



The National Housing Policy 2014 indicated a need for 1.1 million additional houses by 2030<sup>(1)</sup>.

In 2025, 42.3% of the urban population (1,788,028 people) live in slums or inadequate housing conditions, vulnerable to climate hazards<sup>(2)(3)</sup>. Urban population is 4,230,035 (25% of the total 16,843,333), expected to grow to 30.6% by 2030 and 41.1% by 2050<sup>(4)</sup>.

As of 2025, approximately 31% of Cambodian households (1,216,909 out of a total of 3,906,665 households) are poor (in the poverty line) or at-risk households (above the poverty line), including 715,244 poor and 501,665 at-risk households<sup>(5)</sup>. Nearly 47% of Cambodia's poor or at-risk households are female-headed, reflecting the gendered nature of poverty driven by limited resources, weak social protection, and unpaid care burdens.

87% of Cambodia's population has access to basic drinking water, while only 21% have access to safely managed drinking water. Approximately 92% of the population has access to basic sanitation, but only 51% have access to safely managed sanitation<sup>(6) (7)</sup>.

Cambodia is highly vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters, which impact socioeconomic stability and food security. Without adaptation measures, climate change could cost up to 9% of GDP by 2050 and increase poverty rates by 6% by 2040<sup>(8)</sup>. Women in Cambodia have a lower resilience index of 0.56 compared with 0.59 for men<sup>(9)</sup>.

Sources: (1) Cambodia's Policy Ask. (2) UN-Habitat Cambodia Country Report 2024. (3) The Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Key Indicators Database. (4) Ministry of Planning: IDPoor database. (5) Knight Frank Report: Growing Demand for Affordable Housing and Branded Residences in Cambodia and the Asia-Pacific Region for 2025 - Cambodia Investment Review. (6) Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) (2023): Annual Report on Post-ODF Strategy Implementation. (7) Khmer Time. (8) World Bank (2023): Acting on Climate Change is Key for Cambodia to Achieve its Development Goals. (9) ActionAid Cambodia 2021 - Woman Champion in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change.

# Strategic Plan 2026-2028



Vision	A world where everyone has a decent place to live			
	Habitat Cambodia seeks to impact the lives of 1,849,236 people in Cambodia by 2028			
Targets	<b>Building More &amp; Better Homes</b> Improve housing conditions for <b>more than 39,200 people (19,600 women)</b> through new, repaired, improved, rehabilitated, and incremental house construction.	<b>Transforming Housing Systems</b> <b>159,310 people (79,600 women)</b> have access to affordable housing through market development. Strengthen Habitat's position to contribute to policy changes that advance access to quality, affordable housing that benefits <b>1,647,606 people (823,800 women)</b> .	<b>Inspire Action for Housing</b> Mobilize <b>at least 3,120 people (1,500 women)</b> and activate deeper engagement around housing	
	<b>Build Resilient Housing:</b> Build resilient and inclusive rural and urban communities through safe and adequate housing, integrated climate action, HRR, and equitable access to basic services.			
	<b>Strengthen the housing governance and systems:</b> To contribute to the development, improvement, and effective implementation of housing policies, systems, and service delivery towards safe, adequate, and affordable housing			
Program Priorities	<b>Influence housing market development:</b> To enhance access to the affordable housing market through capacity development and partnership on affordable housing finance for low-income households in Cambodia.			
	<b>Cross-cutting priority program:</b> <i>**Inspire Action for Housing: Volunteer for/ in Development, which mobilizes volunteers and institutional engagement for building and influencing the cause of housing issues. ** Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), ** Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ** Partnerships and Constructive Dialogues, ** Organizational Capacity and Sustainable Development, ** Operational model, systems, and process strengthening ** Program Quality, Innovation, MEAL, ** Communication and Brand Visibility, ** Governance, Compliance, Safety and Security, Risk Management, ** Resources Mobilization.</i>			
Target Populations	Habitat works with people whose housing conditions are inadequate due to systemic exclusion and vulnerability			
	Informal Settlers in slum and squatter area	Women and Vulnerable*	Low Income**	
Major Trends	Habitat responds to the stressors and shocks that allow the housing deficit to persist and grow			
	Urbanization	Policy and Governance	Climate change and Natural Disasters	Multi-Dimensional Poverty