

## **Information supplied by governments on the application of ratified Conventions**

**Cambodia**

Convention No. 182

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#### **Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)**

**Cambodia** (Ratification: 2006). The Government has provided the following written information.

With regard to the issue of the sale and trafficking of children the Government indicates that it has been working very hard to prevent and eliminate this phenomenon. As a result, 95 actions have been taken in 2014 in all 25 provinces by the National Police and Royal Armed Forces. 127 suspects have been sent to the Municipal Court of First Instance. As reported by the National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT) in 2014, there are 412 people that have been saved from human trafficking in which 67 persons are aged below 15 years of age and 36 persons are aged between 15 and 18 years of age. These people have been transferred to the Department of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation, organizations and their families for safeguard. In addition, the Government has continued strengthening effective law enforcement and taking measures to ensure the robust prosecution of offenders. In this regard, the Action Plan of the National Committee for Counter Trafficking 2014-2018 was adopted in early 2015. This Action Plan of the National Committee is a significant roadmap to contribute to the eradication of all forms of child labour and exploitation of children under its four key strategies namely: (1) strengthening law, policy and enhancing cooperation; (2) enhancing prevention; (3) enhancing the criminal justice response to human trafficking; and (4) protecting victims with gender and age appropriate and qualitative support.

Regarding the issue of compulsory labour exacted in drug rehabilitation centres, the Government indicates that children under the ages of 18 years are not permitted to be in the drug rehabilitation centres. Instead of being detained in the drug rehabilitation centres, they are sent to different organizations or orphanages for their rehabilitation in which they are not subjected to the obligation to perform work.

Finally, the Government indicates that it has been fully engaged in improving the function of the national education system through reforms by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS) in accordance with the National Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018. MoEYS has been implementing the 3rd Education Strategic Plan 2014-2018 in which the numbers of schools and students have increased gradually. The 2014–15 annual

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report of MoEYS indicates that 31 out of 72 education policies have been completely implemented, 61.4 per cent out of 66 per cent of the target of all forms of educational services provided for children aged 5 has been achieved, the drop-out rate at the primary school level has reduced from 10.5 per cent in 2013–14 to 8.3 per cent in 2014–15, drop-out rate at the secondary school level has reduced from 21.2 per cent in 2012–13 to 21 per cent in 2013–14, and the real enrolment rate at the primary school level has risen from 95.3 per cent in 2013–14 to 99.4 per cent in 2014–15.