1 is completed, and thus it the exact nature of infrastructure to be completed in each village is clear and agreed. Capacity building under Component 2 will ensure that communities have the capacity to construct, maintain and operate community-scale infrastructure. It will also codify the knowledge on building and operating community-

scale infrastructure into guidelines, as well as providing training for provincial and district officials on community-scale vulnerability assessment and adaptation action planning. Component 2 therefore creates the knowledge and capacity basis to be able to implement Component 3 in a participatory and sustainable manner.

Component 3: Resilience built through small-scale protective and basic service infrastructure and natural assets:

In line with Adaptation Fund Outcomes 4, 5 and 6, this component will increase resilience through a mix of green and hard measures that will include year-round water supply, flood/coastal flood protection, sanitation, ecosystem based adaptation options including mangroves and commune-level law enforcement of the marine protected area (in Koh Rong) and in line with this, concrete livelihood protection and enhancement strategies, including for eco-tourism. This will be done by:

- ☐ Activities under Component 3 will be identified as a result of activities completed in Component 1. However, based on initial consultations the types of activities to be conducted are as follows:
  - o Constructing new and restoring old drainage infrastructure in highly flood-prone locations (all municipalities/districts)
  - o Improving housing construction and design (all municipalities/districts)
  - o Providing basic services – particularly water supply. This will be done through a mix of covered well systems, rainwater harvesting, capture and storage and improved filtration/hygiene. The exact nature of the intervention will depend on the location (all municipalities/districts)
  - o Improving coastal ecosystems (Kep)
  - o Enhancement of the marine protected area (Koh Rong) o Reducing water pollution of existing water sources (Preah Sihanouk)
- ☐ Conduct Environmental and Social Risk assessments and other safeguarding measures (further outlined in Section K)
- ☐ Procure necessary hardware to implement small-scale infrastructure measures through transparent mechanisms to ensure cost-effectiveness
- ☐ Participatory planning, construction and maintenance of resilient infrastructure

Due to the projected climate change impacts and disasters already occurring in coastal areas, life, health, assets and livelihoods can only be protected through physical interventions (with the support of the soft interventions above). Interventions will be

selected looking at their resilience building impact, cost-effectiveness, risks and sustainability, but will lead to protection against coastal erosion, storms and floods (i.e. mangroves, zoning/protection or other protective infrastructure), reduction of droughts and improvement of health (i.e. water sup and sanitation) and in line with above, increased resilience of livelihoods and eco-tourism.

The project will be both innovative and efficient by using, where possible, the People's Process as a means to implement activities. The People's Process mobilises people in the affected/target areas to take decisions regarding their resilience, play an active role in the implementation of the measures and support them in doing so<sup>31</sup>. By doing this, communities/beneficiaries have greater ownership of the process of building resilience, and implementation costs are reduced.

#### Component 4: Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured

This component will ensure the project implementation is fully transparent, all stakeholders are informed of products and results and have access to these for replication. Moreover, this component will also contain specific activities to further replicate and scale up the knowledge and awareness. This is done through:

- ☐ Lessons learned and best practices are captured and disseminated both with the project area and beyond, including at national level, to enhance replication potential
- ☐ Advocacy platform built at the national level, with other stakeholders working on local level climate change adaptation work, including UNDP and UNCDF
- ☐ Support provided to the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development to prepare a direct access proposal to the Green Climate Fund to continue and upscale adaptation actions in the target area of this project and beyond

The proposed project also plans to contribute for providing lessons learned<sup>32</sup> on the draft of eco-tourism policy through the project implementation. As the concept of eco-tourism<sup>32</sup> includes components to enhance minimize impact and financial benefits for natural resource preservation and local communities, the project intervention able to benefit for

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<sup>31</sup> See this brief example from Myanmar, for example - [http://unhabitat.org.mm/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/UN-Habitat-Myanmar\\_Brochure.pdf](http://unhabitat.org.mm/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/UN-Habitat-Myanmar_Brochure.pdf)

<sup>32</sup> The framework of ecotourism includes the following seven components: (1) involves travel to natural destinations; (2) minimizes impact; (3) builds environmental awareness; (4) provides direct financial benefits for conservation; (5) provides financial benefits and empowerment for local people; (6) respects local culture; and (7) supports human rights a democratic movements (Honey, 2008)

promoting eco-tourism in Cambodia by supporting development of the draft of eco-tourism policy.

### ***B. Economic, social and environmental benefits***

According to the consultations undertaken in the development of this concept note, people face serious economic challenges in terms of accessing water, due to the need to buy water from tankers or in bottles from other areas. The consultation also identified that several climatic impacts and hazards cause water pollution as well as contaminate ground water resources. This means that providing year-round, clean water supplies to the target populations will also bring economic benefits in terms of reducing expenditures on water.

Meanwhile, a lack of protective infrastructure and high exposure to storms and coastal flooding means that people regularly lose assets. Damage to houses is common and during consultations, officials also highlighted frequent damage to adjacent agricultural lands, restricting food supplies, increasing prices and meaning people to either borrow or invest whatever household savings they have in rebuilding houses or making make-shift flood defences.

The project will bring numerous social benefits. Women and youth will be involved specifically in the assessment, planning and implementation of all components. Component 1 will conduct specific, women-only consultations, for example<sup>33</sup>, while activities implemented under Component 3 will specifically include women because communities themselves will be in charge of construction and maintenance.

The project will also bring environmental benefits beyond the adaptation benefits foreseen. Possible waste management actions undertaken under Component 3 will have local environmental benefits as the target areas are polluted with both solid and liquid waste, while this component will also seek to use local materials, where possible.

*Table 6: Economic, Social and Environmental Benefits*

| Type of benefit | Baseline | With/after project |
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<sup>33</sup> Possible reference to the Myanmar VA here, where women-only consultations were undertaken

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| Economic | <p>Tourism, which provides employment to over a quarter of Cambodia's workforce, is threatened by climate change</p> <p>Households face high costs to buy water in bottles or tankers from other areas. Households face damage and financial losses as a result of various climate change related hazards, primarily floods and storms</p> | <p>Areas with significant potential for tourism development will be protected, more resilient and have more robust ecosystems that are necessary to continue to support tourism development and thus greater levels of employment</p> <p>Target areas will have access to year-round, safe water supply, removing the need to buy externally sourced water</p> <p>Flood defences, protection and improved drainage will all contribute to reducing and eliminating loss and damage occurring because of climate change hazards</p> <p>Using the people's process as a means to implement the hard components of the project will directly contribute to higher incomes and have the co-benefit of improving vocational skill levels, which will enable people to earn higher wages.</p> <p>Improved protective infrastructure will have the co-benefit of protecting agricultural areas and other service infrastructure, which will also benefit livelihoods.</p> |
| Social   | <p>Regular floods, storm damage and poor sanitation and water supply as well as water pollution/contamination due to climatic impacts cause, and make worse pre-existing drivers of vulnerability, such as disease, poverty</p>  | <p>"Year-round water supply will improve hygiene and nutrition and have a positive co-benefit on health. As described in the economic benefit section, the actions will have numerous livelihood co-benefits, which will contribute to reducing poverty.</p> <p>Alignment with the commune/district investment plans and increased capacity</p>  |

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|               | <p>and migration</p> <p>Poor quality housing and infrastructure in the target areas further drive vulnerability, and create additional challenges such as a lack of safety, while facilitating the spread of disease.</p> <p>Increasing inequality in Cambodia, including in coastal areas shows that the poorest are not sharing in the proceeds of the country's rapid economic growth</p> <p>The communities do not have adequate capacity benefit from eco-tourism.</p>                                   | <p>for officials at those levels to plan for and manage climate resilient investments will ensure that infrastructure and settlements are more resilient in the long term.</p> <p>The project will use the vulnerability assessment and action planning process conducted in component 1 to ensure that actions target the poorest and most vulnerable, including women, youth and the elderly. While the project does not work in indigenous areas, it will ensure inclusion of minority Muslim communities, a small number of which exist in the area.</p> <p>The communities including the poor and vulnerable areas increase capacities and opportunities to gain income from ecotourism.</p> |
| Environmental | <p>Severe environmental degradation has taken place throughout the coastal area of Cambodia – especially in areas where there has been investment in infrastructure and tourism</p> <p>The <del>often informal</del><u>often-informal</u> nature of the target settlements creates environmental problems, especially in waste management</p> <p>The combined effects of sea-level rise, coastal flooding and on-shore development issues (especially disposal of waste water) is causing coastal erosion</p> | <p>“Investments in Koh Rong will include maintenance of the marine protected area, which provides critical ecosystem services to poor and otherwise vulnerable people on-shore</p> <p>Improvements in waste management (when waste management has adaptation benefits) will occur as a result of the project investments. Otherwise, the capacity building undertaken under component 2 will strengthen commune/district investment planning capacity to ensure that these underlying environmental concerns are addressed</p> <p>Better onshore management of water will contribute to reducing coastal erosion effects</p>  |

### **C. Cost effectiveness**

The proposed project maximises cost effectiveness in a number of ways:

#### **Maximising Hard over soft**

The project will maximise the amount of investment it invests in hard interventions over soft ones. Around 72% of the components' budget will be directed to hard investments. This maximises the direct beneficiaries of the project. Where the project makes investments in soft activities, these will be either a) directly supportive of the hard investments (i.e. training in installation or operation and maintenance), or b) investments to strengthen commune/district level planning – which will help to sustain and replicate the benefits of the project, and make more effective use of national finance in the future. This approach maximises the adaptation benefits per dollar invested; a greater soft component focus would risk not translating into adaptation benefits, while a greater hard focus may risk not building sufficient capacity to sustain or replicate them.

#### **Choosing Cost effective investments**

Under eComponent 1, when the project undertakes action planning, cost effectiveness, adaptation-cost effectiveness, 'time to adaptation benefits' and 'no-regret' will all be factors in prioritising investments. This is standard practice according to UN-Habitat's well-established Planning for Climate Change methodology<sup>34</sup>. This means that cost-effectiveness, adaptation effectiveness and development effectiveness are all part of the action planning process. UN-Habitat also has experience of conducting cost-benefit analysis of specific project options, where their immediate benefit is not clear<sup>35</sup>.

#### **Cost effective implementation**

UN-Habitat will implement the hard components of the project through the People's Process where possible. This implementation approach has been shown to reduce implementation costs by 20-30% over the life of the project by; using community labour instead of external contractors, procuring local materials where they are available.

All investments will be designed to be resilient. UN-Habitat will ensure that it does not select the cheapest options, but the most cost-effective. This means that if resilient infrastructure has a higher investment cost for a demonstrated longer lifespan and/or greater adaptation benefits it will be chosen over options with a lower initial cost.

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<sup>34</sup> See UN-Habitat (2014), Planning for Climate Change: A Strategic, Values-based Approach for Urban Planners, p.109 - <https://unhabitat.org/books/planning-for-climate-change-a-strategic-values-based-approach-for-urbanplanners-cities-and-climate-change-initiative/>

<sup>35</sup> See for example this example for urban ecosystem-based adaptation options conducted in Fiji - [http://www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/projects/voices/pacific\\_islands/detail07\\_en.html](http://www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/projects/voices/pacific_islands/detail07_en.html)

The alternative implementation model to the People's Process is to use external contractors, which, as highlighted above, is more expensive and less likely to foster local ownership.

General hardware/infrastructure investments have been preidentified and need to be further developed during the full project proposal development. They will be technically finalized through community and expert consultations (as a result of the activities under Component 1). Cost-effectiveness will be part of the action planning process (undertaken under output 1.3). Amongst others, in the participatory approach taken to action planning, stakeholders will be asked to rate potential actions according to their cost-effectiveness (besides resilience building benefits and risks). Once actions have been shortlisted, they will be subject to a cost-effectiveness or cost-benefit analysis exercise. Meanwhile, procurement will be conducted according to Ministry of Economy and Finance guidelines to ensure that equipment is procured transparently and at the lowest possible cost (see table in Section E, below). Selecting the actions through a comprehensive vulnerability assessment and action planning process also ensures that investments are the most appropriate, with the greatest adaptation benefits, which also ensures their cost-effectiveness.

