

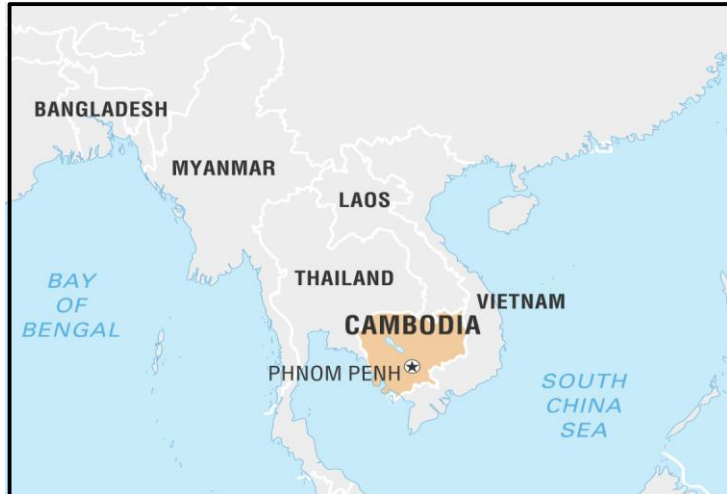
Policy Idol

The Crisis of a
Century: COVID in
Cambodia

GLHLTH 750 Global Health Policy and Systems

Country Profile

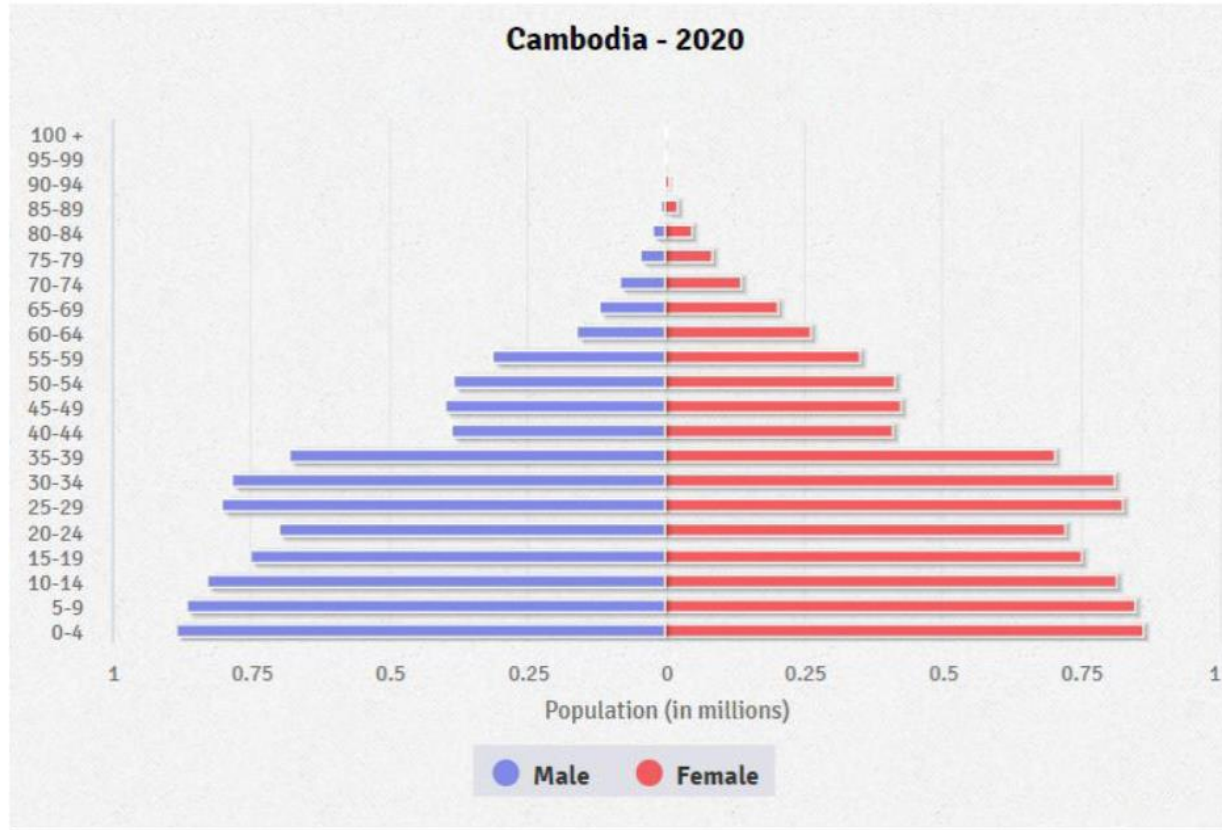
Population: 16.01 million people



Major industries:

