



WOMAN EMPOWERMENT AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

CONTEXT

The Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) is UNIDO's innovative multi-stakeholder partnership model for accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID). Led by the host government, the PCP builds synergies with ongoing government and partner interventions relevant to industrial development, and facilitates the mobilization of partners and resources to achieve larger development impact.

The model has gained international recognition and is hailed as a concrete model for achieving Sustainable Development Goals, in particular 9 and 17.

Following Ethiopia, Senegal, Peru, and Kyrgyz Republic, Cambodia is the first country in Southeast Asia adopting the PCP model. Tailored to the national development agenda, the Industrial Development Plan (IDP 2015-2025), the PCP Cambodia has two core components: Agro Value Chain Development, and Industrial Diversification, Innovation and Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Development. The core components are supported by five cross-cutting components: Industrial Policy and Statistics, Quality Infrastructure, Sustainable Energy, Circular Economy, Woman Empowerment & Youth Employment.

Woman Empowerment and Youth Employment will be reflected in a holistic manner throughout all PCP interventions, which will be gender-responsive and youth-oriented. The goal is to help Cambodia to take full advantage of its demographic bonus and make full use of the untapped human capital represented by women and youth.

UNIDO PCP INTERVENTION

For what concerns gender, all PCP interventions will use a two-fold innovative approach, based upon the UNIDO Strategy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. Gender specific interventions - aimed at increasing access to skills and tools that help to economically empower women and improve their participation in industrial development - will be backed

by gender mainstreaming, taking into account gender inequalities throughout projects' cycles. In parallel, UNIDO will help ensuring that education and skills are matched to the labor market demands, in order to facilitate youth employment and reducing emigration rates. Interventions will cover technical skills (e.g. service-related skills in tourism sector, production and transformation processes, design, marketing and technical/engineering, and innovation, among others), as well as basic administrative, management skills and entrepreneurship skills to run local small businesses.

UNIDO interventions will focus on:

- Developing targeted projects to boost and create awareness about women empowerment;
- Supporting the economic empowerment of women and improving their participation in industrial development through skills development;
- Developing technical and vocational training programmes to facilitate youth's access to the job market;
- Helping youth and women to move out from informal to qualitative and stable employment.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Partnership opportunities exist for multi- and bilateral donors, financial institutions, local and international business entities, industry associations and the civil society. For more information please contact: partnerships@unido.org or visit the [UNIDO PCP website](#).