#### **Using D&D structure for efficiency**

The project will works closely with the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development – the government body responsible for investment planning at the commune and district level. Working through this body helps to ensure that investments are effectively programmed where they are most needed and do not duplicate infrastructure development through national/on-budget finance.

~~In e~~Consultations with government stakeholders – Ministry of Environment, local officials in both provinces and NCDD itself, show that when local investment projects take this approach, they are most cost effective, better aligned with national priorities and reduce duplication, compared with 'direct execution' type projects that bypass NCDD.

The alternative to this would be to bypass the official government structure for local investment and work either through the Provincial Department of Environment (DoE) or by direct execution. However, local DoEs have minimal experience of management of this level of investment in local investment, and do not have the requisite management procedures in place, while direct execution would not deliver the same level of local ownership, institutional capacity building or replication.

The table blow summarises the types of hard intervention to be implemented by the project, possible alternative actions, and the cost-effectiveness of these. This is a preliminary analysis, that will be re-confirmed should the project pass to full proposal stage.



Table 7 – Brief cost effectiveness analysis of proposed adaptation options

| <u>Proposed Action</u>  | <u>Cost effectiveness criteria</u>                 |                  | <u>Alternative action</u>   | <u>Cost effectiveness criteria</u>                 |                  |
|---|--|------------------|---|--|------------------|
| <u>Constructing new and restoring old drainage infrastructure in highly flood-prone locations</u> | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         | <u>Building seawalls (coastal flooding) and dams/embankments (river flooding)</u> | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         |
|   | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✓</u>         |   | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✗</u>         |
|   | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✓</u>         |   | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✗</u>         |
|   | <u>Cost/Feasibility</u>                            | <u>✓</u>         |   | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✗</u>         |
|   | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>✓</u>         |   | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>More risk</u> |
| <u>Improving housing construction and design</u>  | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         | <u>Relocation</u>   | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         |
|   | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✓</u>         |   | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✗</u>         |
|   | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✓</u>         |   | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✗</u>         |
|   | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✓</u>         |   | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✗</u>         |
|   | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>Less risk</u> |   | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>More risk</u> |
| <u>Providing basic services – particularly water supply. This will be done through</u>            | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         | <u>Extending the water supply network (piped water)</u>                           | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         |
|   | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✓</u>         |   | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✗</u>         |

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| <u>a mix of covered well systems, rainwater harvesting, capture and storage and improved filtration/hygiene.</u> | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✓</u>         |                          | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✓</u>         |
|  | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✓</u>         |                          | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✗</u>         |
|  | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>Less risk</u> |                          | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>More risk</u> |
| <u>Improving coastal ecosystems</u>  | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         | <u>Building seawalls</u> | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         |
|  | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✓</u>         |                          | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✗</u>         |
|  | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✓</u>         |                          | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✗</u>         |
|  |  |                  |                          | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✗</u>         |

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|   | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✓</u>         |                                | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>✓</u>         |
|   | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>Less risk</u> |                                |  |                  |
| <u>Enhancement of the marine protected area</u>           | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         | <u>Alternative livelihoods</u> | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✗</u>         |
|   | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✓</u>         |                                | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✓</u>         |
|   | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✓</u>         |                                | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✓</u>         |
|   | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✓</u>         |                                | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✓</u>         |
|   | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>Less risk</u> |                                | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>Less risk</u> |
|   |  |                  |                                |  |                  |
| <u>Reducing water pollution of existing water sources</u> | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         | <u>Building new reservoirs</u> | <u>Future cost of climate change</u>               | <u>✓</u>         |
|   | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✓</u>         |                                | <u>Project efficiency</u>                          | <u>✗</u>         |
|   | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✓</u>         |                                | <u>Community involvement</u>                       | <u>✓</u>         |
|   | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>~</u>         |                                | <u>Cost/feasibility</u>                            | <u>✗</u>         |
|   |  |                  |                                | <u>Environmental and social</u>                    | <u>More risk</u> |

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|  | <u>Environmental and social safeguarding risks</u> | <u>Less risk</u> | <u>safeguarding risks</u> |  |
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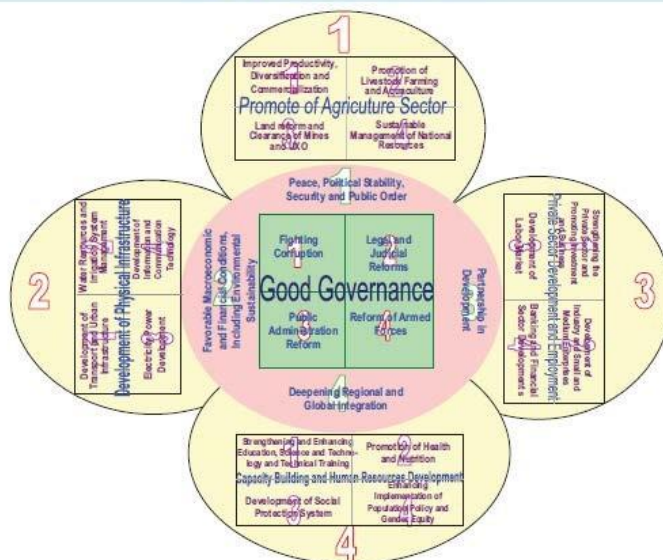
#### ***D. Consistency with national or sub-national strategies***

The project has been designed to align with national and sub-national development policies, strategies and plans on development, climate change and disaster resilience and decentralization reform.

As Goal 13 of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change indicate, global society is committed to adapt to climate change and reduce its impact. Simultaneously, the Royal Government of Cambodia also set several policies and strategies to reduce the impact of climate change by enhancing the adaptive capacity and resilience of climate change, such as the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (CCCSP) (2014-2023), the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), and the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). To align with these global and national climate goals and plans, the proposed project aims to enhance the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable coastal human settlements of Cambodia.

The National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) (2014-2018) is the primary national development strategy. In the NSDP, the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) outlines actions related to the national prioritized policies to implement the Rectangular Strategy Phase III (See Figure 10) This strategy puts good governance as the core, with four other elements, including poverty reduction through economic development (eElement 3) and institutional capacity and governance at both national and sub-national level (eElement 4). Decentralization and deconcentration (D&D) reforms for improving capacity of the subnational levels as well as expanding their mandate is one of key priority actions. The Cambodian government has also set environmental sustainability as one of their prioritized actions. Actions on environmental sustainability include reducing the impact of climate change by enhancing the adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change, particularly through the implementing the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (CCCSP) (2014-2023).

FIGURE 1.1: RECTANGULAR STRATEGY - PHASE III



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**Figure 10 The Rectangular Strategy Phase III**

The CCCSP details Cambodia's strategic response to climate change, and forms the basis of the Nationally Determined Contribution. It will be implemented, in the initial stage, through the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP). The CCCSP's vision is to develop "towards a green, low-carbon, climate-resilient, equitable, sustainable and knowledgebased society". To achieve its vision, Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) sets eight strategic objectives. Among the eight strategic objectives, this project aligns with strategic objectives (SO) 2, 3, 5, and 7. Strategic Objective 2 aims to reduce sectoral, regional, gender vulnerability and health risks to climate change impacts through existing and new vulnerability and risk assessments (strategy a). It also aims to improve coastal zones and protected areas (strategy g). Strategic Objective 3 pursues climate resilience of specific locations including protected areas. Encouraging eco-tourism is highlighted as one of the most cost-effective approaches for addressing climate change (strategy b). Strategic Objective 5 aims to improve capacities, knowledge and awareness on climate change responses through trainings, while Strategic Objective 7 targets strength of "institutions and coordination frameworks for national climate change responses" through mainstreaming climate change into national and sub-national development plans (strategy a).

The CCAP was finalized in 2016 to guide the initial phase of implementation of the CCCSP, with 17 initial actions identified by the Ministry of Environment. Action 2 of the CCAP is to implement national and sectoral climate change vulnerable assessment. Testing specific management options to handle climate change is also included in Action

3. Action 11 aims to promote and improve the adaptive capacity of communities to respond to climate change. Finally, Action 13 is capacity building of national institutions coordinating the implementation of climate change response. These actions (2, 3, 11 and 13) are addressed by this project.

The Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) refers back to the CCCSP as the means of implementation of Cambodia's goals. The NDC identifies that national vulnerability to climate change is caused not only by geography and high reliance on agriculture sector but also by lack of financial, technical, and human capacities. Infrastructure and coastal zones are recognized as one of most vulnerable sectors by climate change. The NDC also raises the profile of increased adaptive capacity to address climate change as a priority<sup>36</sup>.

In addition to its comprehensive development and climate change policy framework, the Cambodian government has placed significant emphasis on decentralization and deconcentration (D&D) reform, which promotes transformation of responsibilities and functions of government from national level to sub-national level. In Cambodia's NSDP, the government aims at the "[p]rovision of power and duties to manage and perform all respective functions in line with the principles of local autonomy and local accountability to the maximum level". The Law on Administrative Management of the Capital, Provinces, Municipalities, Districts and Khans, also known as the Organic Law, specifies implementation structure and function of the National Committee for Democratic Development at SubNational Level (NCDD). The NCDD reviews existing responsibilities and functions of ministries and other bodies and identifies functions to be transferred to sub-national level including financial resource and capacity building for management in accordance with the Organic Law. By working with NCDD to channel local investments, the project is aligning with and strengthening the decentralization process and the main body, the NCDD, that manages this.

In terms of plans at the sub-national level, 6 cities, including Kep and Sihanoukville, are starting to work with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) to develop green city strategic plans, under the framework of the emerging national strategic plan for green secondary cities. The project will partner with GGGI to ensure the alignment of this initiative with the proposed project.

Table [87](#) summarises how the project aligns with policies, strategies and plans of the Cambodian government. The main objective of the project is to enhance the climate and disaster resilience of the most vulnerable coastal human settlements on the coast of Cambodia through greater coverage of protective and basic service infrastructure. To achieve its main objective, the project consists of four components; Component 1 is

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<sup>36</sup> Cambodia's INDC to the UNFCCC, p.4

comprehensive vulnerability/baseline assessment and action plans completed in the target communes/districts as prioritized in **CCCSP** and action 2 of **CCAP**. Component 2 is Capacity built to install, protect, and manage infrastructure, while also increasing capacity to plan for replication in other areas, in line with the CCCSP, NSDP, the Organic Law and the IP3-II. The project also supports the national deconcentration and decentralisation in the implementation process because it enhances capacity of sub-national levels for their independent climate change adaptation strategies in the future. Component 3 is resilience built through small-scale protective and basic service infrastructure and ecosystems, which aligns with the priorities of the CCAP and NDC. Component 4, Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured aligns with CCCSP and the NSDP in their aims to increase capacity.

Table 5: Analysis of national socio-economic, climate and disaster resilience priorities. The table shows overlap measures among national plans and strategies. Although not limit its activities, this project mainly focus on what the RGC set as their priority measures.

