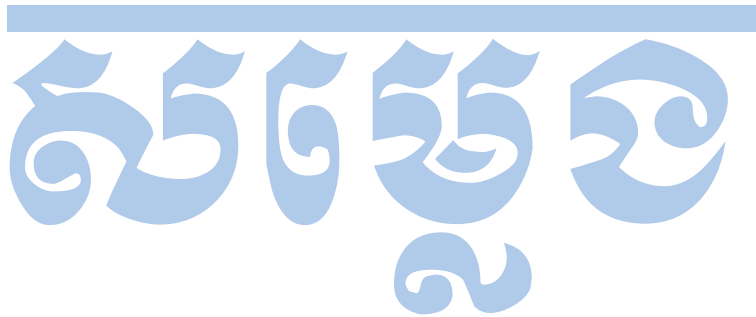




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USAID's Health System Strengthening in Cambodia Project, implemented by University Research Co., LLC

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WELCOME TO USAID-HSSC VOICE

The USAID Health System Strengthening in Cambodia Project has been implemented by University Research Co., LLC (URC) since November 2002.

In the past, to avoid confusion with other health system strengthening initiatives, the project was known as "URC".

Now we want to emphasize the nature of our project so we are changing the short-cut name to **USAID-HSSC, implemented by URC.**

USAID-HSSC, recently extended until September 2008, focuses on a package of interventions to strengthen the public health system at the Operational District (OD) and Provincial Health Department (PHD) levels, while at the same time supporting and contributing to central level policy issues that support the OD/PHD functioning.

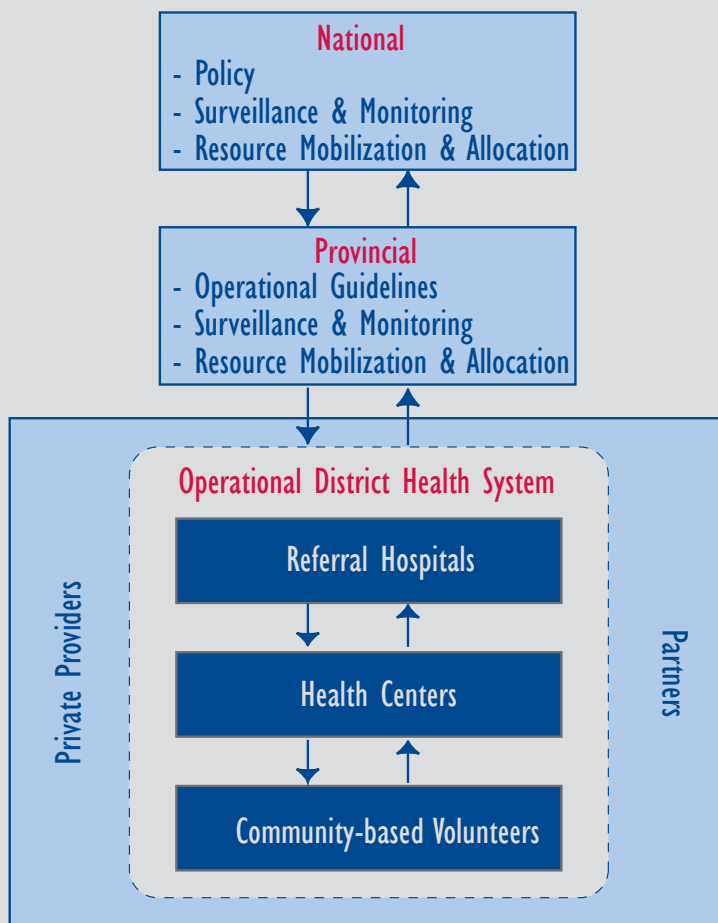
In the following pages of this newsletter you will get a brief overview of our key project areas. We will highlight each major area in a separate edition of **USAID-HSSC Voice** in the coming months.

We hope you enjoy reading about our work and will contact us to learn more,

Peggy Cook
Country Director

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Health system focus:



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Key clinical areas:

Avian Influenza

- Referral hospital infrastructure
- Equipment and supplies
- Transport of patients
- Infection control training
- Case management

Tuberculosis

- Public / Private Mix (PPM)
- Community DOTS
- TB facilitative supervision
- Technical support

Antimicrobial Resistance

- Effective drug use in referral hospitals

HIV/AIDS

- Support expansion of services including
 - Voluntary and Confidential Testing and Counseling (VCCT)
 - Continuum of Care(COC)
 - Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT)
- Improve access of PLHAs to health services

Reproductive Health

- Birth spacing
- Referral hospital clinical standards
- Emergency referrals

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Key management areas:

OD / PHD management

- Supervision
- The Provincial Technical Working Group Health (ProTWG-H)
- Annual Operational Plan (AOP)
- Health Information Systems (HIS)
- Capacity building

Health Care Financing

- Support to Health Equity Funds (HEFs)
- Development of Community Based Health Insurance (CBHI)
- Support to Performance Based Incentive Systems (PBIS), user fee reform, and improved health facility management.

Referral Hospitals

- Including Comprehensive Package of Activities (CPA)
- Provider Behaviour Change Intervention (PBCI)
- Quality Improvement
- Annual Assessment and Improvement Planning
- Support key systems

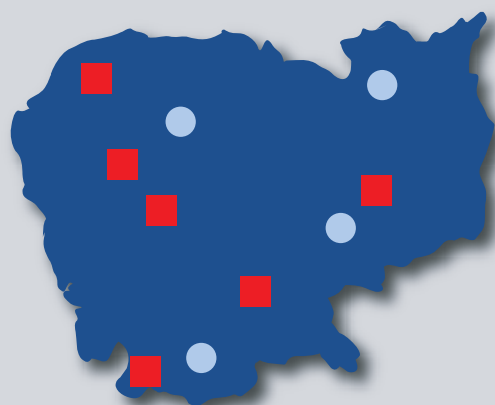
Referral Systems

- Referral system assessment and development

USAID-HSSC Focus hospitals

■ Hospitals targeted for Health Equity Funds and Quality Improvement

- Battambang - Provincial Hospital and Mong Russey Referral Hospital
- Kratie - Provincial Hospital and Chhlong Referral Hospital
- Sihanoukville Referral Hospital
- Phnom Penh Municipal Hospital
- Sampov Meas Provincial Hospital (Pursat)
- Mongel Borrei Referral Hospital (Banteay Meanchey)



● Hospitals designated by MOH for Avian Influenza referrals

- Stung Treng
- Kampong Cham
- Kampot
- Siem Reap

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Partners

Dr **Lo Veasna Kiry** has been the Ministry of Health counterpart to the USAID-HSSC project since its beginning in 2002.

Dr Kiry, the Director of the Planning and Health Information Department (DPHI) at the MOH, outlines the role of the department as: (1) Developing policy and strategic planning, (2) Monitoring and evaluation of health sector performance, and (3) Health Care financing.

For the USAID-HSSC project, Dr Kiry ensures the system strengthening initiatives fit with the public health system. His involvement in the USAID-HSSC project is coordination, facilitation and sharing information.



Dr Lo Veasna Kiry
Director, DPHI
Ministry of Health

Look out for more about our key partners in future issues of **USAID-HSSC Voice**



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Planning retreat, June 2006

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