

## Description

### Location (accessibility, multiplier effects on neighboring regions), population, size, reputation in the country

Kampot municipality (Krung Kampot) is located in the Provincial Town of Kampot Province surrounded by the territory of Teuk Chhou District. Total land area of the Municipality is 5,400ha. Krung Kampot is accessible by National Road #3; 140 km southern of Phnom Penh. Total population is 36,643 with Khmer ethnic a majority and others including Cham and Vietnamese.

### Political/legal position in the respective state structure (name of mayor and term in office, next election period, decision-making structures)

Kampot Municipality is the third tier of government and second tier of sub-national government in Cambodia (under the province and above the commune). The municipality is managed by a council with 13 members elected by its commune councilors through a political party representation system in May 2009 for the first five-year term. Amongst the 13 members, there are two women and 11 men representing the Cambodian People Party and Sam Rainsy political parties.

There are four appointed board of governors (including one woman) serving for four year term starting from the middle of 2009. The council and board of governors are the highest decision-making body of the municipality.

### Human and financial resources (no of civil servants working in the public administration, overall annual financial budget, etc)

18 Technical Offices; 06 Municipality Offices; 668 (all civil servants employed in all 18 technical offices within Municipality).

The municipal budget has been managed directly by the provincial authority. However, the newly adopted law on administrative management of Capital, Province, Municipality, District and Khan (the 2008 Organic Law) has granted the municipality status as independent budgetary tier of sub-national government. The law on financial regime and property management at sub-national level is now being formulated. If adopted, the



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municipality will have its own budget to cover its operations and perform some general mandate.

### **Specific political, social, cultural and economic character/framework**

Kampot Municipality is the center of Kampot province one of the four coastal provinces in Cambodia. In addition to working for the public sector and agriculture, fishing and tourism are a major source of income for the municipal residents. Kampot produces the best durians and black peppers for the country and probably for the world too. The main religions of the municipality are Buddhism and Muslim.



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