Table 78: project alignment with government priorities

| Measure  | NSDP (2014-2018) | CCCSP (2014-2023) | INDC | CCAP | The Organic Law | IP3-II (2015-2017) | The national strategic plan for green secondary cities |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------|------|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Implement threat/ risk assessment   |                  | X                 |      | X    |                 |                    | X  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop action plans for enhancing the climate and disaster resilience                              |                  | X                 |      | X    |                 |                    | X  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance capacity of sub-national level on climate change adaptation, and ecosystem resilience       | X                |                   | X    |      | X               | X                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study, design and build small-scale protective and basic service infrastructure (water supply etc.) | X                |                   | X    | X    |                 |                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promote deconcentration and decentralization  | X                |                   |      |      | X               | X                  |  |

#### **E. Compliance with relevant national technical standards and the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund**

Table 89 – Compliance with National Technical Standards

| Selected concrete output/intervention | Relevant rules, regulations, standards and procedures | Compliance, procedure and authorizing offices |
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| 1.1. | Conducting climate change vulnerability in the 5 target districts   | UN-Habitat Planning for Climate Change and Practitioner's Handbook on implementing the Vulnerability Reduction Assessment (UNDP)   | The project will maximize use of existing VA tools/guidelines to minimize tool fatigue and to build on experiences in-country, where possible  |
| 1.2. | Producing action plans that identify and prioritise resilience investments                                | UN-Habitat Planning for Climate Change and Practitioner's Handbook on implementing the Vulnerability Reduction Assessment (UNDP)   | As above   |
| 1.3. | Integrate the findings of the assessments and action plans with the commune investment plans              | <p>Guidelines for Integrating Climate Change into Commune Development Planning (MoE/CCCA)</p> <p>Effective Mechanisms for Climate Change Mainstreaming in sub-national planning (MoE/CCCA)</p> <p>Green City Planning Methodology (MoE/GGGI)</p> <p>Guidelines for Commune Development Plans and Investment Plans (NCDD)</p> | Extensive coordination between UN-Habitat, MoE, NCDD and relevant department and commune officials will take place to ensure that climate action plans are integrated into CIPs. NCDD will play as authorization office, while MoE will provide a capacity building on integration of climate change to commune investment plans through commune planning committees |
| 2.1. | Developing/refining guidelines on district/commune level Vulnerability Assessment and action planning     | x  | MoE will take a lead to developing/refining the guidelines and then train to NCDD Officials to take action at district/commune level through planning committees.  |
| 2.2. | Developing guidelines for the operation and maintenance of smallscale protective and basic infrastructure | Guidelines on provincial/district/commune project operations   | NCDD will provide the specific guideline to target authorities for operation and maintenance based on existing guidelines and then train commune planning and investment committee. MoE  |



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|  |   | will provide technical assistance and monitoring.   |
| 2.3. Community-level training to construct, maintain and operate community-scale infrastructure                        | Commune planning and investment project guidelines for infrastructure projects  | NCDD will train Commune planning and investment committees for project implementation, monitoring and also to ensure people's participation in maintaining the basic infrastructure.  |
| 3.1. Activities under component 3 will be identified as a result of activities completed in Components 1 and 2         | Not relevant  |   |
| 3.2. Conduct Environmental and Social Risk assessments and other safeguarding measures (further outlined in Section K) | Sub-decree #72 on Environmental Impact Assessment Process   | NCDD will work closely with MoE to ensure the environmental impact assessment undertaken with fully participation from local authorities based on sub-decree. NCDD will be responsible for conducting the assessment, while MoE will be responsible for TA. |
| 3.3. Procure necessary hardware to implement small-scale infrastructure measures                                       | <del>Procurement Manual for Externally Financed Projects/Programs in Cambodia (MoEF— established under sub-decree)</del><br><br><u>Procurement Manual for Externally Financed Projects/Programs in Cambodia (MoEF – established under sub-decree)</u> | CDD will supervise to target commune planning and investment committees to ensure the implementation of infrastructure projects successfully  |

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| 3.4. Participatory planning, construction and maintenance of resilient infrastructure | The compliance depends on the exact nature of the infrastructure to be constructed, however, relevant standards could include: EIA, Procurement process, local planning process and operation and maintenance procedure. | NCDD will play as the authorization office to facilitate the project committees at the target areas to ensure the full participation for planning, construction and maintenance of resilient infrastructure project. |
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|  | Technical Guidelines for Commune/Sangkat (2009). Fund's projects which consist of 3 parts (Part 1: Assessment and designs; Part 2: Technical designed standard, construction, equipment /materials and works; Part 3: Monitoring and Evaluation) (2009) | NCDD will ensure the technical guidelines will apply for all infrastructure projects at the Commune/Sangkat targets in cooperation with technical departments. |
| 4.1. Lessons learned and best practices are captured and disseminated both with the project area and beyond, including at national level, to enhance replication potential | Not relevant  |  |
| 4.2. Advocacy platform built at the national level, with other stakeholders working on local level climate change adaptation work, including UNDP and UNCDF                | Not relevant  |  |
| 4.3. Support provided to the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development to prepare a direct access proposal to the Green Climate Fund                      | Not relevant  |  |

Ensuring effective and successful compliance with National Technical Standards is a vital component of ensuring effective implementation of environmental and social safeguard measures. In some cases, as demonstrated in Table 9, national technical standards are a legal requirement. For example, under Output 3.2, compliance with Sub-decree #72 on Environmental Impact Assessment Process is a legal requirement, and therefore complying with the requirements of this Sub-decree is also essential for Environmental

and Social Policy Principle #1: Compliance with the Law<sup>37</sup>. However, national technical standards do not give the project all the tools to comply with the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy, or UN-Habitat's Environmental and Social Safeguard system. As such, additional safeguarding measures are outlined in Section K, below. These safeguarding measures, outlined in Section K, will complement the national technical standards, where they exist, and augment them where they do not.

#### ***F. Duplication with other funding sources***

The sites selected for this project were chosen because of their high vulnerability and inability to adapt to climate change, as well as because the Royal Government of Cambodia has identified the coastal zone as a priority area. However, the target sites are also characterised by minimal other work by development partners in climate change (other donor initiatives were discussed during national and local consultations and are summarised in Section H).

Nevertheless, ~~relevant~~ projects have been identified through the consultation mission and through institutional knowledge of UN-Habitat, thanks to its long history of operations in Cambodia. Table 109 below summarises other relevant projects that are either ongoing, recently completed, or about to start in Cambodia. Historical projects are not included.

Table 109 – Other relevant projects

| Relevant projects/programme  | Lessons learned and   | Complimentary potential  | Project Timeline and budget |
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| Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Programme for Climate Change in the Coastal Zone of Cambodia Considering Livelihood Improvement and Ecosystems, Implemented by UNEP, executed by Ministry of Environment, funded by LDCF | There is a feeling from a number of stakeholders that this VA is insufficient for planning of local investments for adaptation. | The current project will utilise the findings of the vulnerability assessment carried out by the UNEP project in Prey Nop district (this is the only overlapping target district). | \$1.6 million, 20122015     |

<sup>37</sup> Adaptation Fund (2016) Guidance Document for Implementing Entities on Compliance with the Adaptation Fund Environmental and Social Policy

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| Building climate resilience of urban systems through Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) in the Asia-Pacific region, implemented by UNEP, executed by Ministry of Environment, funded by LDCF | The UNEP EbA project has not yet started, and will likely begin implementation by end of 2017 or early 2018. It is proposed to keep a 'green/brown complementarity' between these two projects. | UN-Habitat is an implementing partner on the UNEP project, which enables it to ensure complementarity potential | To begin end of 2017. \$1.5 million (Cambodia component) |
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| "Strengthening Climate Information and Early Warning Systems to Support Climate-Resilient Development in Cambodia", implemented by UNDP, executed by Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, funded by GEF-LDCF                                    | The UNDP project does not work in the same target areas as this project. The UN-Habitat concept note formulation mission met UNDP to discuss this project (section H). | The projects will share an implementation modality (through NCDD)   | \$4.9 million, 2014-2017 |
| Reducing the Vulnerability of Cambodian Rural Livelihoods through Enhanced sub-national Climate Change Planning and Execution of Priority Actions, implemented by UNDP, executed by Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Planning, funded by GEFLDC. | As above   | As above  | \$4.5 million, 2017-2019 |
| Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR), Implemented and funded by ADB, executed by Ministries of Environment, Rural Development and Planning.  | The implementation/infrastructure component of PPCR doesn't overlap target areas with the proposed project.  | UN-Habitat is a partner in a small component of PPCR, so is well placed to coordinate lessons learned at the national level | \$85 million, 2009-2019  |

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| <p>Cambodia Climate Change Alliance, implemented by UNDP, executed by Ministry of Environment and funded by the EU, SIDA and DANIDA</p> <p>Green Secondary City Planning, implemented by GGGI</p>   | <p>The UN-Habitat concept note formulation mission met with the CCCA programme and agreed full information sharing (see Section H).</p> <p>This project will be implemented in Kep and Sihanoukville. GGGI will be a nonresource partner in this project, and will also take a position on the board, to ensure coordination.</p>                  | <p>The proposed project will invite a representative of the CCCA programme to be on the management board, as CCCA is meant to be a coordinating programme for all climate change related projects in Cambodia</p> <p>The actions taken in this project will be shared with GGGI, who will incorporate their lessons learned in the overall city plans for Kep and Sihanoukville.</p> | <p>\$8.9 million, 2010-2017</p> <p>Unknown, 2015-2019</p> |
| <p><u>Fishery Conservation and Mangrove Protection in Preah Sihanouk and Kep Provinces, implemented by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)</u></p>  | <p><u>IUCN is currently working with MoE to establish a protected karst landscape in Kampot Province and its first marine protected area around the Koh Rong Archipelago.</u></p>  | <p><u>IUCN partners with the Ministry of Environment in May 2017, through a memorandum of understanding, providing complementarity potential.</u></p>  | <p><u>2016 to Ongoing??</u></p>                           |
| <p><u>Partnerships for Environmental Management in the Seas of Southeast Asia, an intergovernmental organization operating in East Asia to foster and sustain healthy and resilient oceans, coasts, communities and economies across the region</u></p> | <p><u>The activities have focused on a different area of Preah Sihanouk city than this project, as well as water use and supply management in Stung Hav District, which neighbours the target district of this project. PEMSEA has also established protection and management of 1,060ha of mangrove areas, including in Prey Nop District</u></p> | <p><u>UN-Habitat has worked with PEMSEA previously, including during the Sihanoukville climate change vulnerability assessment work undertaken in 2011, and has good relationships with the organisation and its work</u></p>  | <p><u>2006 to ongoing</u></p>                             |

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| <u>Mangrove planting in Fishery Communities – implemented by the Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT)</u>   | <u>FACT is implementing smallscale mangrove works in Prey Nop district.</u>   | <u>The work is small scale and limited to mangrove, however, FACT has lengthy experience which the project can draw upon</u> | <u>2016 to Ongoing??</u> |
| <u>Marine Protected Area related activities on Koh Rong island (Implemented by a coalition of NGOs, including Fauna and Flora International, CARE, SONGSA Foundation and IUCN</u> | <u>The Marine Protected Area was established by Government Declaration No. 364 dated 16 June 2016.??</u>  | <u>These NGOs are important stakeholders who should be consulted further during the full proposal stage</u>                  | <u>2016 to Ongoing??</u> |
| <u>Small scale NGO Actions in the Tumnup Rolok area</u>   | <u>Three small NGOs Peur un Sourire d'Enfant (PSE), Operation Enfant du Cambodia (OEC) and M'lob Tapang have small scale education programmes in the area</u> | <u>These projects are small scale and primarily relate to education, thus no direct linkage exists</u>                       | <u>Ongoing</u>           |

### ***G. Learning and knowledge management***

Component 4 of the proposed project addresses knowledge management and sustainability. This will capture the practical experiences of the field and feed into the policy decision-making besides sharing the project achievements to a wider external audience.

The participatory approach to implementation will promote building knowledge at the local level, including on planning (at local government level) and on technical/vocational skills for constructing and maintaining small-scale resilient infrastructure (both at local government and community level). There will be direct and ongoing sharing of lessons from the project implementation sites, while the project will also use a participatory monitoring process, which will enable the beneficiary communities under Component 3 to work directly with the project's monitoring and evaluation officer, to highlight issues in delivery and to strengthen adaptation benefits, including in replication and sustaining the project's gains. As the Cambodian government wishes to promote eco-tourism, by the end of the project, a case-study compilation will be developed including lessons learned, best practices and a suggested model to scale up the promotion of eco-tourism at community level to other areas, for dissemination through the Ministry of Tourism, MoE, NCDD and other stakeholders as well online.

At the national level, other vulnerable districts and communes will be able to derive lessons learned from the project. Information will be consolidated in reports and the tools and guidelines will be for developing resilient infrastructure. By partnering with NCDD, and executing through MoE and NCSD (an inter-ministerial coordinating body), a linkage will be created with other, relevant government ministries, such as the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, and the Ministry of Rural Development, which will facilitate wider dissemination. As part of the sustainability/exit strategy, the project will develop participatory monitoring processes, which will trigger institutional learning processes, participation, knowledge exchange and replication and scale-up of good practices.

