

Cambodia Agricultural Value Chain Program (CAVAC)



Client

AusAID

Location

Cambodia

Sector

Private Sector and Enterprise Development Sector, Rural Development

Program Value

AU\$32 million

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Overview

Following a value chain approach, the Cambodia Agricultural Value Chain Program (CAVAC) aims to increase farmer incomes in the rice based farming systems of Cambodia through accelerating the value of agricultural production. CAVAC is initially focused on rice, and fruit and vegetable value chains in three provinces – Kampot, Kampong Thom and Takeo.

Approach and Cardno's Role

CAVAC is focused on stimulating value chains to ensure smallholder incomes are improved on a sustainable basis by addressing key constraints. CAVAC is divided into four components, three of which are directly implemented by Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia) Pty Ltd. Components include:

- *Agribusiness Development:* focuses on improving the operation of target value chains by improving the agribusiness capacity and strengthening linkages between various value chain participants. Development activities are being progressively identified and implemented in partnership with agribusiness enterprises including larger established enterprises, traders and farmer organisations.
- *Water Management:* focuses on improving the management of water on

both irrigated and rain-fed farms. More effective partnership models, rehabilitation of key infrastructure, and transfer of management responsibilities to effective water user groups are central to the more efficient use of water.

- *Business Enabling Environment:* focuses on ensuring that the business enabling environment is conducive to increased investment and participation by private and public sectors partners. This is key to ensuring the competitiveness and sustainability of rice-based farming systems into the future.
- *Research and Extension:* provides farmers with the best available information on which to base their management in order to enhance increased productivity. This component is managed by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, with logistical support provided by Cardno.

Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia) Pty Ltd is responsible for all logistical, financial management and administrative support required by the Program. Cardno also has oversight of all Program procurement and grants administration for the Agribusiness Development, Water Management and Business Enabling Environment components.