Survey of Cambodian Public Opinion

International Republican Institute
November 30 – December 25, 2011
Detailed Methodology

- Face-to-face interviews were conducted November 30 – December 25, 2011, by the Center for Advanced Studies based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The survey was designed, coordinated and analyzed by North Star Opinion Research, Inc.

- The sample of 2,000 respondents is representative of the Cambodian population aged 18 or older and is also proportional to population by province, to urban/rural distribution and to gender.

- Respondents were disqualified if they or any member of their family was employed as a journalist or editor in one of the media outlets; an employee of a political party; a member of municipal, town or provincial government, or national parliament; an employee of one of the ministries; an employee of a public relations agency or marketing agency; or an employee of an agency or institute of public opinion research.

- The survey was conducted according to a random nationwide, three-stage stratified, Simple Random Sampling Without Replacement method. In the first stage, the survey was stratified by 24 provinces. In the second stage, the survey was further stratified by urban/rural. In the third stage, the survey was stratified by gender.

- Additionally, respondents within each municipality were identified by a random selection of street addresses and the random walk method for households.

- Upon random household selection, respondents in each household were chosen based on the next birthday method.

- The margin of error is +/- 2.2 percent with a response rate of 95 percent.

- The nationwide survey included all provinces and municipalities.

- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies. Figures in charts and tables may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.
Demographics: Sample distribution

Sample representative of 24 Cambodian provinces

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Province</th>
<th>Sample</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
<th>Province</th>
<th>Sample</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Banteay Meanchey</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>Oddar Meanchey</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Battambang</td>
<td>144</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>Pailin</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kampong Cham</td>
<td>256</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>Phnom Penh</td>
<td>208</td>
<td>10%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kampong Chhnang</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>Preah Sihanouk</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kampong Speu</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>Preah Vihear</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kampong Thom</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>Prey Veng</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kampot</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>Pursat</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kandal</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>Ratanak Kiri</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kep</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>Siemreap</td>
<td>128</td>
<td>6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Koh Kong</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>Stung Treng</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kratie</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>Svay Rieng</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mondul Kiri</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>Takeo</td>
<td>128</td>
<td>6%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total: 2,000 100%
Demographics: Rural/Urban & Gender

Urban - Rural
- Rural: 58%
- Urban: 42%

Male - Female
- Men: 50%
- Women: 50%
Demographics: Income

Self-reported monthly family income

- Up to $50: 12%
- $51 - $100: 19%
- $101 - $250: 36%
- $251 - $500: 18%
- More than $500: 15%
Demographics: Education

- University: 2%
- Upper secondary: 11%
- Lower secondary: 20%
- Primary: 47%
- None: 20%
Demographics: Age

- 18 - 24: 15%
- 25 - 29: 12%
- 30 - 39: 23%
- 40 - 49: 21%
- 50 - 59: 16%
- 60 or older: 13%
Demographics: Occupation

- Farmer: 58%
- Salesperson/vendor: 8%
- Housewife/domestic service: 7%
- Worker: 6%
- Professional: 5%
- Business owner: 3%
- Student: 3%
- Civil servant: 2%
- Unemployed: 2%
- Teacher: 1%
- Others: 5%
Trends

Right/Wrong Direction
Is Cambodia generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

- **Right direction**: 81% (Dec-11), 76% (Jul-10), 79% (Aug-09), 82% (Nov-08), 77% (Feb-08), 75% (Aug-07), 71% (Jan-07), 60% (Aug-06)
- **Wrong direction**: 19% (Dec-11), 23% (Jul-10), 20% (Aug-09), 17% (Nov-08), 20% (Feb-08), 22% (Aug-07), 29% (Jan-07), 37% (Aug-06)
- **Don't know**: 0.0% (Dec-11), 0.4% (Jul-10), 0.6% (Aug-09), 1% (Nov-08), 2% (Feb-08), 2% (Aug-07), 1% (Jan-07), 3% (Aug-06)
Is Cambodia generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction? (by age)
**Why is Cambodia moving in the right direction?**
(N = 1,623, open-ended, multiple responses)