UN-Habitat is plugged into a number of international dissemination mechanisms. The Knowledge Centre on Cities and Climate Change (in short: K4C) provides a knowledge management platform for Climate Change and Human Settlements interventions. It is proposed to use this platform (as well as UN-Habitat websites) to disseminate the lessons learned from this project. UN-Habitat will also work to integrate knowledge generated from the project with the knowledge management component of the CCCA programme, and through the 'camclimate' website<sup>38</sup>.

To ensure lessons and experiences of the project can reach target audiences at the local, national and international levels, a communication plan will be established in the inception phase of the project. This will create a larger vision of which stakeholders the project will reach and how and through which channel(s) to reach them. For example, local people can be effectively reached through leaflets and local radio, which is popular in Cambodia, while social media can reach more broadly -citizens all over Cambodia, in addition to printed media (articles in national and local newspapers), non-printed medias (television, national radio). The use of social media would be particularly relevant to reach the youth population (aged 15-24), which represents 20.6% of the total population of Cambodia<sup>39</sup>. Component 4 of the proposed project addresses knowledge management and sustainability. This will capture the practical experiences of the field and feed into the policy decision-making besides sharing the project achievements to a wider external audience.

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<sup>38</sup> <http://www.camclimate.org.kh>

<sup>39</sup> [http://cambodia.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/Flyer\\_Cambodia\\_Youth\\_Factsheet\\_final\\_draft\\_%28approved%29.pdf](http://cambodia.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/Flyer_Cambodia_Youth_Factsheet_final_draft_%28approved%29.pdf)



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Eco-tourism is part of this project intervention. Thus, by the end of the project, document should be developed including the lesson learnt, good experience and suggested a model in order to scaling up the promotion of eco-tourism at community level to other areas by disseminating through Ministry of Tourism, MoE, NCDD and other stakeholders as well as posting on appropriate website and other media.

## **H. Consultative process**

In development of this project, UN-Habitat undertook a joint mission by the country office and a representative of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific to consult national and local stakeholders between 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2017. Table 1<sup>10</sup> provides an overview of stakeholders consulted and the outcomes of these consultations. An additional consultation mission to discuss possible actions and to identify the target number of beneficiaries took place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2017. Findings from these community-level consultations are detailed further in Annex 1.

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<sup>40</sup> <http://www.camclimate.org.kh>

The meetings at the national level focused primarily on alignment with national priorities (as identified in Section D), coordination (and avoiding duplication) with other development partner initiatives (outlined in Section F), the implementation modality (which will be discussed further in the full proposal, but is outlined briefly below) and the target districts and communes. There was also discussion of the climate hazards and underlying vulnerabilities, and the types of vulnerabilities the project should address.

At the local level in both provinces, discussions with local officials went into greater detail on the priority areas, the development challenges/underlying vulnerabilities they face and the climate hazards. The local level meetings also discussed various adaptation options and investments that are required in the target areas.

The consultation mission also met with other key actors in climate change adaptation and mitigation, including UNDP, the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and UNEP (in Bangkok).

Between 3 and 7 July 2017, community consultations took place. The objective was to understand the local climate change impacts/effects per community, (the lack of) community coping mechanism/barriers to building resilience, specific resilience building needs and interest and concerns regarding the proposed project in general. The results are displayed in annex 1 and briefly discussed in the background and context section. For the full project document the in depth consultation with communities will take place where we'll discuss and select possible activities and hard interventions with communities by considering:

- ☐ Alternative options for increasing resilience
- ☐ Costs (also for maintenance), also looking at alternative options
- ☐ Potential environmental and social risks and impacts of intervention (identified by through initial screening)

Table 1<sup>19</sup> – Stakeholder Consultations Held

| Stakeholder, role/function   | incl. | Consultation objective   | Outcome  | Conclusion  |
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| Ministry of Environment/National Council for Sustainable Development |       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-confirm focal point willingness</li> <li>Establish pre-</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoE/NCSD has agreed to support the project formulation</li> </ul> | MoE/NCSD as the designated authority will approve the project |

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| (NCSD)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ferred target areas</li> <li>Ensure coordination with other, ongoing adaptation activities and policy alignment</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The target areas named in this concept note were agreed Information was exchanged on existing and planned initiatives in the target area, as highlighted in Section F</li> </ul>   |  |
| National Committee for sub-national Democratic Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish NCDD interest in being an executing partner agency</li> <li>Agree in principle the modality for channelling funds to the local level</li> <li>Gain</li> <li>understanding on integrating climate change adaptation into commune and district level plans</li> <li>Understanding existing technical standard, rules, and regulations</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCDD agrees to be an executing partner</li> <li>Funding for local investments would be channelled through the NCDD mechanism</li> <li>The project contains provisions to mainstream climate change into commune/district planning The project follows</li> <li>NCDD's Technical Guidelines for Commune/Sangkat (2009)</li> </ul> | NCDD will also provide written agreement to be an executing partner              |
| Local officials in Preah Sihanouk Province                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree target sites</li> <li>Understand climate change vulnerability and highlight possible adaptation investments</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target sites agreed</li> <li>A clear picture of vulnerability and possible actions established</li> </ul>  | The long-list of target communities is listed in Part I – summary of the project |

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| Communities in Preah Sihanouk Province | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand the local climate change impacts/ effects per community and (the</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insufficient data and relevant documents were collected</li> </ul> | The collected data of target communities is listed in Annex 1 – summary of the community consultation |
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|                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lack of) community coping mechanisms/barriers to building resilience</li> <li>Understand specific resilience building needs and interest as well as concerns</li> <li>Understand trend and impacts of tourism on the communities</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Local officials in Kep Province | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree target sites</li> <li>Discuss climate change vulnerability and highlight possible adaptation investments</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target sites agreed</li> <li>A clear picture of vulnerability and possible actions established</li> </ul> | The long-list of target communities is listed in Part I – summary of the project |

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| Communities in Kep Province | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the local climate change impacts/ effects per community and (the lack of) community coping mechanisms/barriers to building resilience</li> <li>• Understand specific resilience building needs and interest as well as concerns</li> <li>• Understand trend and impacts of tourism on the communities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient data and relevant documents were collected</li> </ul>  | The collected data of target communities is listed in Annex 1 – summary of the community consultation |
| UNDP                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain experience from UNDP on the implementing modality for multilateral climate finance projects</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement that national execution with funds for local investment channelled through NCDD</li> <li>• Confirmation that</li> </ul> | No formal further action, but ongoing dialogue to continue  |
|                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve alignment with the Cambodia Climate Change Alliance, and other climate change projects</li> </ul>   | UNDP has no ongoing activities in the target area, and that the proposed project complements ongoing UNDP initiatives  |   |
| UNCDF                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure alignment with support provided to NCDD and commune/district planning</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement that the commune/ district planning component does not duplicate</li> </ul>   | No formal further action, but ongoing dialogue to continue  |

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| GGGI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase alignment with GGGI/MoE's green secondary cities planning work, which will take place in Sihanoukville and Kep</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement that GGGI will be a partner, and that there will be information flow to ensure that investments made under this project will be part of the planning work undertaken by GGGI</li> </ul>   | GGGI will be a nonfinancial partner in the project (i.e. no funding from this project) |
| UNEP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure synchronicity with the UNEP coastal adaptation project, which also worked in Prey Nop, and the forthcoming urban Ecosystem Based Adaptation project, which will also work in Kep</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UNEP project has been concluded. All relevant reports regarding this project have been passed to UN-Habitat (and MoE/NCSD).</li> <li>• The urban EbA project is yet to start. The proposed project will only work on small-scale infrastructure in Kep</li> </ul> | No formal further action, but ongoing dialogue to continue                             |

In Cambodia, UN-Habitat has been implementing projects in supporting and strengthening policy interventions, institutional capacity building and community empowering related to water and sanitation, climate change adaptation, disaster risk management, gender mainstreaming and youth development, housing and urban planning both national and subnational level. For tackling poverty and climate change through enhancing climate and disaster resilience in the country, the UN-Habitat mission visited several stakeholders between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of May and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 in order to gather to the requisite information for a concept note.

The following paragraphs summarise key meetings undertaken by the consultation mission undertaken by UN-Habitat.

Ministry of Environment (MoE) hosted a meeting with UN-Habitat to discuss areas, adequate small-scale infrastructure, the overall policy situation and implementation modality. MoE recommended Prey Nop and Koh Rong in Preah Sihanouk province and both the municipality and district in Kep province. There was also extensive discussion of the Tumnup Rolok area of Sangkat 1 of Sihanoukville City which is also a high priority because it is exposed to climate hazards with few basic services. Possible actions were discussed, although final decisions on actions should be made after assessment the target areas. The discussions reconfirmed that MoE would be the main executing partner, but that NCDD would be the modality to channel funds for local investments.

The meeting with the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) clarified that the NCDD is the key organization for fund-flow mechanisms and investment in Cambodia. UNCDF advised that MoE should execute policy and capacity building components, and does not have a comparable mechanism to channel funds for local investment. This means that MoE is likely to be the executing agency for Components 1, 2 and 4 of the project, while NCDD is the executing agency for Component 3. However, this should be re-confirmed during the full proposal stage of the project.

Climate change resilience and environment is the largest portfolio of UNDP in Cambodia. UNDP also recommended that the project should have a strong linkage with the NCDD. The meeting also discussed the technicalities of capacity building at the local level, with UNDP recommending that local officials take a place on the project board.

NCDD agreed with selection of Prey Nop because the area still suffers from ocean and river flooding. NCDD highlighted the use of vulnerability maps, developed in conjunction with MoE and Ministry of Planning and passed this information on to the UN-Habitat team. NCDD reconfirmed their ability and willingness to manage funding flow for local investments, and recommended this is done in line with NCDD procedures. NCDD recommended that continued communication take place to ensure alignment with the broader district and commune planning processes. NCDD also confirmed that they are applying to be a GCF direct access entity.

The mission met with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), which is implementing activities under the framework of the Green Urban Development Programme. This programme produced the green city strategic plan, which is now officially adopted and has been incorporated into the environmental law and code. GGGI is also developing a national strategic plan for green secondary cities, and develop green strategic plans for 6 cities, likely including Kep and Sihanoukville. GGGI is also developing an overall framework at the national level and planning at the city level. These combined works provide scope for alignment with the proposed project.

UN-Habitat met with officials from Preah Sihanouk province, including representatives from the Department of Environment, the Fisheries Administration, NCDD and the Provincial Hall Administrative Department. The meeting confirmed that Koh Rong and Prey Nop have a need for the project, especially on water supply in the dry season, as these areas cannot rely on ground water because it is salty and of poor quality, with local people having to buy water from tankers or in bottles instead (which is very expensive). The Prey Sway commune on Koh Rong was identified as particularly vulnerable in this regard. The participants all agreed that investments in water supply would be an effective adaptation option. There is only very limited donor footprint in these areas, with no donors investing in water supply, or protective infrastructure. The participants agreed with the proposed mechanism of project implementation, which partners with MoE for national policy development and trainings while partnering with NCDD for fund-flow of investment. This mechanism is also identified to match with the national strategic plan and the IP3.

The meeting with provincial officials in Kep included representation from the Department of Environment, Department of Tourism, Fisheries Administration, Department of Water Resources and Meteorology, Department of Public Works and Transport, NCDD and the Department of Administration under Provincial Hall. Like in Preah Sihanoukville, people also face significant issues with water supply and water shortages because there is no piped water system in the city, especially along the coast, where there is no ground water available. Despite receiving ample rainfall, rainwater harvesting is very limited in Kep as effective water storage tanks are expensive beyond the means of most households – especially the poorest. Additional issues faced by the poorest include a lack of waste management and sanitation facilities, poor house construction and tenure insecurity. This means that in Kep, interventions under Component 3 should likely focus on water supply, and could include rainwater harvesting, extending water supplied by wells, and water management. These activities would be confirmed by the assessment and action plans that would take place in Component 1.

UN-Habitat implemented community consultation in the communities of Preah Sihanouk and Kep Province. Based on the guide on community-level vulnerability assessments and action planning, requisite data including community profiles and tourism were collected through interviews and relevant documents. All of collected data were summarized in [aAnnex 1](#).

