



OUR MISSION

The FABRIC Cambodia project works with partners for a competitive textile and garment industry in Cambodia that is fair for people and respects the environment. The project leverages networks to create solutions for a sustainable garment and textile industry.



Since its launch in 2014, the FABRIC Cambodia project has been active in Cambodia with funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). FABRIC Cambodia facilitates cooperation between public, private and civil society stakeholders to jointly improve the social and environmental performance of the sector. The project also provides business development services to strengthen management skills and enables regional knowledge exchange among experts. Through this integrated approach, FABRIC Cambodia supports Cambodia in enhancing the quality and competitiveness of its garment production.

Different levels of stakeholders across the supply chain are included in the cooperation to support a holistic transformation of the textile and garment sector.

OUR APPROACH



SOCIAL

Raise awareness, provide information and develop local capacities to strengthen labour and social standards with special focus on gender.



ENVIRONMENTAL

Foster environmentally friendly and resource-efficient production, promote a circular economy and effective waste management.



CROSS-CUTTING

Showcase and improve practices, cooperation and understanding in the industry; overarching support measures.

BACKGROUND

Although significant sectoral improvements could be achieved in recent years, production technologies remain basic whilst working and environmental standards still show considerable room for improvement. This situation is receiving ever more attention as both international consumer demand and legal requirements are on the rise. So far, a holistic understanding of sustainability is missing among the stakeholders in Cambodia in order to shape a substantial reform process towards a sustainable and competitive Cambodian textile industry.

The textile industry plays a major role for the Cambodian economy and thereby directly impacts the lives of hundreds of thousands of workers. It generates:



11% of
Cambodia's GDP



64% of Cambodia's
exports



Employment for 672,000 workers (of which 82%
women) in over 700 factories

OUR IMPACT



SOCIAL



>>> Over 3000 workers have been empowered to secure decent livelihoods & advance their careers through services & trainings offered at the Women Empowerment (WE) House.



>>> Accessible information on labor laws & rights through the "Our Rights" app has increased legal awareness for 30,000 workers.



>>> Members of the Women Union Network (WUN) have improved their leadership & negotiation skills & enhanced their digital literacy through dedicated trainings.



>>> New national labour inspection guidelines have been developed with the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, & relevant auditing capacities have been strengthened through trainings of 300 labor inspectors.



>>> Improved occupational health & safety management systems have been set up through capacity development offered to 20 Cambodian garment factories.



ENVIRONMENTAL



>>> Potential pilot projects have been identified to improve textile waste management & promote circularity.



>>> Energy management training courses developed with Switch Garment have increased efficiency & decreased emissions from partner factories.



>>> Renewable energy & energy efficiency knowledge products translated into Khmer have increased local access to sustainability resources.



>>> Over 10,000 participants have gained climate action knowledge & skills through the online Climate Action Trainings.



>>> More sustainable alternatives to forest wood have been identified through research.



CROSS-CUTTING



>>> The Responsible Business Hub hosted by EuroCham Cambodia in cooperation with TAFTAC has improved access to services around sustainability & human rights & environmental due diligence for the private sector.



>>> The establishment of the regional knowledge platform Asia Garment Hub offers resources, data & tools to promote decent work & sustainable business practices & connects stakeholders from across the sector.



>>> The STAR Network serves as the first inter-Asian network for dialogue & trust building for its 9 member associations to find solutions to the challenges they all face. It represents over 35,000 members & over \$400 billion in export value.



>>> The Sustainable Terms of Trade Initiative (STTI), is the only producer led initiative committed to creating a more balanced commercial relation between buyers & suppliers.



>>> Strengthened data management & sustainability reporting capacities have improved transparency & accountability at partner factories.