- More roads built
  - Dec-11: 72%  
  - Jul-10: 78%  
  - Aug-09: 76%
- More schools built
  - Dec-11: 51%  
  - Jul-10: 59%  
  - Aug-09: 61%
- More health clinics built
  - Dec-11: 24%  
  - Jul-10: 27%  
  - Aug-09: 29%
- More bridges built
  - Dec-11: 18%  
  - Jul-10: 17%  
  - Aug-09: 17%
- More pagodas built
  - Dec-11: 14%  
  - Jul-10: 17%  
  - Aug-09: 21%
- More irrigation built
  - Dec-11: 13%  
  - Jul-10: 19%  
  - Aug-09: 16%
- Modern products/technology available
  - Dec-11: 12%  
  - Jul-10: 11%  
  - Aug-09: 5%
- Less poverty
  - Dec-11: 11%  
  - Jul-10: 15%  
  - Aug-09: 16%
- Help to the poor (rice/medicine/clothes)
  - Dec-11: 9%  
  - Jul-10: 8%  
  - Aug-09: 11%
- No more war/country is at peace
  - Dec-11: 9%  
  - Jul-10: 9%  
  - Aug-09: 11%
Why is Cambodia moving in the wrong direction? (N = 377, open-ended, multiple responses)

- More corruption: 40% (Dec-11) 42% (Aug-09)
- Nepotism: 25% (Jul-10) 29% (Aug-09)
- Prices of goods are too high (not including gas and energy costs): 24% (Jul-10) 23% (Aug-09) 29% (Aug-09)
- Land grabbing: 9% (Jul-10) 13% (Aug-09) 21% (Aug-09)
- Damage to environment/forests/fisheries: 19% (Jul-10) 18% (Aug-09)
- Illegal immigration: 16% (Jul-10) 16% (Aug-09)
- Poverty: 15% (Jul-10) 19% (Aug-09) 29% (Aug-09)
- Not enough jobs: 11% (Jul-10) 16% (Aug-09)
- Low crop prices for farmers: 11% (Jul-10) 12% (Aug-09) 17% (Aug-09)
- Gasoline/energy prices too high: 7% (Jul-10) 9% (Aug-09) 12% (Aug-09)
Trends

Corruption
How widespread do you think corruption and bribe-taking are in your local/municipal government and in the national government in Phnom Penh?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Local government</th>
<th>National government</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jul-10</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>11%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec-11</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>46%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jul-10</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>48%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec-11</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>48%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Don't know
- Local government: 1% in Jul-10, 1% in Dec-11
- National government: 9% in Jul-10, 6% in Dec-11

Almost zero officials are corrupt
- Local government: 53% in Jul-10, 54% in Dec-11
- National government: 22% in Jul-10, 22% in Dec-11

Only a few officials are corrupt
- Local government: 20% in Jul-10, 16% in Dec-11
- National government: 25% in Jul-10, 22% in Dec-11

Most officials are corrupt
- Local government: 16% in Jul-10, 12% in Dec-11
- National government: 17% in Jul-10, 15% in Dec-11

Almost all officials are corrupt
How widespread do you think corruption and bribe-taking are in the national government in Phnom Penh? (by right/wrong direction responses)
In your opinion, how committed is the government to crack down on corruption and eliminate bribery?
Have you witnessed an act of corruption or bribe-taking by a politician or government official within the past six months? /
Have you witnessed an act of corruption or bribe-taking by the police within the past six months?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Jul-10</th>
<th>Dec-11</th>
<th>Jul-10</th>
<th>Dec-11</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Personally witnessed a politician or government official involvement</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>29%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Personally witnessed police involvement</td>
<td>77%</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>71%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Have you personally witnessed an act of corruption or bribe-taking within the past six months? (by education)

- Yes, I personally witnessed a politician or government official involvement.
- Yes, I personally witnessed police involvement.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Education Level</th>
<th>None (N=402)</th>
<th>Primary (N=932)</th>
<th>Lower secondary (N=408)</th>
<th>Upper secondary (N=221)</th>
<th>University (N=37)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Percentage</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>65%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Percentage</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>43%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

19
Have you personally witnessed an act of corruption or bribe-taking by the police in the past six months? (by right/wrong direction responses)

- **Right direction (N=1,623)**: 26%
- **Wrong direction (N=377)**: 43%

- No, I have not personally witnessed police involvement.
- Yes, I personally witnessed police involvement.
Trends

Lack of Food
How often does your family not have enough rice to eat?
During flooding season this year, how were you or your family negatively affected by the flood?