## ***I. Justification***

The proposed project components, outcomes and outputs fully align with national and local government/institutional priorities/gaps identified, with identified community and vulnerable groups needs and with four of the Adaptation Fund's seven outcomes as stated in the Adaptation Fund results framework. This alignment has resulted in the



design of a comprehensive approach in which the different components strengthen each other and in which outputs and activities are expected to fill identified gaps of Cambodia's climate change response. The project aims to maximizing the funding amount for the local investment component (Component 3); funding allocation to the other (softer) components is required for complementarity/support for Component 3 and sustainability and quality assurance of the project. The table below provides a justification for funding requested, focusing on the full cost of adaptation reasoning, by showing the impact of AF funding compared to no funding (baseline) related to expected project outcomes.

Table 124 – Project Justification

| Outcomes/planned activities   | Baseline (without AF)   | Additional (with AF)   | Comment and alternative adaptation scenarios  |
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| Outcome 1.1.<br>Increased awareness on assessing systems, including infrastructure, and planning for adaptation | Local authorities have limited understanding of the impacts of climate change or ability to plan responses to it  | Local government is aware of climate change and its impact, and understands the process of assessing                                       | Without increased awareness local officials/planners will not be able to make effective decisions regarding adaptation in the future        |
| Outcome 1.2.<br><br>Evidence basis generated for reducing vulnerability at the commune and provincial level.    | At present, little or no evidence of the impacts of climate change exists in any of the target communes <sup>41</sup> , and where there is, there is little ability to use this information effectively | Evidence generated on climate change and effective adaptation actions that enables local decision makers to plan for and implement actions | Without and evidence basis for adaptation, actions implemented (if implemented at all) would be hap-hazard and not necessarily wellplanned. |

<sup>41</sup> Except in Prey Nop district, which was assessed by UNEP

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| <p>Outcome 1.3.</p> <p>Adaptation actions identified by commune and provincial authorities, which are aligned with local development planning under the D&amp;D process. These will emphasise infrastructure, water and livelihoods.</p> | <p>No evidence based adaptation options exist at present in the target areas, and as such there is no alignment with local planning through the D&amp;D process</p> | <p>Adaptation options generated that are actionable and incorporated into local planning systems, <u>with enhanced understanding of generating local revenue from infrastructure</u></p>                                  | <p>This outcome follows on from outcomes 1.1 and 1.2 – without this process there would either not be adaptation actions identified, or those identified would not be evidence based, and would be less likely to effectively target the poorest and most vulnerable.</p> |
| <p>Outcome 2.1</p> <p>Community, commune and provincial level capacity to plan, construct</p>  | <p>Capacity building is still in an early stage at present, and while NCDD has a structure in place to support, additional capacity</p>                             | <p>Capacity is enhanced, enabling the implementation of adaptation actions identified as a result of work undertaken in Component 1.</p>  | <p>Capacity building, though ongoing under the support of NCDD, is a slow process that will take a long time. This project will enable and speed up capacity building in the target communes and</p>  |
| <p>and maintain resilient water and protective infrastructure enhanced.</p>  | <p>is required to plan for the impacts of climate change</p>  | <p><u>16,917 community members – 20% of the total beneficiaries have been trained on planning, operation and maintenance. 200 government officials from the provincial and district levels have also been trained</u></p> | <p>districts</p>  |

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| Outcome 3.1.<br><br>84,586 people who live with unsafe water have access to improved water, or protective infrastructure, and improved livelihood options. | People do not have basic service infrastructure or sanitation, and most people in the target areas are exposed to floods, storms, strong wave, sealevel rise or drought (or a combination of these) | People in the target communities have increased their resilience to climate change and underlying vulnerability has been reduced through basic service infrastructure | Without undertaking actions through the People's process, adaptation actions would not be participatory or generate the levels of local ownership achieved by this project |
| Component 4<br>Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured   | Knowledge dissemination more broadly is still in the early stages, and there are no mechanisms for further/follow-up financing  | Knowledge will increase and the likelihood of follow up finance for additional investment will be increased   | Without these interventions, the chances of wider knowledge generation and follow-up financing would be severely limited   |

## ***J. Sustainability***

### **Institutional**

The project aligns with the Cambodian government's planning and implementation mechanism and strengthens it. This is because the local investments will be channelled through the NCDD, which is also responsible for planning (including investment planning) at the commune and district level. As a result of the project, the target communes and districts will be better able to plan for small-scale resilient investments, while the NCDD will be enabled to replicate the knowledge gained from the project to other areas of the country (as NCDD has a national mandate).

### **Social**

By implementing the project through the People's Process methodology, whereby people take ownership for the design and construction of the infrastructure that they will ultimately be beneficiaries of, there will be greater social sustainability because people will take ownership of their adaptation infrastructure. In implementing the projects, communities will gain greater awareness of climate change and adaptation, and vocational skills to build and maintain infrastructure.

### **Economic**

Adaptation is a highly important economic activity in the target areas. In most of the target settlements, people rely on tanker-supplied or bottled water, which is expensive. This

project will enable people to access water in a sustainable manner at much lower cost. This frees-up household income for other purposes. The project also makes an important contribution to economic sustainability because it works in areas important for tourism and eco-tourism, which is an important contributor to Cambodia's economy, especially in coastal regions.

### **Financial**

By securing institutional sustainability through NCDD (as described above) there is a greater chance of securing financial sustainability. There are ~~three~~<sup>two</sup> main ways this can occur. Firstly, NCDD is responsible for supporting communes and districts undertake planning (including investment planning). This means that the project design supports mobilisation of national finance – which is critical to national ownership of adaptation actions; enabling provinces and districts (and municipalities to plan for operation, maintenance and replication). Secondly, the project will conduct a detailed study in its inception phase on willingness to pay for small scale infrastructure. Because the exact nature of the infrastructure to be constructed will be determined in the project's inception phase, under Component 1, it is not possible to determine the exact nature of financial sustainability at community scale. However, if the project were to construct water infrastructure, for example, a small tariff could be levied on users, which would be managed by communities themselves, with the proceeds contributing to maintenance and upgrading. Once action plans have been conducted under Component 1, a study will be conducted to review local financial sustainability models, which will then be implemented, with the agreement of beneficiaries, when the infrastructure is completed. Finally~~Secondly~~, NCDD is applying to become a GCF direct access entity, which will unlock significant funding opportunities for communes and districts throughout the country, including the ones targeted in this project. To that end, budgetary provision has been made in this project to support a proposal to GCF to mobilise further funding to finance additional actions/upscaling of the actions proposed in this project.

### **Environmental**

The project will make use of local materials, where possible. Part of the project will be implemented in a marine protected area (Koh Rong) and as such, activities undertaken in this area will make special consideration of the delicate environment. The rest of the project is also implemented in the coast; a sensitive environmental location. The project will also make provisions for the protection of the environment through its safeguarding procedures. As shown in Section K, below, the project will ensure the protection of natural habitats, conservation of biological diversity, prevention of emissions that cause climate change, and prevent pollution and promote resource efficiency.

### ***K. Environmental and social impacts and risks***

Table 132: overview of the environmental and social impacts and risks identified as being relevant to the project.

| Checklist of environmental and social principles | No further assessment required for compliance | Potential impacts and risks – further assessment and management required for compliance |
|--|---|---|
| Compliance with the Law                          | X   | X   |
| Access and Equity                                |   | X   |
| Marginalized and Vulnerable Groups               |   | X   |
| Human Rights                                     |   | X   |
| Gender Equity and Women's Empowerment            |   | X   |
| Core Labour Rights                               |   | X   |
| Indigenous Peoples                               | X   | X   |
| Involuntary Resettlement                         |   | X   |
| Protection of Natural Habitats                   |   | X   |
| Conservation of Biological Diversity             |   | X   |
| Climate Change                                   | X   |   |
| Pollution Prevention and Resource Efficiency     |   | X   |
| Public Health                                    |   | X   |
| Physical and Cultural Heritage                   | X   |   |
| Lands and Soil Conservation                      |   | X   |

As shown in Table 132 the project seeks full alignment with Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), and will also be screened according to UN-Habitat's new Environmental and Social Safeguards policy. This section briefly describes the initial analysis of environmental and social impacts of the project based on the ESP.

Components 1 (Institutional level strengthening to reduce vulnerability in human settlements), Component 2 (Building capacity at the community, commune and provincial level) and Component 4 (Knowledge and awareness enhanced and sustainability ensured) consist of soft activities. The Adaptation Fund's ESP says "Those projects/programmes with no adverse environmental or social impacts should be categorized as Category C47. All activities under Components 1, 2 and 4 are 'soft' activities will not cause direct, indirect transboundary and cumulative impacts to environment and society.

All hard activities in the project will be undertaken under Component 3. These hard activities carry the risk of causing environmental and social impacts. As the activities implemented under the project will be local and small scale, it is deemed that they are not 'Category A' risks. All activities implemented under Component 3 are, therefore,

Category B or C. The capacity building undertaken under Component 2 will emphasise environmental and social safeguards and minimizing risk. Moreover, the using the People's Process as a means to implement means that communities will manage the planning and construction of infrastructure, be trained on environmental and social risks and therefore

<sup>47</sup> Adaptation Fund Environmental and Social Policy, paragraph 28, Page 8

will be incentivized to minimize environmental and social impact. This is because, under the People's Process, communities themselves are the planners, constructors and beneficiaries of the small-scale infrastructure, rather than contractors. Contractors have less incentive to minimise environmental and social risks, because they are not the end users of the infrastructure in question.

The checklist shown in Table 1<sup>10</sup> has been prepared, based on initial consultations. In accordance with the Adaptation Fund Environmental and Social Policy, and UN-Habitat's Environmental and Social Standards, an environmental and social management plan will be prepared as part of the full proposal.

A full Environmental and Social Management plan will be prepared at full proposal stage, if this concept note is successful. This plan will align to both the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund and UN-Habitat's Environmental and Social Safeguard system, which was officially approved in 2016. However, the table below elaborates on Table 14 to give some further explanation of possible risks that have been identified at Concept Note stage.

**Table 14 – ESP Risks and Possible Mitigation Measures**

| <u>Adaptation Fund Environmental and Social Principle</u> | <u>Possible Risks</u>   | <u>Possible Mitigation Measures</u>   |
|---|---|---|
| <u>Compliance with the Law</u>                            | <u>Possible conflicts over land ownership.</u><br><br><u>Failure to comply with laws relating to procurement procedures</u> | <u>Only citing infrastructure on public land.</u><br><u>Engagement with Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction at the provincial level</u><br><br><u>Integrating legal compliance into all training</u> |

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| <u>Access and Equity</u>                  | <u>That certain groups are denied access to infrastructure, or that preferential access is given to others</u>                                      | <u>Community management with rules ensuring that equal access is guaranteed</u>   |
| <u>Marginalized and Vulnerable Groups</u> | <u>Initial consultations indicate that there are a small number of immigrants in some of the target areas, who are vulnerable to discrimination</u> | <u>Community management with rules ensuring that equal access is guaranteed, including for migrant populations, where appropriate</u> |
| <u>Human Rights</u>                       | <u>Human rights breaches can arise from denying access to water and other</u>   | <u>See measures of other risk categories</u>  |

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|  | <u>basic services, or from land conflicts, for example</u>   |   |
| <u>Gender Equity and Women's Empowerment</u> | <u>Women could be denied access to infrastructure, or prevented from making critical decisions</u>                             | <u>Quotas for female participation in decision making at all levels</u>   |
| <u>Core Labour Rights</u>                    | <u>Labour rights may not be respected when contracting communities</u>   | <u>All community contracts must be scrutinised to ensure they comply with both Cambodia law and international standards</u> |
| <u>Indigenous Peoples</u>                    | <u>The initial consultation does not identify indigenous people in the target area. However, there are some 'Cham' Muslims</u> | <u>Integration of muslim populations where appropriate. As above for marginalised and vulnerable groups</u>                 |
| <u>Involuntary Resettlement</u>              | <u>Possible eviction arising from conflicts over land ownership</u>  | <u>See above for compliance with the law</u>  |

