HelpAge Cambodia (HAC) is a Cambodian non-government organization working with and for older people since 1992 in as part of HelpAge International, a global network of organizations.

HAC envisions a society in which all older people can lead dignified, active, healthy and secure lives. Organisation’s mission is to work for and with older people to enable them to fulfil their right to wellbeing, economic and physical security, including access to health and social services; and, promote older people’s active contribution to and equal participation in society.

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**Target Communities**

- Battambang (4 villages)
- Banteay Meanchey (4 villages)
- Siem Reap (4 villages)
Introduction

Cambodia has 1.3 million older people, the majority (84%) of which are living in rural areas where the health system is weak. COVID-19 is a new disease that causes respiratory infection, which can be fatal, particularly in older age.

Unlike other countries, COVID-19 has infected and impacted Cambodia at many levels. As of 19 June 2020, Cambodia has reported 129 cases of COVID-19 infection in 13 provinces. Although there are a lot cases have been recovered with no death, MoH and World Health Organization (WHO) has warned about vulnerability of the country. While people seem to pay less attention to personal care or possibility of receive infection, there are a lot of attention and reminders need to be made from government and relevant development actors.

The government has introduced a cash transfer which is a part of social assistant programme to family with ID poor card. Even though it is a good new for the people with ID poor card, the programme seems to have limit coverage.

Over 70% of older people reported as poor but only 8% of them are under ID poor scheme of government. They do not have proper income—most of them reliant on income from their children who are currently being also economically affected by COVID-19. Both older people family living in poor or slight above poor (poverty line) are all affected to daily living but majority of them are not covered in ID poor card system.

Expected Outcome

1. Reduced the risk of COVID-19 infection for older persons, their families and communities
2. Improved access to Cash Transfer (social assistance) to older persons and their families

Project Intervention

Result 1: Access to age-inclusive information and distribution of prevention supplies and materials

1.1. Development and publication of Age-inclusive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material

Result 2: Access to financial and non-financial assistances to older people and most at risk and needy families

2.1. Provide Cash or food transfers for vulnerable older persons who are poor, with disabilities and/or older people who are living alone

1.2. Production and distribution of soap, sanitisers, masks, etc. at local level