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LAUNCH OF THE AUSTRALIA-CAMBODIA COOPERATION FOR EQUITABLE SUSTAINABLE SERVICES (ACCESS) PROGRAM

Australian Ambassador Angela Corcoran will today launch a new program to help Cambodians with a disability or affected by gender-based violence access the services they need.

The Australia-Cambodia Cooperation for Equitable Sustainable Services (ACCESS) Program is a three year, \$15 million (2018-2021) Australian Government initiative to improve the sustainability, quality and inclusiveness of services for persons with disabilities and for women affected by gender-based violence (GBV).

“ACCESS reflects Australia’s strong commitment to supporting human rights, gender equality and disability-inclusive development in our region,” Ambassador Corcoran said.

“Women's leadership, gender equality and disability inclusion are central to poverty reduction and economic growth,” the Ambassador said.

ACCESS will work with government, civil society and private sector service providers to plan and use resources more effectively, and to sustainably improve services for persons with disabilities and women affected by GBV.

Grant applications for organisations seeking to get involved in ACCESS are now open.

The Ambassador will be joined at today's launch by HE Dr. Vong Sauth, Minister for Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation and President of the Disability Action Council, and HE Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister for Women's Affairs.

For more information on this program, visit www.accesscambodia.org.

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