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|---|--|---|
| <u>Protection of Natural Habitats</u>               | <u>Damage to local ecosystems, including forests, rivers and coastlines from infrastructure construction</u> | <u>Incorporating protection of habitats and ecosystems into action planning. Designing infrastructure so that it complements nature</u> |
| <u>Conservation of Biological Diversity</u>         | <u>See Protection of Natural Habitats</u>  | <u>See Protection of Natural Habitats</u>   |
| <u>Pollution Prevention and Resource Efficiency</u> | <u>Construction of infrastructure generates waste</u>  | <u>Incorporating waste management and disposal into design.</u>   |
| <u>Public Health</u>                                | <u>Water infrastructure could be open to contamination, spreading waterborne diseases</u>                    | <u>Incorporating public health considerations (Especially relating to water contamination) into training under Component 2</u>          |
| <u>Lands and Soil Conservation</u>                  | <u>See Protection of Natural Habitats</u>  | <u>See Protection of Natural Habitats</u>   |

Table 15 – Environmental and Social Principles relating to proposed project actions

| <u>Proposed Interventions under Component 3</u>   | <u>AF principles where further screening is necessary at full proposal stage and where a management plan is required for implementation</u>   |
|---|---|
| <u>Constructing new and restoring old drainage infrastructure in highly flood-prone locations</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>1. Compliance with the law</u></li> <li><u>2. Access and equity</u></li> <li><u>3. Marginalised and vulnerable groups</u></li> <li><u>4. Human rights</u></li> <li><u>5. Gender equality and women's empowerment</u></li> <li><u>6. Core labour rights</u></li> <li><u>8. Involuntary resettlement</u></li> <li><u>9. Protection of natural habitats</u></li> <li><u>10. Conservation of biological diversity</u></li> <li><u>12. Pollution prevention and resource efficiency</u></li> <li><u>13. Public health</u></li> <li><u>15. Lands and soil conservation</u></li> </ol> |



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| <a href="#"><u>Improving housing construction and design</u></a>  |   | <a href="#"><u>1. Compliance with the law</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>2. Access and equity</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>3. Marginalised and vulnerable groups</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>4. Human rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>5. Gender equality and women's rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>6. Core labour rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>7. Pollution prevention and resource efficiency</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>13. Public health</u></a>   |
| <a href="#"><u>Providing basic services – particularly water supply. This will be done through a mix of covered well systems, rainwater harvesting, capture and storage and improved filtration/hygiene</u></a> |   | <a href="#"><u>1. Compliance with the law</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>2. Access and equity</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>3. Mariginalised and vulnerable groups</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>4. Human rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>5. Gender equality and women's empowerment</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>6. Core labour rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>8. Involuntary resettlement</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>9. Protection of natural habitats</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>10. Conservation of biological diversity</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>12. Pollution prevention and resource efficiency</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>13. Public health</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>15. Lands and soil conservation</u></a> |
| <a href="#"><u>Improving coastal ecosystems</u></a>   |   | <a href="#"><u>1. Compliance with the law</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>4. Human rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>6. Core labour rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>8. Involuntary resettlement</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>9. Protection of natural habitats</u></a>  |
|   |   | <a href="#"><u>10. Conservation of biological diversity</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>15. Lands and soil conservation</u></a>  |
|   | <a href="#"><u>Enhancement of the marine protected area</u></a>           | <a href="#"><u>1. Compliance with the law</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>4. Human rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>6. Core labour rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>8. Involuntary resettlement</u></a>  |
|   | <a href="#"><u>Reducing water pollution of existing water sources</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>1. Compliance with the law</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>4. Human rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>6. Core labour rights</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>8. Involuntary resettlement</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>9. Protection of natural habitats</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>10. Conservation of biological diversity</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>12. Pollution prevention and resource efficiency</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>13. Public Health</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>15. Lands and soil conservation</u></a>  |



## PART IV: ENDORSEMENT BY GOVERNMENT AND CERTIFICATION BY THE IMPLEMENTING ENTITY

**4.7. Record of endorsement on behalf of the government<sup>48</sup>** *Provide the name and position of the government official and indicate date of endorsement. If this is a regional project/programme, list the endorsing officials all the participating countries. The endorsement letter(s) should be attached as an annex to the project/programme proposal. Please attach the endorsement letter(s) with this template; add as many participating governments if a regional project/programme:*

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| <i>H.E. Dr. Tin Ponlok Secretary<br/>General<br/>National Council for Sustainable<br/>Development<br/>Royal Government of Cambodia</i> | <i>Date: August 03, 2017</i> |
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<sup>6</sup>. Each Party shall designate and communicate to the secretariat the authority that will endorse on behalf of the national government the projects and programmes proposed by the implementing entities.



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**General Secretariat**

No: 031 GSSD

Phnom Penh, 03 August 2017

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**Subject: Endorsement for: "Adaptation through small-scale protective and basic-service interventions in coastal settlements of Cambodia" proposal**

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

In my capacity as Designated Authority for the Adaptation Fund in Cambodia, I confirm that the above national project is in accordance with the Royal Government of Cambodia national priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce the adverse impacts and risks posed by climate change in Cambodia.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above project proposal for support from the Adaptation Fund. If approved, the project will be implemented by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and executed by the Ministry of Environment and the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development. Several other line ministries/ departments, identified sub-national authorities and non-governmental organization will also be involved in the implementation of this project.

The project concept note builds on the provincial, municipal/district and commune level planning process, which seeks to mainstream climate change adaptation. As such, the project is based on numerous in-depth consultations; in close consultation with key national government entities and sub-national authorities, the proposal aims to support the implementation of specific commitments in the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (2014-2023). My institution is grateful for the direct support in this regard.

I sincerely hope that this proposal will be considered favorably by the Adaptation Fund.

Yours sincerely,

  
  
Tin Ponlok  
Secretary General  
NCSD/Ministry of Environment

## **2.8. Implementing Entity certification**

I certify that this proposal has been prepared in accordance with guidelines provided by the Adaptation Fund Board, and prevailing National Development and Adaptation Plans including Rectangular Strategy Phase III (2014-2018) with a vision to 2030, National Strategic Development Plan (2014-2018) with a vision to 2030, Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (2014-2023), National Policy on Green Growth and National Green Growth Strategic Plan (2013-2030), Sectoral Climate Change Strategic Plans and Action Plans (2014-2018), National Adaptation Program of Action for Climate Change (2014-2023), National Program for Sub-National Democratic Development (2010-2019) and subject to the approval by the Adaptation Fund Board, commit to implementing the project/programme in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund and on the understanding that the Implementing Entity will be fully (legally and financially) responsible for the implementation of this project/programme.

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## ANNEX 1 Summary of Results from community Consultation in Kep and Preah Sihanouk Provinces Kep Province

There are five target communes/Sangkat in Kep province as below information:

### 1. Beneficiaries

| No. | Name of Sangkat/commune  | Angkaol   | Pong Tuek | Prey Thom                                      |
|-----|--|---|-----------|--|
| 1   | Number of villages/Communities   | 4   | 7         | 3  |
| 2   | Total population   | 8,566   | 10,987    | 8,521  |
| 3   | Number of Female   | 4,280   | 5,574     | 3,994  |
| 4   | # of age 0-17  | 3,288   | 4,579     | 2,969  |
| 5   | # of age 18-60   | 4,729   | 5,668     | 5,112  |
| 6   | # of > age 60  | 549   | 740       | 440  |
| 7   | # of indigenous people   | 0   | 0         | 0  |
| 8   | # of disabled population   | 108   | 169       | 78   |
| 9   | # of immigrants  | 397   | 1,373     | 240  |
| 10  | # of informal people   | 20  | 25        | 260  |
| 11  | # of households  | 1,835   | 2,481     | 1,917  |
| 12  | Poverty rate (%)   | 18.04   | 11.66     | 11.41  |
| 13  | How many people (percent) will benefit from the following interventions in the community:<br><br>Main climate change impacts and risks need are: Storm, flood, Saline intrusion, drought |   |           |  |
|     | Physical/structural interventions (roads, bridges, agriculture irrigation, water supply facilities, drainage system, houses)   | 80%   | 80%       | 50%  |
|     | Trainings  | 50%   | 50%       | 50%  |
|     | Communication  | 100%  | 100%      | 100%   |
|     | Information  | 100%  | 100%      | 100%   |
| 14  | Early warning systems in place covering different types of hazards (e.g. floods, cyclones, storms, droughts)   | There is no local early warning system in place. The system from Ministry of Water Resources and media and local authorities.                                   |           |  |
| 15  | Existence of drainage and sewage system  | No system in place  |           | There is no drainage system in down town areas |
| 16  | Existence of different groups (ethnic, women, elderly, disabled, youth) who are treated differently. If so, how?   | There are no ethnic minorities. They are under the management of Commune's children and women committee.  |           |  |
| 17  | Participation of women in decision-making process. If no, why?   | Yes, women have participated in decision-making process. However, they have very limited capacity.  |           |  |
| 18  | Responsible person to take elderly, disabled people and children   | Children and Women Committee has established to be responsible for elderly, disabled people and children. However, they have very limited fund to support them. |           |  |



## 2. Climate change – impacts, barriers for adaptation and possible interventions analysis

| No | Name of Sangkat/commune | Most problematic climatic impact/hazard   | Effects   | Factors stopping your community from coping with current impacts   |
|----|-------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1  | Angkaol                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storm surge,</li> <li>• Flood and sea water intrusion,</li> <li>• Sea level rise and strong waves,</li> <li>• Drought,</li> <li>• Coastal erosion</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low rice production,</li> <li>• Destroyed houses,</li> <li>• Slow down fishing activities,</li> <li>• Damaged roads and dikes,</li> <li>• Lack of water supply</li> <li>• Water pollution/contaminated ground water,</li> <li>• Poor sanitation and health issues</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bad infrastructure,</li> <li>• Limited irrigation,</li> <li>• Insufficient clean water supply,</li> <li>• Limited of education and skills,</li> <li>• Lack of sanitation,</li> <li>• Health issues,</li> <li>• Poor management of natural resources like forests,</li> <li>• Poor houses</li> </ul> |
| 2  | Pong Tuek               |   |   |  |
| 3  | Prey Thom               |   |   |  |
| 4  | Kep                     |   |   |  |
| 5  | Ou Krasar               |   |   |  |

Note: Climate hazards, effects, coping barriers and priority interventions have been consolidated because they are similar in each Sangkat/commune

## 3. Strengthened institutional capacity

| No. | Name of Sangkat/commune   | Angkaol   | Pong Tuek | Prey Thom |
|-----|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1   | Having a structured plan for hazard risk reduction/ climate change adaptation             | Yes, the structured plan in place but there is assistance as well as limited capacity on climate resilience             |           |           |
| 2   | Experience of the municipality on specialist training (for risk reduction and resilience) | There is no/limited capacity/experience at municipality on specialist training. Usually, national specialist trainings. |           |           |
| 3   | Having a CC and resilience plan incorporated into planning schemes                        | Yes, commune development plan has been developed but limited implementation due to no fund and                          |           |           |
| 4   | Reporting awareness of exposure to at least one key hazard                                | No, local community could not make a report of capacity. National and provincial officials have                         |           |           |

## 4. Assets produced, developed or strengthened (Health issues related to climate change)

| No. | Name of Sangkat/commune   | Angkaol | Pong Tuek | Prey Thom |
|-----|---|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 1   | # of households to report an occupant with diarrhea in last 3 months in this settlement | 0       | 0         | 0         |

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|---|--|---|-----|-----|
| 2 | # of households to report an occupant with malaria/ dengue last year       | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 3 | Existence of drainage issues that may give rise to mosquito borne diseases | Yes   | Yes | Yes |
| 4 | Main health problems/ issues   | No major health issues but lack of sanitation of health problem to children and women. Liver function are main health issue for |     |     |