- Agriculture
- Textiles
- Tourism





Population Breakdown

Figure 1. Share of People Living in Urban Areas

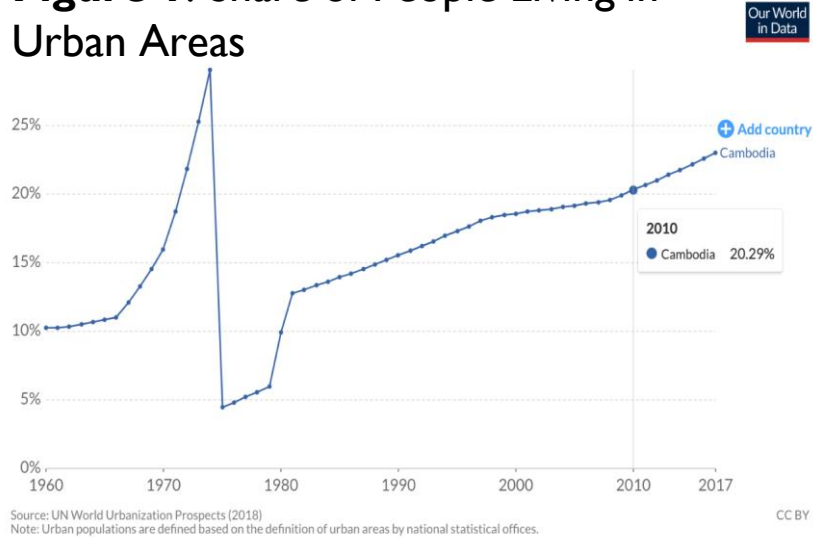


Figure 2. Population Density (ppl/sq km)

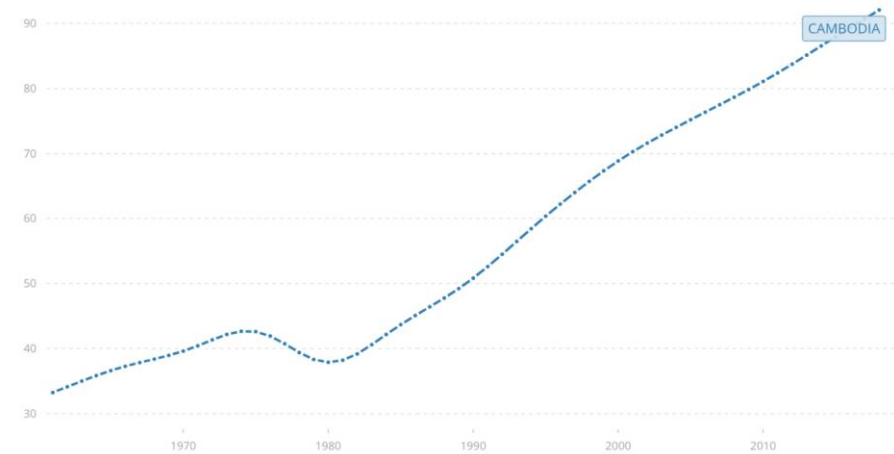


Figure 1 source: <https://ourworldindata.org/urbanization>

Figure 2 source: <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/EN.POP.DNST?end=2018&locations=KH&start=1961&type=points&view=chart>

