

## Youth-Led Project 2024 (YLP24 - Phase 2)

### Phnom Penh

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### Introduction

Cambodia's future is dependent on its youth, who account for a sizable proportion of the population. Despite this, many young Cambodians are dealing with a variety of economic and social difficulties, including migration, gender-based violence, discrimination, and climate change effects. They frequently lack the skills, opportunity, and support required to make meaningful contributions to their communities. To overcome these issues, it is critical to increase young participation in community development projects. Governments and civil society groups must work together to offer the necessary assistance and opportunity for young people to contribute meaningfully to Cambodia's development.

Under the Social Lab Program funded by USAID, ODC will recruit youths, with a focus on marginalized groups including girls, youths with disabilities, indigenous youths, LGBTQI+ youths, and minority youths. These youths will undergo skill-building activities, receive a youth-led project, and engage in knowledge-sharing platforms over six months, with support from ODC staff. They will participate in three key Convening Moments organized by USAID Advancing Youth Leadership (AYL) partners. Equipped with skills and expertise, they will address community challenges related to digitalization, climate change, education, health, inequality, discrimination, transparency, accountability or others by emphasizing social inclusion. The youths will lead their initiatives, showcasing their ability to drive positive change, particularly among marginalized groups. ODC will highlight the efforts through various channels, including its website, social media, workshops, and events. ODC will also involve youths in its activities to enhance their skills and knowledge, aiming to empower their employability and networking opportunities.

### What is YLP24?

The Youth-Led Project 2024 (YLP24) brings together young people in Phnom Penh to solve community concerns while preparing for future professional opportunities.

YLP24 will be six months with a **stipend, training, and coaching** on fundamental life skills (goal setting, communication, and critical thinking), data literacy, and project management. This will equip the youths to be effective leaders.

The youths are expected to participate in the series of training and three Convening Moments (CMs) hosted in Phnom Penh.

### Objective of YLP24

- The selected youths have strengthened their capacity for fundamental life and community development skills through various training and knowledge sharing as demonstrated during convening moments.
- The youths' experiences and perspectives are empowered based on community development skills through practical action experiences and competent project implementation.

### Role of Participants

The youths are committed to joining the six-month program (November 2024 to April 2025) including a series of training, three convening moments, and a youth-led project.

The program is precisely designed to empower participants by developing their leadership qualities and enhancing critical skills required for effective community participation, so unlocking their full leadership potential.

Participants will learn about project management and community engagement, among other topics, through a carefully designed set of training sessions.

The program provides a unique opportunity for participants to communicate with peers or teams, fostering cross-dialogue and providing vital insights gleaned from varied views.

### Why join YLP24?

- Learn new skills and knowledge in **fundamental life skills, data literacy, and project management**
- Receive **USD 35 monthly stipends** for local transportation and the youth-led project to implement the community project (**USD500/group**)
- Expand your **leadership mindset and skill** and knowledge with the **professional team**
- Work with other **young leaders from diverse backgrounds**
- Be inspired and join the **USAID Advancing Youth Leadership (AYL) community**
- Have an opportunity to **foster future career and employment**

### Who can join YLP24?

- Youths living permanently or temporarily in **Phnom Penh** (Girls, youths with disabilities, indigenous youths, LGBTQI+ youths, and ethnic minority youths are encouraged to join)
- Preferably **aged 18-25** at the time of application
- **Want to grow** their leadership, digital literacy, and project management skills
- **Be committed** to participating in the whole program (six months)

- **Passionate** about working on the youth-led project as a team to address a community challenge related to **digitalization, climate change, education, health, inequality, discrimination, transparency, accountability or others** by emphasizing **social inclusion**.

### **YLP24 Application Process**

1. Read this information kit thoroughly
2. Fill out the application form at: [Link](#)
3. The deadline for the application is on **13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**
4. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for a pre-workshop where they will be invited to pitch their initiative of youth-led project
5. The final participant list will be announced on at least a week after the pre-workshop
6. The successful candidate has to join the first Convening Moment (CM) in November 2024, the second CM in February 2024, and the third CM in March 2024.

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