

## Upholding community dignity together in Cambodia

Caritas Australia and its partners are carrying out health promotion activities in 130 villages and 19 health centres in four provinces in Cambodia. They are principally focused on raising health awareness, distributing hygiene products and delivering WASH programs.

In Pursat province, local villagers and committees have collectively distributed banners and posters, and circulated critical information to communities on COVID-19 by loudspeaker. Targeted and timely education measures about COVID-19 transmission and prevention is helping stop the spread of the infectious disease and negative impacts on livelihoods of the poorest, most vulnerable and marginalised people.



Proud family posted with COVID-19 prevention of transmission banner in Siem Reap province

Credit: Srer Khmer/Caritas Australia

Preferential care for vulnerable women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities has been provided to promote good hygiene practice at home. This exceptional support is empowering communities to manage their well-being and uphold their dignity when access to health resources is traditionally very limited.

Caritas Australia and its partners have resourced health centres, commune officers and schools with a range of medical supplies including face masks, gloves, soap, hand washing facilities and water tanks. Approximately 8,000 community people have been supplied soap for hand washing and 600 with access to hand washing facilities.



A COVID-19 transmission prevention banner with specific focus on children posted in front of Commune office in Pursat province

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Hand washing in practice in Pursat province  
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