Current COVID-19 Situation

First Case: 28 Jan
2020

Cases: 119

Recovered: 63

Active: 61

Deaths: 0

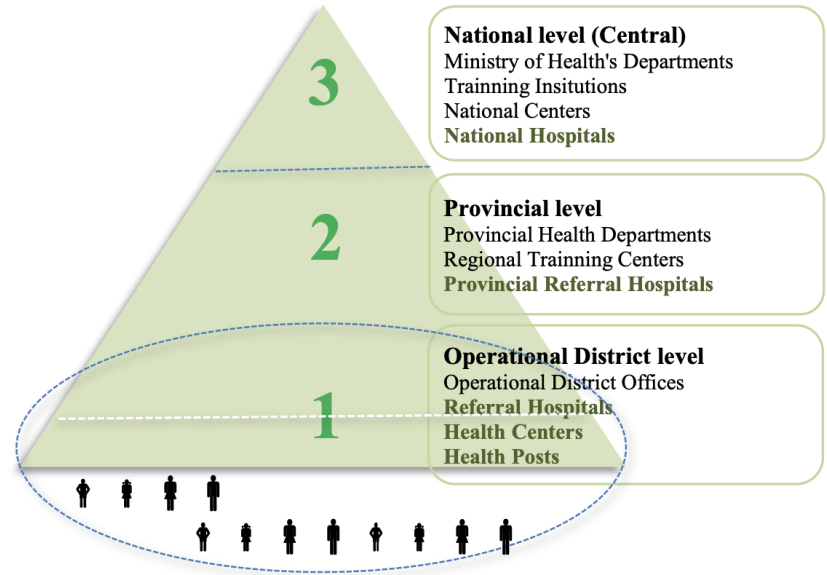
- Closure of schools, public places
- Stopped religious gatherings
- Designated a reference laboratory for testing (IPC)
- 3 hospitals and 25 provincial hospitals can test
 - ~570,000 people per facility if distributed evenly

Source:

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

Healthcare Infrastructure

- Cambodia's health system is relatively fragmented
 - Policy from MoH has to go through multiple layers to reach the districts/communities
- Quality and delivery of lower levels vary by region
 - Lots of autonomy at District level
- Strong reliance on Community Health Workers for delivery of many services



Sources: [http://hismohcambodia.org/public/fileupload/carousel/HSP3-\(2016-2020\).pdf](http://hismohcambodia.org/public/fileupload/carousel/HSP3-(2016-2020).pdf)
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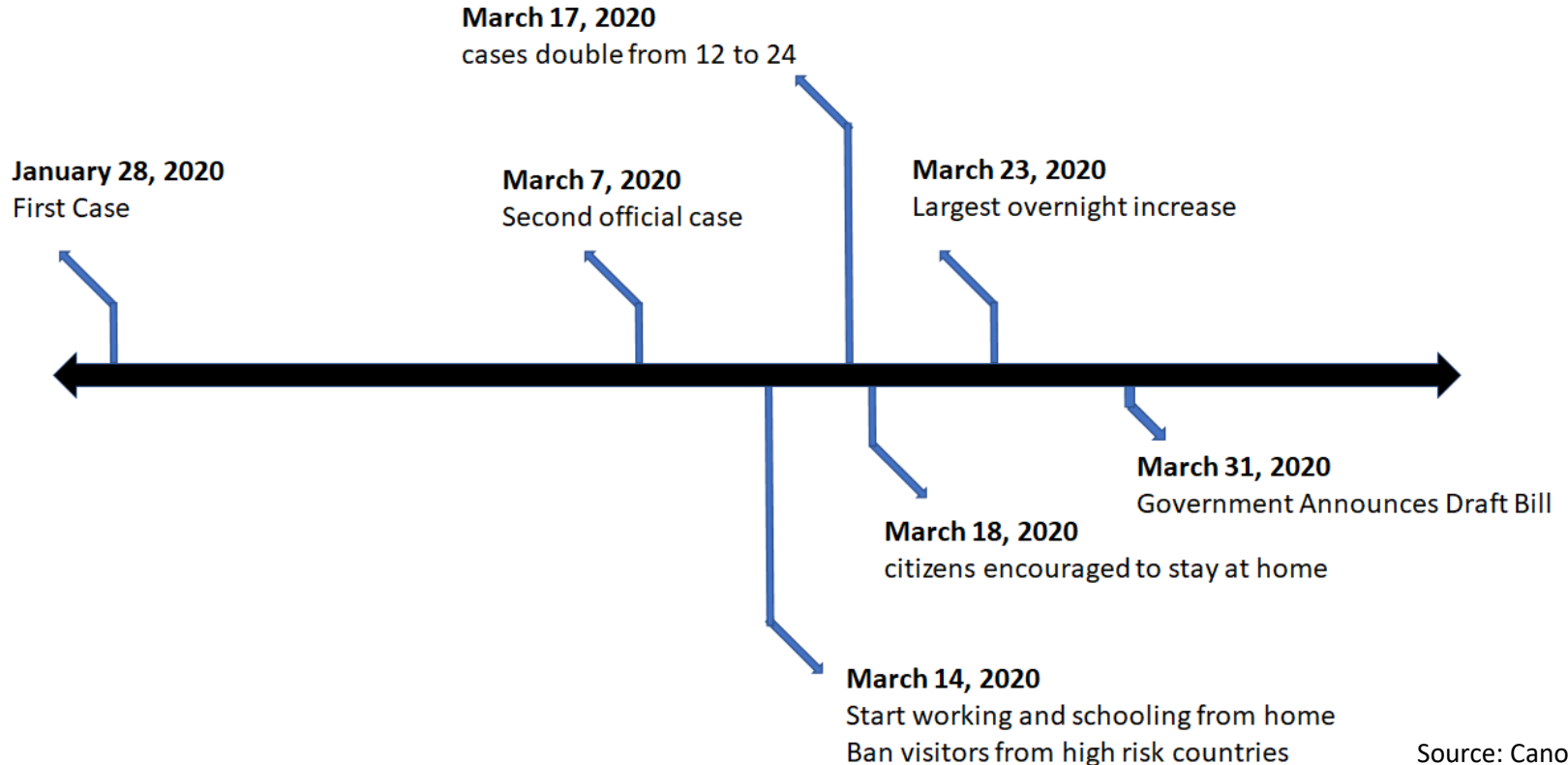
Healthcare Infrastructure

