

Partnering for Social Change in Cambodia: The Royal University of Phnom Penh & the University of Washington

Phase II focuses on development of courses and implementation of the new Bachelors degree in Social Work at the Royal University of Phnom Penh and related activities.

Goal 1 - Faculty Mentoring

- The Cambodian faculty cohort will have an opportunity to participate in a doctoral level seminar focused on teaching while they are in Seattle. They will also be linked with an instructor to develop skills related to course preparation and delivery during their time in Seattle. Additionally, the Cambodian faculty will have an opportunity to shadow practicum coordinators to learn more about developing and monitoring practica as part of the new degree.
- Once the cohort has returned to Cambodia, mentors will also be recruited who can come for short term stays in Cambodia to support the development of courses and implementation of the new degree program.

Goal 2 – Creation of Practicum/Research Sites

- The RUPP Social Work Department will partner with a small set of key organizations to be established as practicum training and research sites for students and faculty from RUPP and abroad. These may include a school, child welfare center, women’s organization, hospital, and disability network.

Goal 3 – Support for a Cambodian Social Work Association

- A loosely organized group has met intermittently in Phnom Penh over the past few years. The RUPP Partnership will help solidify the association whose membership will develop its own mission statement, goals, and objectives.

Goal 4 – Develop Linkages with Other Social Work Educators and Practitioners

- Social work linkages besides with the University of Washington have already begun to be established with the National University of Singapore, Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Thammasat University, Singapore General Hospital, Ewha Women’s University, and the Asian and the Pacific Association for Social Work Education. Further connections will be forged to encourage the exchange of teaching, practice, and research across the Asia region.

Goal 4 – Provide Opportunities for Exchanges

- Student, faculty, and alumni exchanges will be promoted in order to share practice experience, teaching, and scholarship with the Royal University of Phnom Penh Social Work Department.

Phase III focuses on development of courses and implementation of a Master’s degree in Social Work at the RUPP.