

# Cambodia - Cambodia Agriculture Survey, 2021

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

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### TITLE

Cambodia Agriculture Survey, 2021

### COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Cambodia	KHM

### STUDY TYPE

Agricultural Survey [ag/oth]

### SERIES INFORMATION

The Cambodia Agriculture Survey (CAS) 2021, conducted between November and December 2021, was a comprehensive statistical undertaking for the collection and compilation of information on crop cultivation, livestock and poultry raising, aquaculture and capture fishing, agricultural economy and labour. The survey was conducted by two Royal Cambodian Government institutions: the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) of the Ministry of Planning and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), and with technical support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

CAS 2021 was developed under the scope of “The 50x2030 Initiative to Close the Agricultural Data Gap”, a multi-donor initiative implemented through a unique partnership between the World Bank, FAO and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), with the aim of building national statistical capacity and establishing efficient and durable national agricultural data collection systems.

### ABSTRACT

CAS 2021 was a comprehensive statistical undertaking for the collection and compilation of information on crop cultivation, livestock and poultry raising, aquaculture and capture fishing, agricultural economy and labour. The National Institute of Statistics (NIS) of the Ministry of Planning (MOP), and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), were the responsible government ministries authorized to undertake the CAS 2021. While NIS had the census and survey mandate, the MAFF was the primary user of the data produced from the survey. Technical support was also provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The main objective of the CAS was to provide data on the agricultural situation in the Kingdom of Cambodia, to be utilized by planners and policy-makers. Specifically, the survey data are useful in:

1. Providing an updated sampling frame in the conduct of agricultural surveys;
2. Providing data at the country and regional level, with some items available at the province level;
3. Providing data on the current structure of the country's agricultural holdings, including cropping, raising livestock and poultry, and aquaculture and capture fishing activities.

The data collected and generated from this survey effort will help reflect progress towards the 2030 Sustainable Development goals for the agricultural sector, focusing on:

- Goal 1: End poverty in all forms everywhere.
- Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
- Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

The questionnaire collected data on several aspects of the agricultural holding, including demographic information about the holder and the household members, crop production, livestock and poultry raising, aquaculture, capture fishing, and labour used by the holding.

Data was collected from household agricultural holdings and juridical agricultural holdings. Only the household agricultural holdings are included in the released microdata.

### KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS  
Agricultural holdings

## Scope

### NOTES

The questionnaire collected data on several aspects of the agricultural holding, including demographic information about the holder, any co-holders and all household members, crop production activity, raising livestock, raising poultry, aquaculture activity, capture fishing activity, economy, labour used by the holding, and information on the household dwelling and assets. For CAS 2021, the questions on the economy of the holding were expanded to cover the Economic sub-indicators of SDG 2.4.1: the proportion of agricultural area under productive and sustainable agriculture.

The household survey was conducted from 13-26 November 2021 and the juridical holdings survey was conducted from 13-23 December 2021. A total of 429 staff (including 337 enumerators, 46 field supervisors and 46 data supervisors) completed data collection on a sample of 16,572 household holdings and 470 juridical holding interviews, across the 25 provinces of Cambodia.

### TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary
Agricultural Production	World Bank
Economy	World Bank
Labour	World Bank
Production Methods and Environment	World Bank

### KEYWORDS

Keyword
Agricultural production
Crops
Livestock
AGRISurvey
Agricultural practices
Agricultural households
Aquaculture
Capture fishing

## Coverage

### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

The geographic coverage for CAS 2021 was national coverage.

The national territory is divided in four Regions or Zones (Coastal Region, Plains Region, Plateau and Mountain Region, and Tonle Sap Region) and 25 Provinces (Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Kampot, Kandal, Kep, Koh Kong, Kratie, Mondul Kiri, Otdar Meanchey, Pailin, Phnom Penh, Preah Sihanouk, Preah Vihear, Prey Veng, Pursat, Ratanak Kiri, Siem Reap, Stung Treng, Svay Rieng, Takeo, and Tboung Khmum.).

### UNIVERSE

Agricultural households, i.e. holdings in the household sector that are involved in agricultural activities, including the growing of crops, raising of livestock or poultry, and aquaculture or capture fishing activities. It was not considered a

minimum threshold to determine a household's engagement in the above mentioned activities.