WHO Public Health Emergency Preparedness out of a score of 5

Preparedness	R.1.1 National multi-hazard public health emergency preparedness and response plan is developed and implemented	1
	R.1.2 Priority public health risks and resources are mapped and utilized	1
Emergency response operations	R.2.1 Capacity to activate emergency operations	2
	R.2.2 Emergency operations centre operating procedures and plans	1
	R.2.3 Emergency operations programme	1
	R.2.4 Case management procedures are implemented for IHR (2005) relevant hazards	1

Source: <https://www.who.int/ihr/publications/who-whe-cpi-2017.11/en/>

Country Response Timeline



Source: Cano, 2020

April 2, 2020 9:00PM EDT

Cambodia: Emergency Bill Recipe for Dictatorship

COVID-19 Crisis Pretext for Hun Sen to Seek Unlimited Powers, Go After Critics

“The draft law comes amid a longstanding crackdown by the Cambodian government on civil society, the media, critics, and the opposition.”

Draft Law:

- impose confinement, quarantine, conscription and evacuation
- manage, seize and handle properties
- set prices on necessities and services
- conduct surveillance and monitoring through telecommunication systems
- prohibit dissemination or publication of information that may cause fear or social chaos

SE Asia Response: Lessons Learned

Successes

Singapore (HIC): 1,623 cases, 6 deaths

- Launched massive temperature screening in public spaces (e.g malls)

Vietnam (MIC): 255 cases, 0 deaths

- Centralized efforts on containment
- Clear public messaging

Challenges

Philippines (LMIC): 4,076 cases, 203 deaths

- Lack of centralized coordination and action between national government and MOH
- Sudden shift to drastic action:

Malaysia (UMIC): 4,228 cases, 67 deaths

- Initial nonchalance by government delayed major action

Stakeholder Analysis

	Supportive	Neutral	Opposed
High Power	World Bank, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance		
Medium Power	research organizations, business leaders - telecom/health industries, <i>*National Public Health Emergency Operations Center</i>	Healthcare workers	Business leaders - non-essential
Low Power	Volunteers, community	community	community