## 5. Urban development and housing

| No. | Name of Sangkat/commune  | Angkaol | Pong Tuek | Prey Th |
|-----|--|---------|-----------|---------|
| 1   | # of dwellings with 'average' or 'poor' quality walls                    | 1,363   | 1,423     | 1,282   |
| 2   | # of overcrowded dwellings   | 43      | 17        | 28      |
| 3   | # of dwellings, which have been trained on enhancing dwelling resilience | 0       | 0         | 0       |

## 6. Water resources and infrastructure

| No. | Name of Sangkat/commune  | Angkaol                                   | Pong Tuek                                 | Prey Th                         |
|-----|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 1   | # of households with toilet  | 1,618                                     | 1,627                                     | 1,125                           |
| 2   | % of households using following types of toilets:<br>1) Shared community toilet<br>2) Share neighbors<br>3) Connected to septic tank<br>4) Straight pipe<br>5) Connected to town sewerage system | 90% - Straight pipe<br>10% - Septic tanks | 90% - Straight pipe<br>10% - Septic tanks | 80% - Straight<br>20% - S tanks |
| 3   | Average type of toilet:<br>1) Water seal 2) Flush 3) Pit   | 90% - Pit<br>10% - Flush                  | 90% - Pit<br>10% - Flush                  | 60% - P<br>40% - F              |
| 4   | % of households with toilet discharging directly into the environment (unimproved pit toilet or straight pipe to sea/river/etc.)   | 100%                                      | 100%                                      | 100%                            |
| 5   | Main water resource for livelihood   | Surface water (ponds), ground water (     |   |                                 |
| 6   | # of households that own (not shared) formal water connection with meter   | 162                                       | 1,658                                     | 459                             |

## 7. Waste and waste infrastructure

| No. | Name of Sangkat/commune  | Angkaol | Pong Tuek | Prey Tho |
|-----|--|---------|-----------|----------|
| 1   | Existence of regular waste collection by council or private organization | No      | No        | No       |
| 2   | % of households to dispose waste in river, creek, or sea                 | 10%     | 15%       | 15%      |
| 3   | % of households to burn or bury waste                                    | 90%     | 85%       | 85%      |

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| No. | Name of Sangkat/commune  | Angkaol   | Pong Tuek   | Prey Th |
|-----|--|---|---|---------|
| 1   | Does this settlement report issues with pollution/ environmental degradation (e.g. coral or mangroves)? And how many people affected - livelihoods   | Yes, local settlement report issues with environment degradation that affected the city, particularly fisherman.                                      |   |         |
| 2   | Has any steps been taken in this settlement to improve/ maintain/reduce impacts on natural assets? And how many people affected - livelihoods  | Due to no financial assistance, there is no place. Individual people have taken care of their own place. is around 20-30% of population affected.     |   |         |
|     | Main environmental problems <b>(Choose Top 3)</b><br>1) River flooding<br>2) Coastal Flooding (saltwater intrusion)<br>3) Surface Flooding (rainwater)<br>4) River Bank Erosion (soil disappearing)<br>5) Inland erosion<br>6) Coastal Erosion (beach disappearing)<br>7) Pollution (dirty air, dirty water, dirty soil)<br>8) Rubbish (waste management)<br>9) Drainage (e.g. blocked drains)<br>10) Sanitation (problems with toilet)<br>11) Decline in Mangrove areas<br>12) Plant Disease<br>13) Insects or bugs (flies, mosquitoes) | 1. Coastal Flooding (saltwater intrusion)<br>2. Decline in Mangrove areas<br>3. Surface Flooding (rainwater)<br>4. Fresh water for drinking and usage | 1. Drainage<br>2. Sanitation<br>3. Decline in Mangrove areas<br>4. Surface Flooding |         |

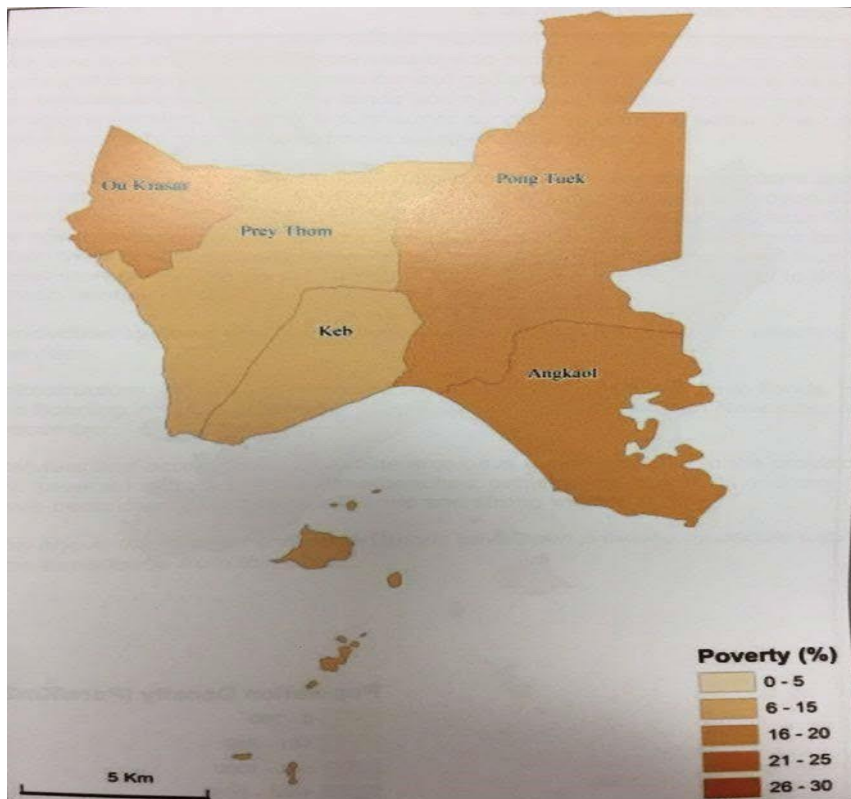
9. Improved policies & regulations

| No. | Name of Sangkat/commune   | Angkaol  | Pong Tuek | Prey Th |
|-----|---|--|-----------|---------|
| 1   | Have any policies been introduced or adjusted in your municipality to address climate change? | There is no local policy to address climate change. The national climate change policy is implemented through the NAPA. Commune development programme have also addressed disaster risk reduction. |           |         |
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community vulnerability and risk map

Poverty Map of Kep Province by Commune



Overall Vulnerability of Kep Province



## Preah Sihanouk Province

Below is some information by commune level:

### 1. Beneficiaries

| No. | Municipality/ District  | Prey Nob   |           |           |           |          |          |               |
|-----|---|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
|     | Name of Sangkat/commune   | Tuek Thla  | Tuek L'ak | Samea kki | Veal Renh | Sam-rong | Prey Nob | Ou Oknha Heng |
| 1   | Number of Villages/communities  | 4  | 4         | 3         | 3         | 5        | 5        | 5             |
| 2   | Total population  | 5,455  | 4,413     | 3,641     | 10,717    | 6,683    | 7,944    | 9,006         |
| 3   | Number of Female  | 2,720  | 2,198     | 1,919     | 5,636     | 3,334    | 3,976    | 4,559         |
| 4   | # of age 0 - 17   | 2,133  | 1,728     | 1,620     | 3,850     | 2,474    | 2,909    | 3,696         |
| 5   | # of age 18 - 60  | 2,930  | 2,182     | 1,724     | 6,007     | 3,795    | 4,163    | 4,834         |
| 6   | # of > age 60   | 392  | 503       | 297       | 860       | 414      | 872      | 476           |
| 7   | # of indigenous people  | 0  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 127      | 0        | 0             |
| 8   | # of disabled population  | 25   | 25        | 19        | 80        | 37       | 42       | 115           |
| 9   | # of immigrants   | 551  | 178       | 101       | 628       | 223      | 340      | 139           |
| 10  | # of informal people  | 45   | 13        | 0         | 40        | 17       | 42       | 21            |
| 11  | # of households   | 1,169  | 963       | 1,044     | 1,967     | 1,352    | 1,608    | 1,688         |
| 12  | Poverty rate (%)  | 20.2   | 20.1      | 19.2      | 26.3      | 19.8     | 18.8     | 18.0          |
| 13  | How many people will benefit from the following interventions in the community:<br>The main climate change impacts and risks need to be focused are: storm surge, strong waves, sea water intrusion, drinking water, waste and flood. |  |           |           |           |          |          |               |
|     | Physical/structural interventions (roads, dikes, water supply facilities, market, irrigation, drainage system, houses)  | 80%  | 80%       | 80%       | 80%       | 80%      | 80%      | 80%           |
|     | Trainings   | 50%  | 50%       | 50%       | 50%       | 50%      | 50%      | 50%           |
|     | Communication   | 50%  | 50%       | 50%       | 50%       | 50%      | 50%      | 50%           |
|     | Information   | 100%   | 100%      | 100%      | 100%      | 100%     | 100%     | 100%          |
| 14  | Early warning systems in place covering different types of hazards (e.g. floods, cyclones, storms, droughts, .....)   | There is no local early warning system in place but they receive warning from Water Resources and Meteorology through TV, media and local authorities. |           |           |           |          |          |               |
| 15  | Existence of drainage/sewage system   | There is limited drainage system available only in the downtown.   |           |           |           |          |          |               |
| 16  | Existence of different groups (ethnic, women, elderly, disabled, youth) who are treated differently. If so, how?  | There are no ethnic groups. They are under the supervision and management of children and women committee.   |           |           |           |          |          |               |
| 17  | Participation of women in decision-making process. If no, why?  | Yes, women have involved all level of decision-making but they lack experience.  |           |           |           |          |          |               |
| 18  | Responsible person to take elderly, disabled people and children  | There are provincial, district and commune disaster committee responsibilities.  |           |           |           |          |          |               |

### 2. Climate change - Trend analysis

| No. | Municipality/ District | Name of Sangkat/commune | Most problematic climatic hazard | Effects | Factors stopping your community from coping with current impacts |
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|----|---------------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1  | Prey Nob      | Tuek Thla     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storm surge,</li> <li>• Strong waves,</li> <li>• Sea water intrusion,</li> <li>• Flood, and</li> <li>• Sea level rise.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction tourists to visit,</li> <li>• Destroyed houses,</li> <li>• Damaged roads and dikes,</li> <li>• Low fish production,</li> <li>• Low rice production,</li> <li>• Contaminated ground water,</li> <li>• Coastline erosion,</li> <li>• Lack of water supply</li> <li>• Poor sanitation and health issues</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low income that affect to livelihood due to no tourists,</li> <li>• Bad infrastructure,</li> <li>• Insufficient clean water supply,</li> <li>• Poor house conditions,</li> <li>• Lack of sanitation,</li> <li>• Health issues,</li> <li>• Poor management of natural resources like forests</li> <li>• Limited irrigation, Limited of education and skills,</li> </ul> |
| 2  |               | Tuek L'ak     |  |  |   |
| 3  |               | Sameakki      |  |  |   |
| 4  |               | Veal Renh     |  |  |   |
| 5  |               | Samrong       |  |  |   |
| 6  |               | Prey Nob      |  |  |   |
| 7  |               | Ou Oknha Heng |  |  |   |
| 8  |               | Boeng Taprom  |  |  |   |
| 9  | Sihanoukville | Koh Rong      |  |  |   |
| 10 |               | Sangkat Muoy  |  |  |   |

Note: Climate hazards, effects, coping barriers and priority interventions have been consolidated because they are similar in each Sangkat/commune

### 3. Strengthened institutional capacity

| No. | Municipality/ District  | Prey Nob   |           |           |           |         |          |               |
|-----|---|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|---------------|
|     | Name of Sangkat/commune   | Tuek Thla  | Tuek L'ak | Samea kki | Veal Renh | Samrong | Prey Nob | Ou Oknha Heng |
| 1   | Having a structured plan for hazard risk reduction/ climate change adaptation             | Yes, there is a structured plan in place but very limited operation/function du  |           |           |           |         |          |               |
| 2   | Experience of the municipality on specialist training (for risk reduction and resilience) | No specialist training from the municipality/district level to support the comm provincial and national level with limited supported.  |           |           |           |         |          |               |
| 3   | Having a CC and resilience plan incorporated into planning schemes                        | Yes, all plans such as commune, district/municipality, and provincial develop climate change adaptation and resilience. However, the implementation is li financial support. |           |           |           |         |          |               |
| 4   | Reporting awareness of exposure to at least one key hazard                                | Yes, there is a report on disaster happened in the areas such as storms and  |           |           |           |         |          |               |

