CAMBODIA

Prison libraries and rehabilitation programmes

Reinforcing the 26 prison libraries in Cambodia and promoting educational, rehabilitation and vocational training services for prisoners.

DESCRIPTION

This new project is the continuation of a previous project of 26 prison libraries implemented between 2012 and 2015, co-funded by the AFD and European Union, and a pilot action to rehabilitate 330 prisoners by a local partner Mith Samlanh in two prisons. By taking advantage of the experiences developed, the current objective is to contribute to the education and training of prisoners, in particular of the youngest aged 14-25 that make up almost 60% of the total population in detention, preparing them for their socio-professional reinsertion, therefore contributing to reducing the risk of recidivism.

The project consists of three components:
- To reinforce the 26 prison libraries in terms of space, equipment, documents and computerized management.
- To implement educational, rehabilitation and vocational training programmes for prisoners in collaboration with local NGOs and State Institutions in Education and Training.
- To strengthen prison administration capacity at national and local level to implement and monitor the different programmes.

NGO

For the past 24 years, Sipar has contributed towards the fight against illiteracy in Cambodia and to the development of in school and public reading.

Over the past 15 years, its mission has been enriched by a Khmer book publishing program.

Thanks to Sipar’s programs, hundreds of thousands children and adults have become readers in Cambodia.

LOCAL PARTNERS

The Directorate General of Prisons (Institutional partner) is in charge of the management of all the prisons and Correctional Centers in Cambodia

Mith Samlanh, a local NGO, is in charge of rehabilitation and vocational training programmes in Correctional Center 2 and Kandal prison

Mlop Tapang, a local NGO, is in charge of rehabilitation programme in Preah Sihanouk Prison.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- The 26 prison libraries, as educational centers, offer reinforced and sustainable services to 18 000 prisoners contributing to their rehabilitation and improving their conditions of detention. 40% are regular users
- 1200 prisoners (10% women) have developed their skills in 12 prisons preparing their socio professional reinsertion
- 7 DGP and 52 prison officers are able to manage library, educational, rehabilitation and vocational training services for prisoners’ reintegration.