*Strengthen National Public Health Emergency Operation Center

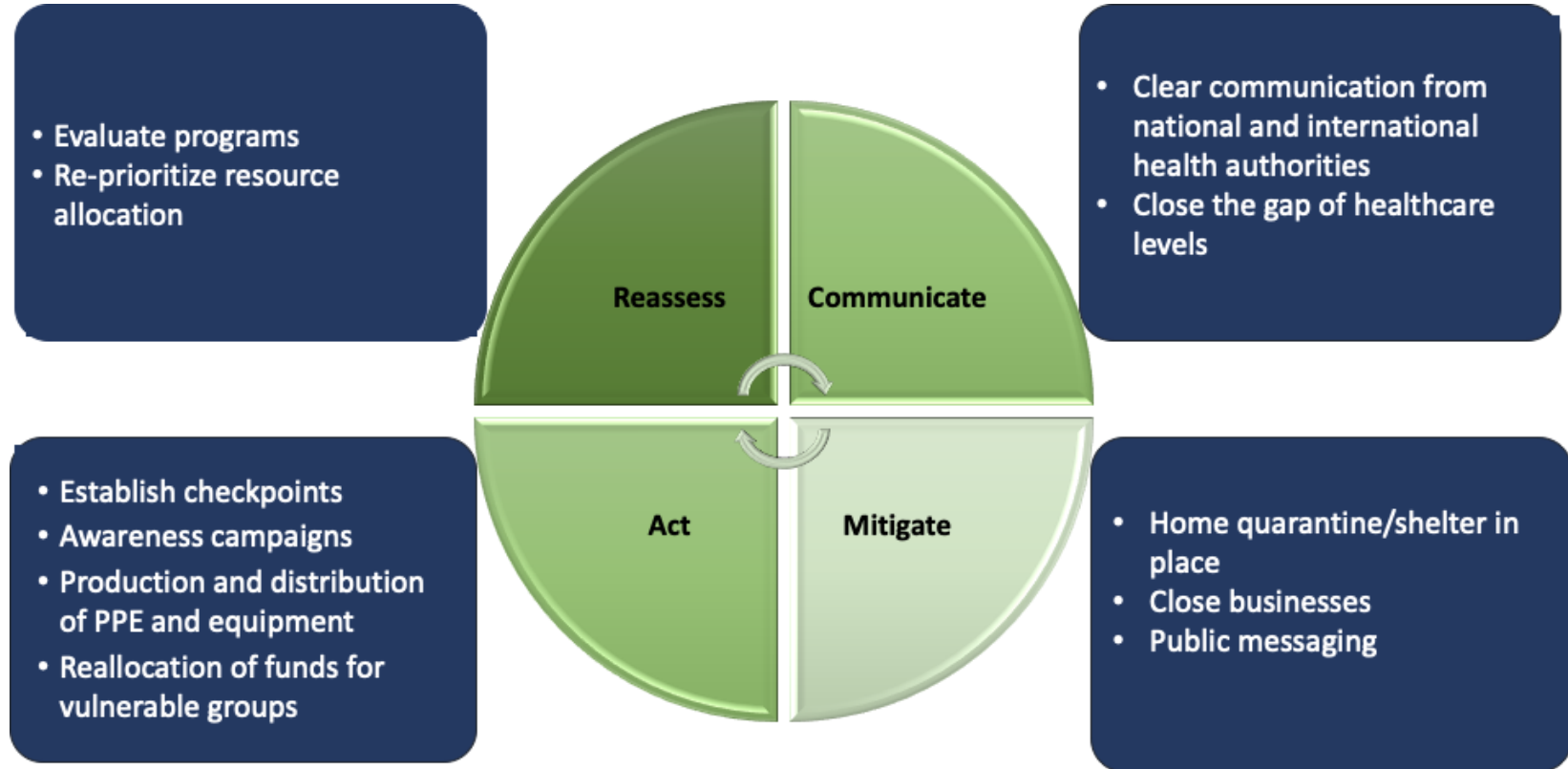
(World Bank, 2020)

National Public Health Emergency Operation Center (NPHEOC)

