

Rise Up!

Reducing gender-based violence in rural Cambodia so women and men can be equal partners in managing natural resources



Project factsheet

About the project

Rise Up! Is a project to reduce gender-based violence in Cambodia's community forests and community-protected areas sites so women can fully and safely participate in leadership roles. It seeks to help women gain from rights over natural resources and build resilience to climate change.

The project will encourage men, women, families and communities to acknowledge women as essential and equal partners in community-based management of natural resources.

Project partners

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At a glance



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It will focus on prevention and attitude and behaviour change at the individual, interpersonal and community levels.



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Project area

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In Pursat Province

- Reang Khvav Community Protected Area in Phnom Oral Wildlife Sanctuary
- Tompor Community Protected Area in Phnom Somkos Wildlife Sanctuary
- Koh Tonlea Kras Community Protected Area in Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve
- O'Bak Tra Community Forestry

In Kampong Chhnang Province

- Steung Sach Sor Community Forest in Phnom Oral Wildlife Sanctuary
- Pichchongva Laor Chhert Community Forest in Phnom Oral Wildlife Sanctuary
- Phnom Jerng Leang Community Protected Area in Phnom Oral Wildlife Sanctuary
- Prey Thom Anlung Thmor Community Protected Area in Phnom Oral Wildlife Sanctuary

Why Rise Up! is important for Cambodia

Community forests and community-protected areas are important because of their biodiversity. In Cambodia, community forestry is a key government-mandated approach for:

- Reducing rural poverty
- Promoting sustainable use of natural resources
- Providing equitable benefit sharing

Women need to be full partners in managing areas under community forestry regime such as community forests and community-protected areas. But women face resistance from their families and communities when they attempt to participate in managing natural resources in these spaces. This puts them at risk of harassment, physical and psychological stress, and sexual assault.

What Rise Up! will do

The project will reduce gender-based violence and increase women's participation and leadership in community forests and community-protected areas. It will focus on prevention and attitude and behaviour change at the individual, interpersonal and community levels. Men will be included in the process.

Campaigns for positive change will be led by members of Cambodia's community forests and community-protected area women's networks.

Main activities of Rise Up!

The project will



Conduct launch activities to share the goals of the project with staff and national, provincial and community stakeholders



Build the capacity of network members to prevent gender-based violence and promote gender equity through campaigns.



Provide training to project staff on key principles and approaches to ensure they understand the project and have the skills to implement it



Strengthen collaboration across sectors to share knowledge on the links between gender-based violence and environmental spaces



Carry out a gender assessment in each of the project sites and prepare a report on it



Use national, regional and international moments to share learnings to benefit a wider community involved in community-based natural resource management



Design and deliver training toolkits to members of community forests and community-protected areas women's networks



Who the project will benefit

A total of 1,200 members of communities involved in community forestry will benefit directly. All members of community forests and community-protected areas who have already seen the benefits of sustainable community-based management of natural resources, and have fewer barriers for women's participation will also benefit indirectly.

Project funders

Rise Up! was one of five winners of the 2022 Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable Environments (RISE) grant competition. RISE projects are funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and managed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Budget and timeline

The overall budget for the project is

USD 399,980

Rise Up! runs for

24 months

starting

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