

Development of drinking water and sanitation facilities in Cambodia since 2000 observed in the Cambodia Socio-Economic Survey (CSES)

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The data from the Cambodia Socio-Economic Survey (CSES) provide important information about living conditions in Cambodia and have a wide range of use. Results from CSES are used for monitoring the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) and progress towards the Cambodia Millennium Development Goals (CMDG). Drinking water and sanitation also part of CMDG. Furthermore, the data from CSES are used for developing poverty lines and calculating poverty rates.

A lack of improved drinking water and poor sanitation are major problems in Cambodia after the civil war conflict destroyed much of Cambodia's water supply infrastructure and sanitation systems. By 1990, only about 30 percent of rural residents had access to improved drinking water and about 5 percent of rural residents had access to improved sanitation. The efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia with the support from development partners to address the challenges of unimproved drinking water and unimproved sanitation that affect to the Cambodian population health has been much improved. Investments since the mid-1990s have helped provide cleaner water supplies and improved sanitation for many in Cambodia. In year 2011 about 50 percent of the Cambodian people now gets its water from improved drinking water sources like piped in dwelling or on premises, public tap, tube/piped well or borehole, protected dug well and improved rainwater collection and about 44 percent of Cambodian people using improved sanitation facilities like pour flush/flush connected to sewerage, pour flush/flush connected to septic tank and pit latrine with slab.

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