In this first year of our new country strategy, we made significant strides towards supporting Cambodia’s vision of universal access to WASH by 2025. Some highlights include...

Marginalised groups championing inclusive WASH:

- Trained all 25 Provincial Departments of Rural Development on the Inclusive WASH guidelines - giving practical tools to implement accessible WASH, with our partners Cambodia Disabled Persons Organisation and WASH Skills Development Organisation.

- Supported the Centre for Sustainable Water and the Institute of Technology Cambodia to design an E-learning course on the National Guidelines on Inclusive WASH, a platform that will be free and available for all to use.

- Worked with Humanity Inclusion to develop a participatory tool on user-friendly WASH in healthcare facilities, highlighting the needs of new mothers.
A healthy start for mothers and children:

• Worked closely with the Ministry of Health to ensure that WASH is included in their Quality of Care checklist and supported the development of the National Guidelines on WASH in Healthcare Facilities.

• Supported the Ministry of Health to include a section on WASH in its training curriculum to all healthcare facility managers.

• Partnered with RainWater Cambodia in nine healthcare facilities, training healthcare facility staff to use WHO designed methods to 1) understand the status of WASH facilities and behaviors in their facility; 2) develop and implement improvement plans; 3) make facility upgrades using their own budgets.

Making hygiene behaviour change stick:

• Undertaken marketing research for promotion of Happy Tap handwashing station with WaterSHED Ventures.

• Built Hygiene Behavior Change knowledge of country staff and partners.
- Set up two new sector strengthening programs in Kampong Chhnang and Kratie and established two district WASH committees in order to improve coordination of sector stakeholders.

- Used innovative methods to improve Cambodia’s largest sanitation program’s accountability through stronger data collection and monitoring via Facebook.

- Supported the design and roll-out of the new national Management Information System to monitor WASH.
• Supported WASH Skills Development Organisation to register as a local NGO, embedding their position in the national WASH sector. They have conducted 21 training courses for over 650 trainees (232 female).

• Conducted a study looking at the barriers preventing women entering the WASH workforce to inform how we will encourage more women to join the sector.

• Facilitated 10 scholarships for women to study WASH at the Institute of Technology Cambodia through our partner the Center for Sustainable Water.

• Supported 15 participants to join the International Training Program on Sustainable Urban Water and Sanitation, a leadership program for WASH professionals.

Cambodia’s next generation of WASH leaders:

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