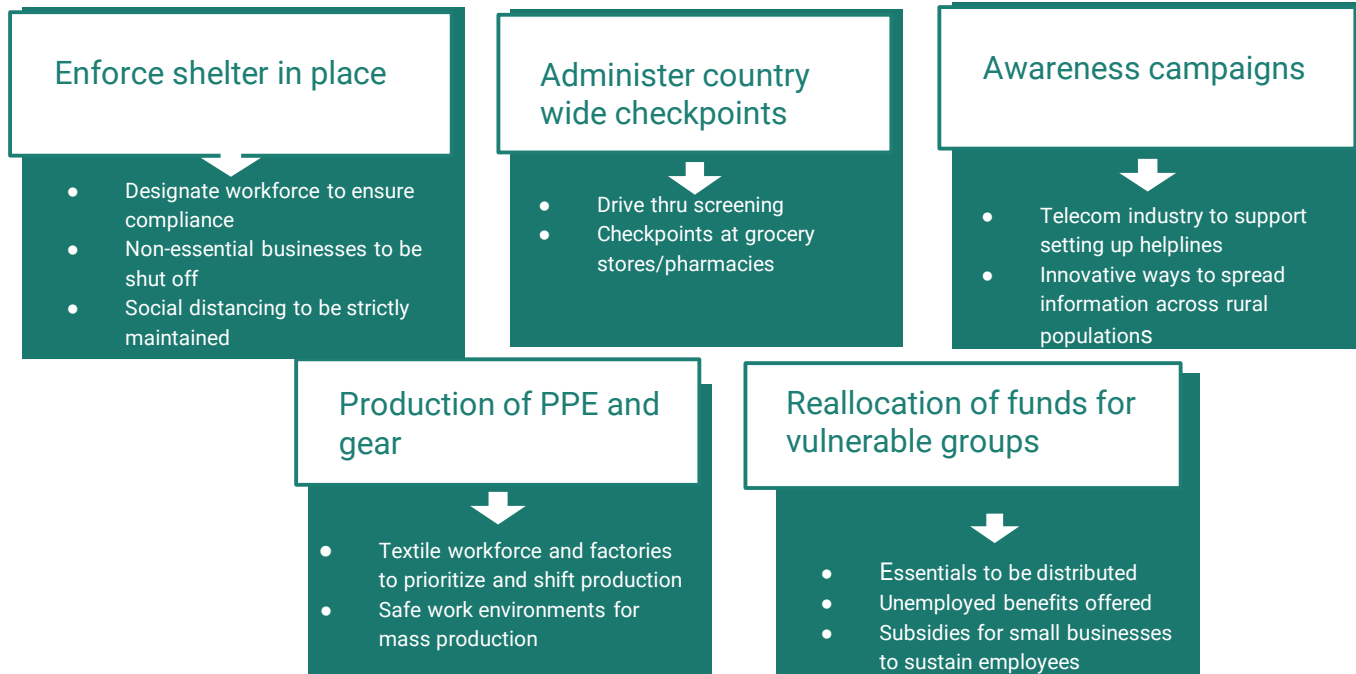
- Strengthen NPHEOC to close the gap
 - Additional staff
 - Funding through Cambodian government
 - Designate reporting guidelines for national, provincial, and operational districal levels of healthcare
 - Power to reallocate resources: PPE and equipment
 - Engage textile industry



