

Partnering to Save Lives (PSL)

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Background

The Partnering to Save Lives (PSL) program demonstrates the high priority placed by the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and the Australian Government's Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on reproductive, maternal and neonatal health (RMNH), and their recognition of the added value of partnerships in achieving RMNH outcomes. Building on the considerable progress made on RMNH within Cambodia in recent years, PSL combines the complementary strengths of government and non-governmental partners to achieve the goals of the Fast-Track Initiative Road Map for Reducing Maternal and Neonatal Mortality (FTIRMN) and beyond.

Goal

To save the lives of women and neonates in Cambodia through improved quality, access and utilisation of RMNH services through a partnership approach.

Partners

CARE, Marie Stopes International Cambodia, Save the Children, RGC Ministry of Health, Australian Government (DFAT)

Timeframe

Aug 2013 – Jul 2016 (with a possible two-year extension)

What will PSL achieve?

PSL will contribute to FTIRMN targets through:

- improved quality of RMNH services
- greater equity of access to RMNH services
- more responsive RMNH services
- improved RMNH behaviours
- evidence-based innovation and learning leading to improved policy and practices
- partnership for greater impact and value-for-money

What does PSL do?

PSL focuses on 6 of the 7 components of FTIRMN:

- emergency obstetric and newborn care (EmONC)
- skilled birth attendance (SBA)
- family planning (FP)
- safe abortion (SA; training and quality improvement)
- behaviour change communication (BCC)
- removing financial barriers

The program has 3 core functions:

- improving health service delivery
- community strengthening and engagement
- translating learning and knowledge into policy.

Where does PSL work?

PSL focuses on holistic RMNH service provision in the underserved north-eastern provinces of Kratie, Mondulkiri, Ratanakiri and Stung Treng. PSL supports family planning services and training on safe abortion in an additional 17 provinces across the country. PSL also works to improve access to RMNH information and services for vulnerable young women working in garment factories in Phnom Penh and Kandal.

How does PSL measure success?

PSL's monitoring, evaluation, reporting and information (MERI) framework involves:

- FTIRMN indicators
- joint M&E between the partners
- participation of stakeholders and community
- an annual review and planning process that bases future program direction on the latest results and learning.

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