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# A NATIONAL SURVEY ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF BUDGET PROCESSES

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## METHODOLOGY

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Through a nationally representative survey of 1,596 individuals residing across all 25 provinces/capital of Cambodia, this survey report aims to:

- Understand and quantify citizens' perceptions and attitudes regarding the transparency and accountability of budgets in Cambodia;
- Understand and quantify citizens' awareness and experience in dealing with budget and budgeting issues in the country.

- The research followed a mixed-methods approach, combining schemes of qualitative and quantitative data collection, and reconciling primary and secondary data analysis.

**Table 1. Research Data Sources**

<b>Primary Sources</b>	<b>Secondary Sources</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nationally representative survey of 1596 Cambodian citizens</li><li>• Consultative meetings with TI Cambodia staff</li><li>• Workshops and written submissions from an Advisory Board including stakeholders from NGO, CSO, independent researchers and government sectors</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Literature from international and local NGOs and CSOs</li><li>• Literature and data produced by government and ministries at the national level, including relevant policy and legal frameworks</li><li>• Academic sources</li></ul>

**Sample size:**

**1,596 people (F=50%)**

**Age**

**Aged 18 and older**

**Selected locations:**

**200 villages within 100 communes across all 25 provinces/the  
capital**

**Sampling method:**

**four-stage stratified method**

- The survey tool was rigorously translated and then field tested by the data collection team (five supervisors and 20 enumerators)
- Enumerators attend a three-day training session to build familiarity and understanding of the survey tool and its instructions.
- All aspects of the survey tool – including the language, question order, and skip logic – were refined, revised and retested as necessary in order to make the survey accessible, clear and unambiguous for both enumerators and respondents.

# Data collection, entry and analysis



- An external specialist agency was recruited to implement and oversee the data collection process
- Data collection of responses from 1,596 individuals from 100 communes across 25 provinces of Cambodia took place over 21 days in October 2017.
- The survey was administered face-to-face using paper forms in private locations convenient for respondents, usually the respondents home.
- Data entry was conducted by the same external specialist agency, employing double data entry system, CSPro. Data analysis was conducted by a consultant team, using IBM SPSS.

TI Cambodia's approach to the promotion of budget transparency and accountability is constructive engagement. Thus, the survey was undertaken in a participatory way, with the involvement of a variety of stakeholders.

# Province Location of Survey Respondents

Province	N <sup>o</sup> Respondents	% Respondents
Banteay Meanchey	80	5.0
Battambang	96	6.0
Kep	16	1.0
Kampong Cham	124	7.8
Kampong Chhnang	48	3.0
Kampong Speu	96	6.0
Kampong Thom	64	4.0
Kampot	64	4.0
Kandal	128	8.0
Koh Kong	16	1.0
Kratie	48	3.0
Monduliri	16	1.0
Oddar Meanchey	16	1.0
Pailin	16	1.0
Phnom Penh	144	9.0
Preah Sihanouk	16	1.0
Preah Vihear	16	1.0
Prey Veng	128	8.0
Pursat	48	3.0
Rattanakiri	16	1.0
Siem Reap	80	5.0
Stung Treng	16	1.0
Svay Rieng	80	5.0
Takeo	128	8.0
Tboung Khmum	96	6.0
Total – all respondents	1,596	100.0



# Gender of Survey Respondents

Gender	N <sup>o</sup> Respondents	% Respondents
Female	798	50.0
Male	798	50.0
<b>Total – all respondents</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>

# Socio-Demographic Characteristics of Survey Respondents

Variable	All		Female		Male	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Age in years</b>						
• 18-27	253	15.9	138	17.3	115	14.4
• 28-37	401	25.1	220	27.6	181	22.7
• 38-47	291	18.2	151	18.9	140	17.5
• 48-57	378	23.7	184	23.1	194	24.3
• 58 +	273	17.1	105	13.2	168	21.1
<b>Total – all respondents</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Marital status</b>						
• Single	125	7.8	57	7.1	68	8.5
• Married	1342	84.1	643	80.6	699	87.6
• Divorced, separated or widowed	129	8.1	98	12.3	31	3.9
<b>Total – all respondents</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Educational level</b>						
• No schooling	192	12.0	114	14.3	78	9.8
• Incomplete primary	649	40.7	364	45.6	285	35.7
• Complete primary	324	20.3	155	19.4	169	21.2
• Complete lower secondary	282	17.7	108	13.5	174	21.8
• Complete higher secondary	100	6.3	42	5.3	58	7.3
• Post-secondary	49	3.1	15	1.9	34	4.3
<b>Total – all respondents</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Location</b>						
• Urban	352	22.1	176	22.1	176	22.1
• Rural	1,244	77.9	622	77.9	622	77.9
<b>Total – all respondents</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>

# Socio-Economic Characteristics of Survey Respondents

Variable	All		Female		Male	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Employment status</b>						
• Employed	1,300	81.5	607	76.1	693	86.8
• Unemployed	75	4.7	45	5.6	30	3.8
• Inactive	221	13.8	146	18.3	75	9.4
<b>Total – all respondents</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Household monthly income category</b>						
• First quintile, under \$41	318	19.9	168	21.1	150	18.8
• Second quintile, \$41-\$78	315	19.7	148	18.5	167	20.9
• Third quintile, \$79-\$100	342	21.4	179	22.4	163	20.4
• Fourth quintile, \$101-\$160	324	20.3	152	19.0	172	21.6
• Fifth quintile, over \$160	292	18.3	147	18.4	145	18.2
• Prefer not to say	5	0.3	4	0.5	1	0.1
<b>Total – all respondents</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Household status</b>						
• Owner occupier	1,502	94.1	753	94.4	749	93.9
• Rent	64	4.0	34	4.3	30	3.8
• Not owned, but free	29	1.8	11	1.4	18	2.3
• Other	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1
<b>Total – all respondents</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0</b>

# *Thank you*



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