## Producers and sponsors

### PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
National Institute of Statistics (NIS), Ministry of Planning	Royal Government of Cambodia
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	Royal Government of Cambodia

### PRODUCERS

Name	Role
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Technical support
Ministry of Economy and Finance	Provided budgetary support
Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology	Technical Committee member
Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation	Technical Committee member
Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction	Technical Committee member
Council of Ministers	Technical Committee member

### FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation	Role
United States Agency of International Development	USAID	Funding
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	BMGF	Funding
Royal Government of Cambodia	RGC	Funding
50x2030 Initiative ( <a href="http://www.50x2030.org">www.50x2030.org</a> )	50x2030	Technical and Financial Assistance

## Sampling

### SAMPLING PROCEDURE

For CAS 2021 a new screening activity was conducted. The method for CAS 2021 involved the selection of a representative sample of Enumeration Areas (EA) throughout Cambodia from the 2019 General Population Census Sampling Frame. Households within these EAs were screened for any agricultural activity. Using this basic information, the agricultural households were stratified and sampled for additional data collection. A simultaneous data collection effort focused on juridical holdings, utilizing listings of non-household agricultural operations, expanded based on feedback from MAFF and NIS provincial offices and other stakeholders.

Enumerators along with field and data supervisors were mobilized in all provinces and trained for this undertaking. All enumerators and supervisors (337 enumerators, 46 field supervisors and 46 data supervisors) were existing staff of NIS or MAFF. The collaborative effort between these two ministries was consistent throughout the CAS project, with staff from both organizations contributing from the design of the survey to the data collection and analysis.

The target population comprised the households that were engaged in agriculture, fishery and/or aquaculture. Given their low number of rural villages, the following districts were excluded from the frame: Krong Preah Sihanouk (province Preah Sihanouk), Krong Siem Reab (province Siemreap). Khan Chamkar Mon, Khan Doun Penh, Khan Prampir Meakkakra, Khan Tuol Kouk, Khan Ruessei Kaev, and Khan Chhbar Ampov (province Phnom Penh).

For the CAS 2021, the 2019 General Population Census Sampling Frame was utilized. This frame consisted of around 14,500 villages and 38,000 Enumeration Areas (EAs). For each village, the following information was available: province, district, commune, type (rural/urban), number of EAs and number of households. The target population comprised the households that were engaged in agriculture, fishery and/or aquaculture. Given their low number of rural villages, the following districts were excluded from the frame:

- Province Preah Sihanouk, District Krong Preah Sihanouk
- Province Siemreap, District Krong Siem Reab
- Province Phnom Penh, District Chamkar Mon
- Province Phnom Penh, District Doun Penh
- Province Phnom Penh, District Prampir Meakkakra
- Province Phnom Penh, District Tuol Kouk
- Province Phnom Penh, District Ruessei Kaev
- Province Phnom Penh, District Chhbar Ampov

Since the number of rural households per EA was not known from the 2019 census, to calculate the number of rural households in each province, the sum of the households in the villages that were classified as rural was computed. The listing operation in each sampled EA was conducted for the CAS 2021 to identify the target population, i.e., the households engaged in agricultural activities.

For this survey, there was no minimum threshold set to determine a household's engagement in agricultural activities. This differs from the procedures used during the 2013 Agriculture Census (and that would be used in the 2023 Agriculture Census later), in which households were eligible for the survey if they grew crops on at least 0.03 hectares and/or had a minimum of 2 large livestock and/or 3 small livestock and/or 25 poultry. The procedure used in the CAS, which had no minimum land area or livestock or poultry inventory, allowed for smaller household agricultural holdings to have the potential to be selected for the survey. However, based on the sampling procedure indicated below, household agricultural holdings with larger land areas or more livestock or poultry were identified and associated with different sampling strata to ensure the selection of some of them.

The CAS 2021 used a two-stage stratified sampling procedure, with EAs as primary units and households engaged in agriculture as secondary units. In the CAS 2021, 1,381 EAs and 12 agricultural households for each EA were selected, for a total planned sample size of 16,572 households. The 1,381 EAs were allocated to the provinces (statistical domains) proportionally to the number of rural households. To select the EAs within each province, the villages were ordered by district, commune, and then by type of village (Rural-Urban). Systematic sampling was then performed, with probability proportional to size (number of households). The total sample size of the survey was 16,563 agricultural households.

#### WEIGHTING

The sample design and stratification procedures detailed above resulted in agricultural households having different probabilities of selection. With this under consideration, a sampling weight was calculated for each agricultural household in the sample and applied to that record's reported data. The CAS 2021 weights were then corrected for non-response and attrition, and calibrated using the number of agricultural households by province obtained through the Cambodia General Population Census 2019.

