



UNDERSTANDING ICT RISKS TO CHILDREN AND WAYS TO KEEP THEM SAFE IN CAMBODIA, LAOS, THAILAND & VIETNAM

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OVERVIEW

- Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) Program
- Combat sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism
- Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam
- Builds on Australia's long term support
- Prevention and Protection Pillars

PREVENTION PILLAR

- I. Community Resilience
- II. Helplines and ICT Portals
- III. Public and Private Sector Response
- IV. Assistance to Government
- V. International Advocacy and Knowledge Sharing



THE SITUATION

- Penetration of ICTs, 2005 and 2010 (per 100 inhabitants)

| Region | Fixed telephone lines | | Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions | | Internet users | | Fixed broadband internet subscriptions | |
|----------|-----------------------|-------|---|--------|----------------|-------|--|------|
| | 2005 | 2010 | 2005 | 2010 | 2005 | 2010 | 2005 | 2010 |
| Cambodia | 0.25 | 2.54 | 7.95 | 57.65 | 0.32 | 1.26 | 0.01 | 0.25 |
| Laos | 1.58 | 1.66 | 11.43 | 64.56 | 0.85 | 7.00 | 0.01 | 0.19 |
| Thailand | 10.55 | 10.14 | 46.68 | 100.81 | 15.03 | 21.20 | 0.16 | 3.87 |
| Viet Nam | 10.19* | 18.67 | 11.54* | 175.30 | 12.74* | 27.56 | 0.25* | 4.13 |

- *Figure refer to year 2006*

THE SITUATION

- Use of ICT by offenders to groom
- How children use ICT
 - Gaming
 - Social networking
 - Texting

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Online gaming spreads to Asia's poorer nations

AFP
Sun, Mar 20, 2011



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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia - With his eyes fixed on the screen and his fingers flying over the keyboard, Cambodian teenager An Sopheak is lost in a world of ancient Chinese fighter heroes.

All around him, dozens of other, mostly male, faces are equally engrossed in their online fantasy game in this dark Internet cafe in the Cambodian capital.

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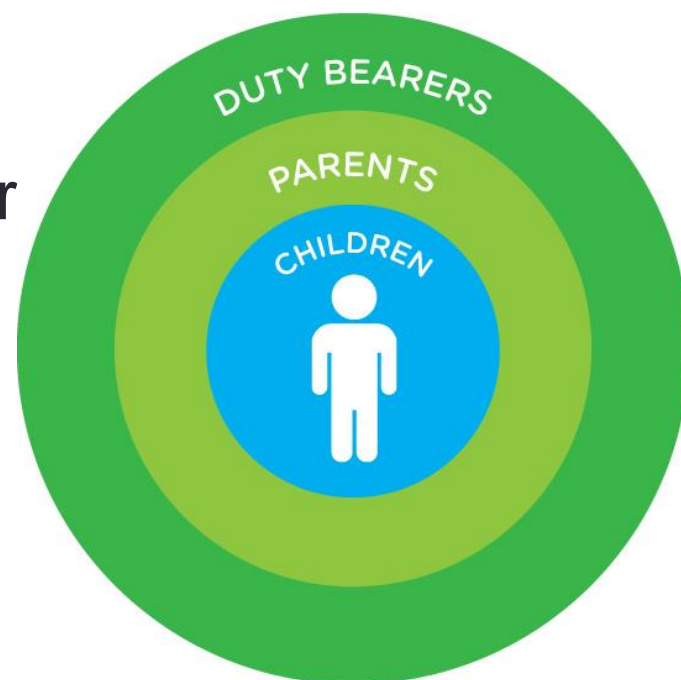
THE RISK FACTORS

- Lack of appropriate sex education
- Accessibility of pornography
- Internet seen as 'poison' by parents and duty bearers
- Popularity of social networking
- Lack of education about keeping safe



THE RESPONSE

- Education interventions on preventing child sexual abuse for
 - Children
 - Parents and carers
 - Duty bearers (i.e. teachers, police, social workers etc)



THE RESPONSE

- Key messages relate to
 - Discrediting myths
 - Fostering communication
 - Sharing ideas for protective behaviours
- Messages need to be appropriate for target audience



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