

Menu of Cooperation: Development of Digital Economy and Society in Cambodia under the “Co-creation for common agenda initiative”

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Development Cooperation Goal :

Realize a society in which Cambodian citizens benefit from digitalization in a safe, equitable and stable manner with promoting the concept of DFFT (Data Free Flow with Trust) in line with the "Development of Digital Economy and Society" in the "Pentagonal Strategy – Phase I" formulated by the Government of Cambodia.

Development Scenario :

- Strengthen digital infrastructure in Cambodia by supporting the Cambodian government's efforts to advance digital infrastructure and improve cyber security with utilizing the knowledge of Japanese companies.
- Facilitate solutions to social issues in Cambodia through the use of digital technology with participation of Japanese companies, based on surveys on the digital environment in Cambodia.

Menu of Cooperation :

(1) Support for Development of National Data Center (Grant Aid)

Provide facilities and equipment for the National Data Center, which plays a central role in the realization of digital government, and contribute to development of digital infrastructure for the advancement of public services, digital utilization to solve development issues, and promotion of collaboration with the private sector, led by the Cambodian government.

(2) Support for advancement of public telecommunications networks and human resource development (Demonstration projects, etc.)

Support the development and upgrading of the public telecommunications network through including by promoting investment and technical assistance by Japanese private sector, based on the Cambodian government's efforts to enhance mobile network coverage and connectivity.

(3) Implementation of digital environmental assessment (Surveys, Technical Cooperation, etc.)

Conduct assessment that will be a basis for the future policies and strategies, development of digital human resources and industries, improvement of cyber security countermeasure capabilities of the government, and promotion of DFFT, with the prospect for utilizing fund and knowledge of private companies and public financial institutions, with a view to the development of advanced digital infrastructure such as Data Center, 4G/5G/Open RAN.

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Schedule and resource input (indicative) :

Grant Aid

Technical
Cooperation

Demonstration
projects, etc

Surveys, etc

“Development of Digital Economy and Society”
5 priorities

~2023

2024

2025

2026

2027

Building digital
government and
digital citizens

- Rights, Principles,
Laws
- Public services
- Basic education etc

Development of digital
economy, digital
business, e-commerce,
and digital innovative
system

- Data distribution
and collaboration
- Business Expansion
etc

Building and
development of
digital infrastructures

- Data Storage
Infrastructure
- Development of
telecommunications
network etc

Trustworthiness
building
in digital system

- Cyber security
- Human resource
development
etc

Development of
financial technology

- Financial
institutions/services
- Business transaction
etc

Digital
environment
assessment

Consideration of
projects through
public-private
dialogue, etc.

National Data Center Development Project
(Signed in December, 2023 (2.3 billion yen))

Advancement of public telecommunications
networks and human resource development

Project for Improvement of Cyber Resilience (0.3 billion yen)

Provision of equipment to build cyber security systems (1.15 billion yen)

Considering further expansion of
cooperation through Japan-Cambodia talks
and public-private dialogues

(Candidate cases below)

- Expansion of National Data Center
- Advancement of mobile network
- Promotion of Data Distribution and
Collaboration
- Digitalization of Public Service
etc...