

## AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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## VISIT BY AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Australian Ambassador for Women and Girls, Dr Sharman Stone, will visit Cambodia on 1-2 February 2018.

Dr Stone will use her visit to see first-hand the difference Australian aid programs are making to Cambodian women and girls.

She will meet with the founders of the new Bong Srey initiative, which will provide job listings and referral services to low-skilled workers, many of whom are women. The Bong Srey initiative has received funding through the Australian Government's Business Partnerships Platform announced by Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop in November 2017.

Dr Stone will visit a garment factory to see how Australia is supporting organisations to provide family planning and reproductive health services for women.

Dr Stone will also meet with a range of women leaders from government, development and civil society to hear about the work they are doing to improve gender equality in Cambodia.

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