### 4. Assets produced, developed or strengthened (Health issues related to climate change)

| No. | Municipality/ District  | Prey Nob  |           |           |           |         |          |               |
|-----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|---------------|
|     | Name of Sangkat/commune   | Tuek Thla | Tuek L'ak | Samea kki | Veal Renh | Samrong | Prey Nob | Ou Oknha Heng |
| 1   | # of households to report an occupant with diarrhea in last 3 months in this settlement | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0             |

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| 2 | # of households to report an occupant with malaria/ dengue last year       | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Existence of drainage issues that may give rise to mosquito borne diseases | Yes, there is drainage issues such as bad smell, pollution, mosquito and ba |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4 | Main health problems/ issues   | There are skin diseases, mosquito borne diseases, blood pressure.....       |   |   |   |   |   |   |

## 5. Urban development and housing

| No. | Municipality/ District   | Prey Nob  |           |           |           |         |          |               |
|-----|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|---------------|
|     | Name of Sangkat/commune  | Tuek Thla | Tuek L'ak | Samea kki | Veal Renh | Samrong | Prey Nob | Ou Oknha Heng |
| 1   | # of dwellings with 'average' or 'poor' quality walls                    | 973       | 879       | 854       | 1,399     | 1,187   | 1,392    | 1,438         |
| 2   | # of overcrowded dwellings   | 30        | 23        | 47        | 50        | 11      | 7        | 30            |
| 3   | # of dwellings, which have been trained on enhancing dwelling resilience | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0             |

## 6. Water resources and infrastructure

| No. | Municipality/ District  | Prey Nob  |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
|-----|---|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|     | Name of Sangkat/commune   | Tuek Thla   | Tuek L'ak            | Samea kki            | Veal Renh            | Samrong              | Prey Nob             | Ou Oknha Heng        |
| 1   | # of households with toilet   | 455   | 702                  | 724                  | 1,433                | 794                  | 1,254                | 777                  |
| 2   | % of households using following types of toilets:<br>1) Shared community toilet<br>2) Share neighbours<br>3) Connected to septic tank<br>4) Straight pipe<br>5) Connected to sewerage sys-tem | Straight pipe – 100%  | Straight pipe – 100% | Straight pipe – 100% | Straight pipe – 100% | Straight pipe – 100% | Straight pipe – 100% | Straight pipe – 100% |
| 3   | Average type of toilet:<br>1) Water seal 2) Flush 3) Pit  | Flush   | Flush                | Flush                | Flush                | Flush                | Flush                | Flush                |
| 4   | % of households with toilet discharging directly into the environment (unimproved pit toilet or straight pipe to sea/river/etc.)  | 100%  | 100%                 | 100%                 | 100%                 | 100%                 | 100%                 | 100%                 |
| 5   | Main water resource for livelihood  | Surface water, underground water, ponds, wells, and rainwater |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| 6   | # of households that own (not shared) formal water connection with meter  | 872   | 598                  | 905                  | 1,955                | 877                  | 965                  | 698                  |

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|     | Name of Sangkat/commune  | Tuek Thla | Tuek L'ak | Samea kki | Veal Renh | Samrong | Prey Nob | Ou Oknha Heng |
| 1   | Existence of regular waste collection by council or private organization | No        | No        | No        | No        | No      | No       | No            |
| 2   | % of households to dispose waste in river, creek, or sea                 | 20%       | 20%       | 20%       | 10%       | 20%     | 20%      | 20%           |
| 3   | % of households to burn or bury waste                                    | 80%       | 80%       | 80%       | 90%       | 80%     | 80%      | 80%           |

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|     | Name of Sangkat/commune | Tuek Thla | Tuek L'ak | Samea kki | Veal Renh | Sam-rong | Prey Nob | Ou Oknha Heng |

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| 1 | Does this settlement report issues with pollution/ environmental degradation (e.g. coral or mangroves)?  | Yes, local settlement report issues with pollution and environment degradation. Majority of people in the communities.   |
| 2 | Has any steps been taken in this settlement to improve/ maintain/reduce impacts on natural assets?   | There is very limited implementation because no fund support. Communities are taking steps for themselves. There is around 50% of population affected their lives.                               |
| 3 | Main environmental problems <b><u>(Choose Top 3)</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) River flooding</li> <li>2) Coastal Flooding (saltwater intrusion)</li> <li>3) Surface Flooding (rainwater)</li> <li>4) River Bank Erosion (soil disappearing)</li> <li>5) Inland erosion</li> <li>6) Coastal Erosion (beach disappearing)</li> <li>7) Pollution (dirty air, dirty water, dirty soil)</li> <li>8) Rubbish (waste management)</li> <li>9) Drainage (e.g. blocked drains)</li> <li>10) Sanitation (problems with toilet)</li> <li>11) Decline in Mangrove areas</li> <li>12) Plant Disease</li> <li>13) Insects or bugs (flies, mosquitoes)</li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decline in Mangrove areas</li> <li>• Drainage (e.g. blocked drains)</li> <li>• Sanitation (problems with toilet)/ Rubbish (waste management)</li> </ul> |

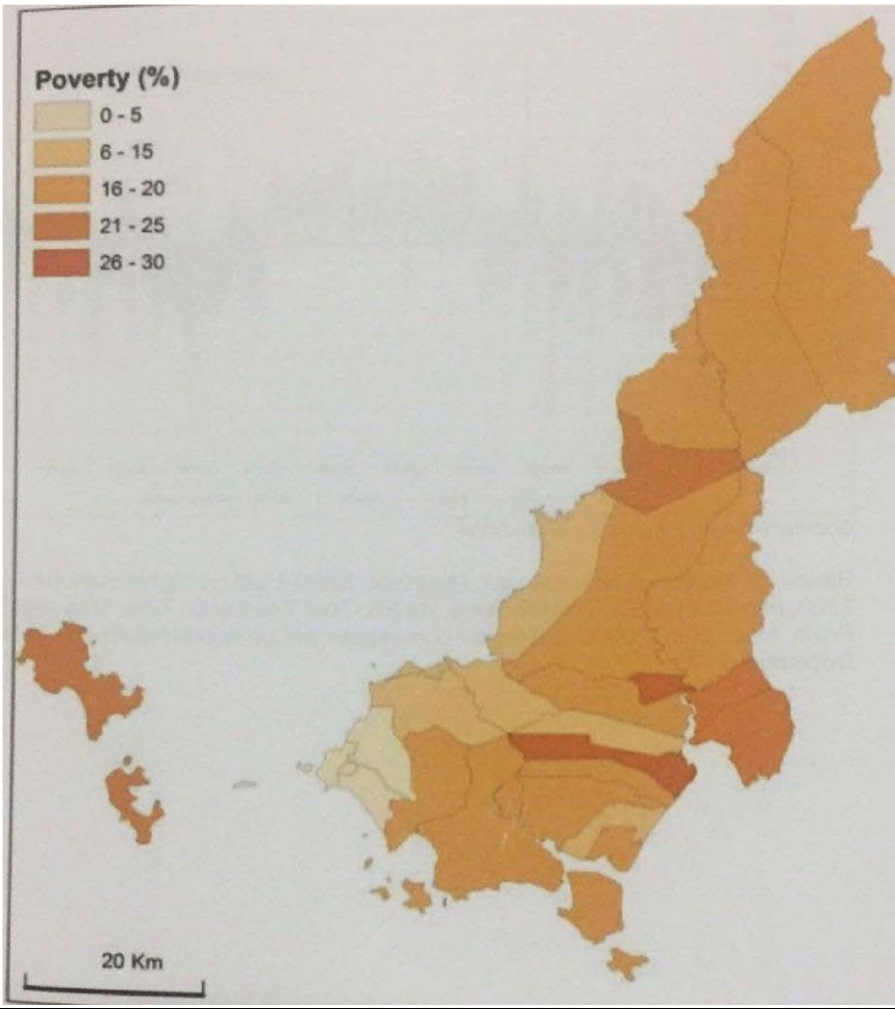
## 9. Improved policies & regulations

| No. | Municipality/ District  | Prey Nob   |           |           |           |         |          |               |
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|     | Name of Sangkat/commune   | Tuek Thla  | Tuek L'ak | Samea kki | Veal Renh | Samrong | Prey Nob | Ou Oknha Heng |
| 1   | Have any policies been introduced or adjusted in your municipality to address climate change? | There is no local policy to address climate change but they implement the national plan and NAPA. Commune development plan and investment programme help address climate change and disaster risk reduction. |           |           |           |         |          |               |

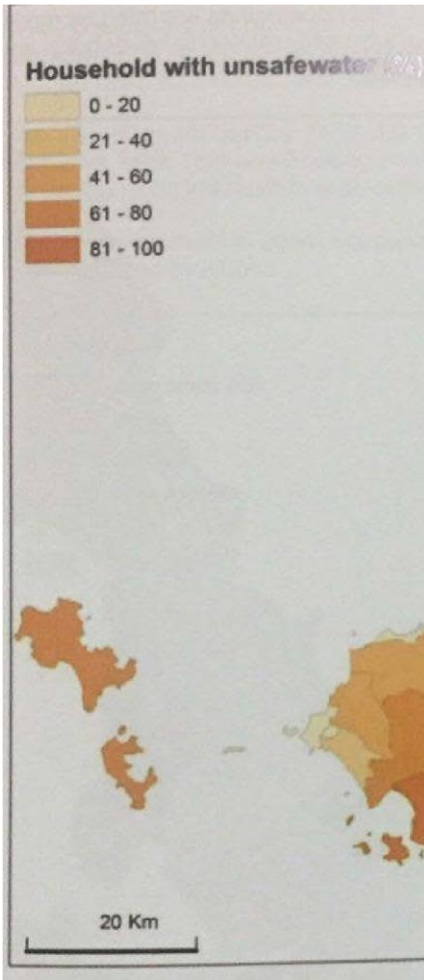
## 10. Community vulnerability

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Poverty Map of Preah Sihanouk Province by Commune



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**Subject: Endorsement for: "Adaptation through small-scale protective and basic-service interventions in coastal settlements of Cambodia" proposal**

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

In my capacity as Designated Authority for the Adaptation Fund in Cambodia, I confirm that the above national project is in accordance with the Royal Government of Cambodia national priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce the adverse impacts and risks posed by climate change in Cambodia.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above project proposal for support from the Adaptation Fund. If approved, the project will be implemented by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and executed by the Ministry of Environment and the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development. Several other line ministries/ departments, identified sub-national authorities and non-governmental organization will also be involved in the implementation of this project.

The project concept note builds on the provincial, municipal/district and commune level planning process, which seeks to mainstream climate change adaptation. As such, the project is based on numerous in-depth consultations; in close consultation with key national government entities and sub-national authorities, the proposal aims to support the implementation of specific commitments in the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (2014-2023). My institution is grateful for the direct support in this regard.

I sincerely hope that this proposal will be considered favorably by the Adaptation Fund.

Yours sincerely,

  
  
Tin Ponlok  
Secretary General  
NCSD/Ministry of Environment

## B. Implementing Entity certification

I certify that this proposal has been prepared in accordance with guidelines provided by the Adaptation Fund Board, and prevailing National Development and Adaptation Plans including Rectangular Strategy Phase III (2014-2018) with a vision to 2030, National Strategic Development Plan (2014-2018) with a vision to 2030, Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (2014-2023), National Policy on Green Growth and National Green Growth Strategic Plan (2013-2030), Sectoral Climate Change Strategic Plans and Action Plans (2014-2018), National Adaptation Program of Action for Climate Change (2014-2023), National Program for Sub-National Democratic Development (2010-2019) and subject to the approval by the Adaptation Fund Board, commit to implementing the project/programme in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund and on the understanding that the Implementing Entity will be fully (legally and financially) responsible for the implementation of this project/programme.



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