- Not affected at all: 55%
- Somewhat affected: 25%
- Very affected: 19%
During flooding season this year, how were you or your family negatively affected by the flood? (by province)

- **Pursat (N=48)**
  - Very affected: 44%
  - Somewhat affected: 23%
  - Not affected at all: 33%
  - Don't know: 33%

- **Kampong Thom (N=96)**
  - Very affected: 42%
  - Somewhat affected: 34%
  - Not affected at all: 24%
  - Don't know: 24%

- **Siem Reap (N=128)**
  - Very affected: 41%
  - Somewhat affected: 29%
  - Not affected at all: 30%
  - Don't know: 30%

- **Kampong Chhnang (N=64)**
  - Very affected: 31%
  - Somewhat affected: 30%
  - Not affected at all: 39%
  - Don't know: 39%

- **Prey Veng (N=160)**
  - Very affected: 28%
  - Somewhat affected: 33%
  - Not affected at all: 39%
  - Don't know: 39%

- **Banteay Meanchey (N=96)**
  - Very affected: 25%
  - Somewhat affected: 27%
  - Not affected at all: 48%
  - Don't know: 48%

- **Battambang (N=144)**
  - Very affected: 24%
  - Somewhat affected: 21%
  - Not affected at all: 56%
  - Don't know: 56%

- **Kratie (N=48)**
  - Very affected: 23%
  - Somewhat affected: 35%
  - Not affected at all: 42%
  - Don't know: 42%

- **Kandal (N=160)**
  - Very affected: 22%
  - Somewhat affected: 49%
  - Not affected at all: 29%
  - Don't know: 29%

- **Kampong Cham (N=256)**
  - Very affected: 21%
  - Somewhat affected: 20%
  - Not affected at all: 59%
  - Don't know: 59%

- **Oddar Meanchey (N=32)**
  - Very affected: 19%
  - Somewhat affected: 38%
  - Not affected at all: 44%
  - Don't know: 44%

- **Mondul Kiri (N=16)**
  - Very affected: 13%
  - Somewhat affected: 31%
  - Not affected at all: 56%
  - Don't know: 56%
During flooding season this year, how were you or your family negatively affected by the flood? (by province)

- **Stung Treng (N=16)**: 13% Very affected, 25% Somewhat affected, 63% Not affected at all
- **Takeo (N=128)**: 9% Very affected, 21% Somewhat affected, 70% Not affected at all
- **Svay Rieng (N=80)**: 8% Very affected, 30% Somewhat affected, 63% Not affected at all
- **Kep (N=16)**: 6% Very affected, 13% Somewhat affected, 81% Not affected at all
- **Ratanak Kiri (N=16)**: 6% Very affected, 11% Somewhat affected, 94% Not affected at all
- **Phnom Penh (N=208)**: 6% Very affected, 11% Somewhat affected, 83% Not affected at all
- **Kampot Speu (N=96)**: 5% Very affected, 14% Somewhat affected, 81% Not affected at all
- **Kampot (N=96)**: 4% Very affected, 26% Somewhat affected, 69% Not affected at all
- **Preah Sihanouk (N=32)**: 3% Very affected, 13% Somewhat affected, 84% Not affected at all
- **Pailin (N=16)**: 25% Very affected, 75% Not affected at all
- **Preah Vihear (N=32)**: 13% Very affected, 88% Not affected at all
- **Koh Kong (N=16)**: 6% Very affected, 94% Not affected at all
Politics
The next elections will be in 2012 for commune council. How likely are you to vote in those elections?
The next elections will be in 2012 for commune council. How likely are you to vote in those elections? (by age)
Khmer Rouge Tribunal
Are you aware that some Khmer Rouge leaders are being tried in court for crimes during the Pol Pot era?
The trial of Duch took more than two years. Do you think the length of time for this trial is too long, too short or just right?
Featured Issue: Crime

Crime in the Village and Commune
What is the number one problem with crime in your village or commune? (open-ended)

- Gangsters: 46%
- Stealing: 17%
- Domestic violence: 10%
- Traffic accidents: 7%
- Other: 18%
- Don't know: 1%
In your village or commune, how big of a problem are each of the following issues? Please rate the problem from one to five, with one being no problem at all, and five being a very big problem.

- **Gangsters**: 25% rated it a 5, 12% a 4, 18% a 3, 17% a 2, 17% a 1, 8% rated it doesn't exist, and 2% don't know.

