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Thrive Networks/East Meets West (Thrive/EMW) partnering with Cambodian Water Supply Association (CWA) under Women-led Output Based Aid (WOBA) project 2018-2022 and Community-Led Inclusive, Climate Resilient (CLICR) WASH project 2023-2024 funded by Water for Women Fund supported by DFAT

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### **Women-led Output Based Aid (WOBA) project 2018-2022:**

From 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2029, Thrive/EMW supported CWA to conduct a study of barriers and drivers towards the establishment of piped water connections among households in Cambodia.

On 12-13 Sep 2019, Thrive/EMW supported CWA to select 20 women-led water operators and provide them with capacity building to improve their knowledge and necessary skills for a better managing their water utility business. After the training, they have been able to focus on improving their operation and increasing more water users to increase their businesses.

On 17-18 Sep 2029, Thrive/EMW supported CWA to coordinate two field visits with the 20 women-led water operators. The exposure visits aimed to help the participants with practical learning with technical and business management, including exchanging experiences regarding the challenges and solutions in the water business, and identifying the areas of improvement.

On 27 Jan 2020, orientation workshop was conducted for the 20 women-led water operators on water connection for 3,750 GEDSI poor/poor households.

On 3-14 Feb 2020, 19 women-led water operators were selected to connect their piped water supply to 3,750 GEDSI poor/poor households.

From 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022, 19 women-led water operators connected their piped water supply to 2,967 GEDSI poor/poor households. During the implementation of these piped water connections, Thrive/EMW supported the women-led water operators to work with commune council (CC) members and commune committees for women and children (CCWCs) and village leaders to educate the GEDSI poor/poor households about the importance of piped water supply and encourage them to connect to the piped water supply. Thrive/EMW also conducted digital verification of over 20% of the 2,967 piped water connections completed.

### **Community-Led Inclusive, Climate Resilient (CLICR) WASH project 2023-2024:**

On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, CWA participated in a day field trip dry run and review of CLICR WASH training and education materials developed with the community group.

On 12-15 Sep 2023, CWA participated in a workshop on Self-Assessment Tools (SAT) on “Gender Equality, Disability & Social Inclusion” in Phnom Penh.

On 21-23 Sep 2023, CWA participated in training workshops conducted by EMW team on WSP resilient to climate and GEDSI including DNH principles, using MRD & MISTI WSP guidelines for 4 piped water supply communes (Pongror commune, Kaoh Soutin district, Kampong Cham province; Mien and Ampil Ta Pok communes, Ou Reang Ov district, Tboung Khmum province; and Ampil Krav commune, Sithor Kandal district, Prey Veng province) with engagement of local government (CC/CCWC members, village leaders, and district and provincial officials) and private sector (female water operators and local suppliers) partners.

On 28<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023 at Diakonia Centre, Phnom Penh, Thrive/EMW and CWA team conducted a refresher training course on “the Capacity of four 12 female water operators and their managers strengthened through management, marketing and operational skills including both technical and social aspects.

On 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023, CWA participated in the training conducted by Thrive/EMW team on “climate resilient and GESI/Poor WSP” for Mien and Ampil Tapok communes, Ou Reang Ov district, Tboung Khmum province. As a result, 48 participants (3 PDRD officials, 3 district officials, 12 members of CC/CCWC, 4 female community volunteers, 24 village leaders and 2 PWOs) participated in the training. Besides, there were 4 staff from 3 partners (WOMEN, CWA, CDPO) and 3 staff of Thrive/EMW.

On 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2024, CWA staff jointly facilitated the Water Safety Planning (WSP) interview with ISF-UTS, CDRI and Thrive/EMW in Sangkat Roleab, Krong Pursat, Pursat province. Then, Thrive/EMW led the WSP interview and research.

On 5<sup>th</sup> Jun 2024, CWA participated in the District Working Group (DWG) second quarterly meeting in Prey Veng province. The meeting was attended by 21 participants (5 females), including a Deputy Governor of Prey Veng Town, 4 Commune Councils from Takoa, Chhourng Teuk, Kampong Leav, and Baray Sangkat, Krong/district officials, and CWA staff.

From 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2024, 834 water connections resilient to climate vs 1,000 water connections resilient to climate planned have been connected to 824 GEDSI poor/poor households in 11 communes, 7 districts, 3 provinces (Prey Veng, Kampong Cham and Tboung Khmum). The remaining 166 water connections resilient to climate are expected to be completed in Oct 2024.