## Data Collection

#### DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End	Cycle
2021-11-13	2021-11-26	Data collection for household holdings
2021-12-13	2021-12-23	Data collection for juridical holdings

#### DATA COLLECTION MODE

Computer Assisted Personal Interview [capi]

#### DATA COLLECTION NOTES

All data in the CAS were collected by trained enumerators who were selected among existing National and Provincial staff of NIS and MAFF based on qualifying tests. Field operations included training of all supervisors and enumerators, data collection and supervision. Central and field staff from the NIS and MAFF were trained before they undertook the data collection and supervision process. There were two levels of training, conducted separately including (a) training of trainers, with NIS and MAFF central office staff serving as data supervisors, field supervisors, and enumerators for the juridical holdings' data collection; and (b) training of household data collection enumerators. All field officials including supervisors at all levels were trained extensively in concepts, definitions and procedures for data collection.

Data Supervisors were responsible for conducting data quality control checks. There were 46 data supervisors for the project, all were staff members from NIS. Field Supervisors were responsible for assisting with enumerator issues in the field, encouraging good relationships with village contacts and promoting cooperation from agricultural household respondents.

There were 46 field supervisors for the project, with 24 hired from MAFF and 22 hired from NIS. Enumerator staff included 337 staff, among these were 197 from NIS and 140 from MAFF from province and district level staff. Including field and data supervisors, a total of 429 staff were involved in the data collection effort, although additional staff were trained and maintained as reserve staff for the project not included in these totals. Additionally, 11 NIS staff in Phnom Penh were trained in the Headquarters Tools of Survey Solutions, carrying out the final approval process for the submitted interviews.

The accuracy of the final output of the CAS depends on the quality of the data collection from the households and juridical holdings enumerated. There are several levels of supervision and channels of communication in the CAS, as well comprehensive guidelines, for monitoring progress and for early detection of any problem in data collection. The innovative use of CAPI (Computer-Assisted Personal Interviews) for data collection allowed for timely monitoring of the data flow and data quality.

The 12-month period prior to 1 July 2021 (i.e., from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021) was used as the reference period for the data collection effort. However, the reference period for some of the items was different from the time period specified, and is thus indicated in the questionnaire. For example, for some livestock items, the number of animals on a holding is collected with the day of 1 July 2021 as the reference date.

## Data Processing

### DATA EDITING

Once the enumerators collected the survey data for an agricultural household, they submitted the completed questionnaire via Survey Solutions to their data supervisors who, in turn, carried out scrutiny checks. If there were errors or suspicious data detected, the data supervisor would return the record to the enumerator to address the issues with the respondent if needed, and the corrected record would be re-submitted to the data Supervisor. Once the records were validated by the data supervisors, they would approve them for final review by headquarters staff.

At the survey headquarters, the completed questionnaires were received after being approved by the data supervisors. If any issues or suspicious data were discovered during the headquarters review, the records could be returned to the enumerator for verification or correction if needed. Documentation on how to review questionnaire data for suspicious items or outliers was provided to both data Supervisors and headquarters staff.

The data review and calculation of the survey estimates was undertaken using the RStudio software tool. Validation of the data began even when the questionnaires were being designed in the CAPI tool, as Survey Solutions allows for consistency checks to be built into the data collection tool. As soon as completed records were returned during the data collection stage, additional consistency checks were completed, comparing reports to previous census data, evaluating the ranges for certain items, and verifying any outlier records with the enumerator and/or respondent. Moreover, when the data was cleaned, another step was conducted to impute the missing values derived from item non-response.

## Access policy

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Control (SDC) methods have been applied to anonymize the microdata and protect the confidentiality of individual data.

#### ACCESS CONDITIONS

The anonymized microdata of the CAS 2021 are released as Public Use Files, accessible to all according to the following terms and conditions:

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## Metadata production

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#### PRODUCERS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Role</b>
National Institute of Statistics	NIS	Ministry of Planning, Cambodia	Metadata producer
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**Data Dictionary**

<b>Data file</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Variables</b>
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<b>S4_CROP</b>	36927	62
<b>S4_HARVESTED</b>	17265	12
<b>S5_CROPSEED</b>	36186	21
<b>S5_INPUTS</b>	21066	12
<b>S6_LIVESTOCK</b>	6903	37
<b>S6_OTHERPRODUCTS</b>	2310	8
<b>S6_POULTRY</b>	10432	44
<b>S7_AQUACULTURE</b>	685	11
<b>S7_CAPTURE</b>	3894	15
<b>S8_COVID</b>	2457	33
<b>S8_FOREST</b>	2017	11
<b>S8_OTHER</b>	405	5
<b>S9_HHROSTER</b>	69010	20
<b>S10_OCC_ACTIVITY</b>	3458	8
<b>S10_OTHERCOSTS</b>	21358	4