- **Traffic accidents**: 13% rated it a 5, 9% a 4, 17% a 3, 20% a 2, 25% a 1, 14% rated it doesn't exist, and 2% don't know.

- **Stealing**: 11% rated it a 5, 8% a 4, 14% a 3, 21% a 2, 28% a 1, 16% rated it doesn't exist, and 2% don't know.

- **Gambling**: 9% rated it a 5, 7% a 4, 13% a 3, 19% a 2, 27% a 1, 20% rated it doesn't exist, and 5% don't know.

- **Domestic violence**: 9% rated it a 5, 7% a 4, 17% a 3, 26% a 2, 27% a 1, 11% rated it doesn't exist, and 4% don't know.

- **Assaults and violence**: 7% rated it a 5, 7% a 4, 14% a 3, 22% a 2, 27% a 1, 20% rated it doesn't exist, and 3% don't know.
In your village or commune, how big of a problem are each of the following issues? Please rate the problem from one to five, with one being no problem at all, and five being a very big problem.

- **Drug use**: 5% 3% 6% 8% 16% 47% 15%
- **Robbery**: 4% 5% 11% 21% 51% 5%
- **Drug circulation**: 3% 3% 5% 13% 57% 17%
- **Rape or sexual assault**: 2% 2% 6% 19% 62% 8%
- **Illegal use of guns**: 2% 3% 13% 69% 12%
- **Children and women trafficking**: 1% 2% 12% 74% 10%
If a political party holds a meeting in your village or commune, does that threaten public safety?

- No: 89%
- Yes: 10%
- Don't know: 1%
Featured Issue: Crime

Crime Solutions
Which of these is the best solution to the problem of crime in your village and commune?

- Quicker and stronger action from police: 37%
- More education to villagers on crimes and possible punishments: 25%
- Create jobs so people do not choose crime to make money: 15%
- Rotate police to different locations: 7%
- Don't know: 0.2%
- Stronger punishments for criminals: 17%
Commune Funds
Have you ever been notified or invited by your commune council to attend a monthly meeting within the past six months?

- No: 72%
- Yes: 28%
Have you ever been notified or invited by your commune council to attend a monthly meeting within the past six months? (by age)
From where does your commune council get funds?
(Multiple responses)

- From the central government: 70%
- Local taxes and donations: 49%
- Non-governmental organization development funds: 44%
- Corruption: 10%
- Sale of land and property: 7%
- From other sources: 2%
On what uses do you think the commune council spends the most money? (open-ended)

- Building or repairing roads/drainage pipes: 55% (All), 49% (Rural), 62% (Urban)
- Building dams/canals/irrigation systems/dikes/other irrigation related buildings: 14% (All), 12% (Rural), 16% (Urban)
- Other infrastructures (building/repairing houses for the poor): 9% (All), 11% (Rural), 7% (Urban)
- Helping the poor/aged/widows/disabled/victims of flood/fire catastrophe/dead families: 7% (All), 5% (Rural), 10% (Urban)
- Building or repairing schools; building fences for school or giving materials to school: 6% (All), 7% (Rural), 4% (Urban)
- Other: 10% (All), 10% (Rural), 10% (Urban)
- Don't know: 31% (All), 37% (Rural), 23% (Urban)
Voter Registration
How confident do you feel that you understand the voter registration process?
How confident do you feel that you understand the voter registration process? (by gender)
During the voter registration period, did you register to vote?/Was it the first time you registered to vote?/Why didn’t you register?

The voter registration period for 2011 was from September 1 – October 15, 2011, during that period all eligible voters were allowed to check for their name on the list of eligible voters and add their name if it was not on the list or confirm that it is on the list correctly.
Why didn’t you register? (N=268)

- Local village/commune officers didn't inform about it or no information about it: 31%
- Going away/living too far-going abroad: 28%
- I was not interested in registering to vote: 14%
- No identification card: 5%
- Busy: 4%
- Too old: 4%
- Illness: 4%
- Other: 5%
- Don't know: 5%
Which of these would be the best improvement to the voter registration system?

- Allow migrant workers to register where they work instead of making them travel to their home village: 33%
- Give identification cards to all citizens for free and without political discrimination: 31%
- Give more information about how the voter registration process works: 15%
- Let people register and add their name on the voter list any time during the year: 14%
- Create a completely new voter list with a transparent, open process adding names: 6%
Do you have a national ID card?

- Yes: 88%
- No: 12%