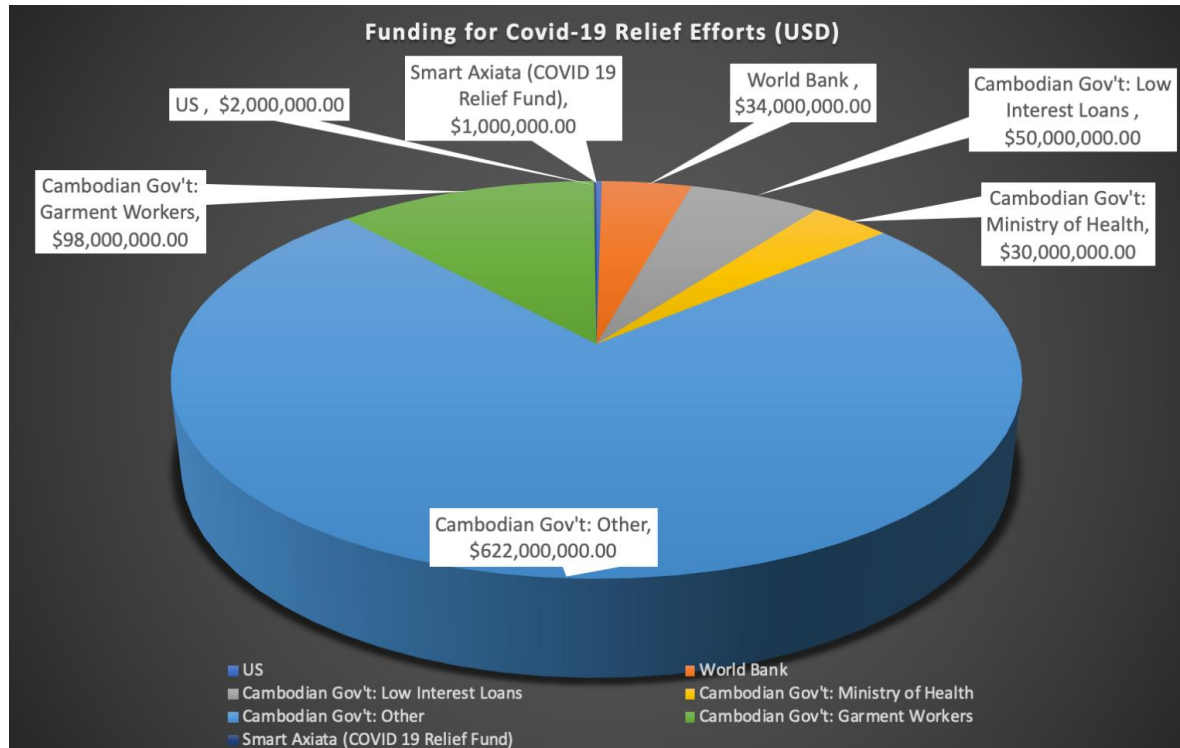
Policy Approach



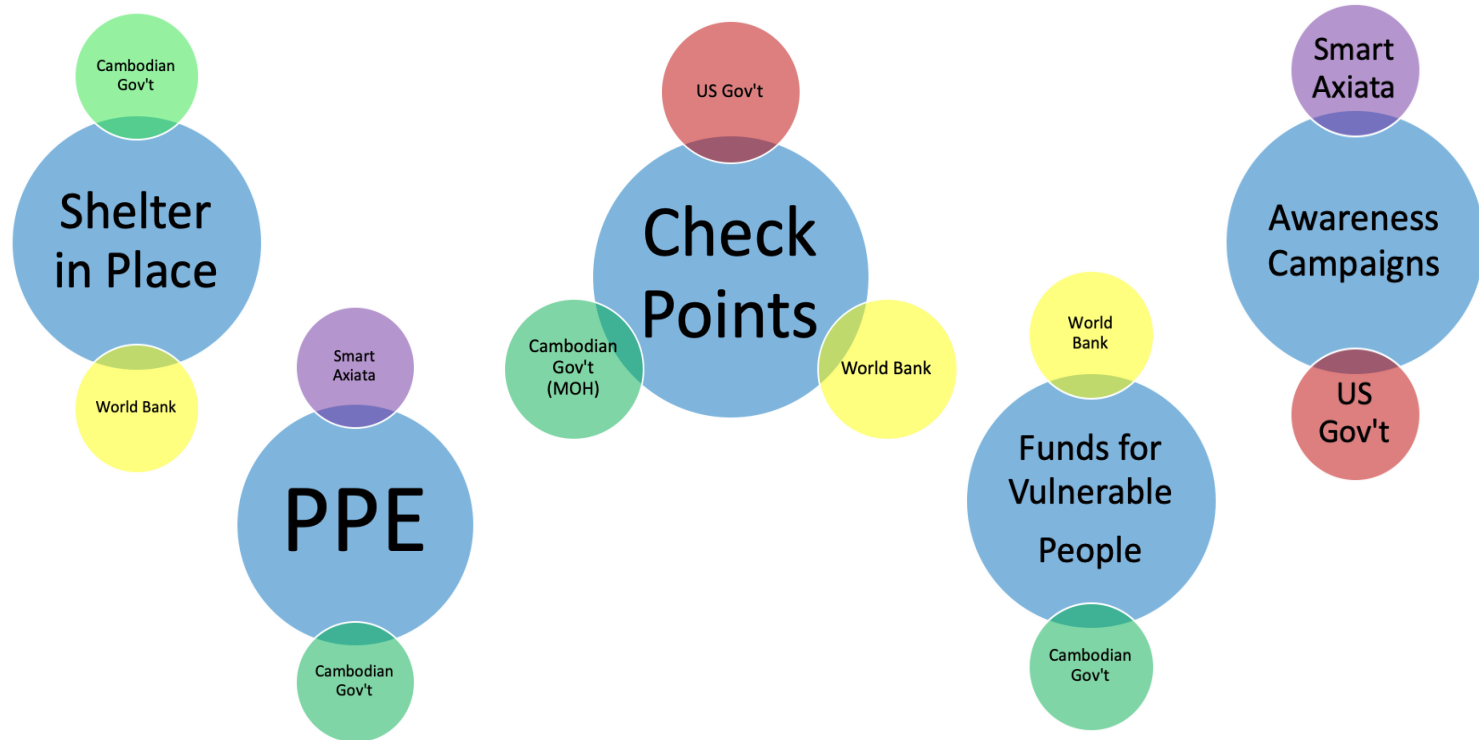
Implementation Plan



Funding



Funding Breakdown: by aim



Conclusion

- Centralized action through NPHEOC
 - Enforce shelter in place
 - Establish country wide checkpoint
 - Awareness campaign
 - Production of PPE and other resources to sustain economy
 - Reallocation of funds for vulnerable groups
- Creating a comprehensive and sustainable structure for epidemics and pandemics in the future even after COVID-19 has passed.

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