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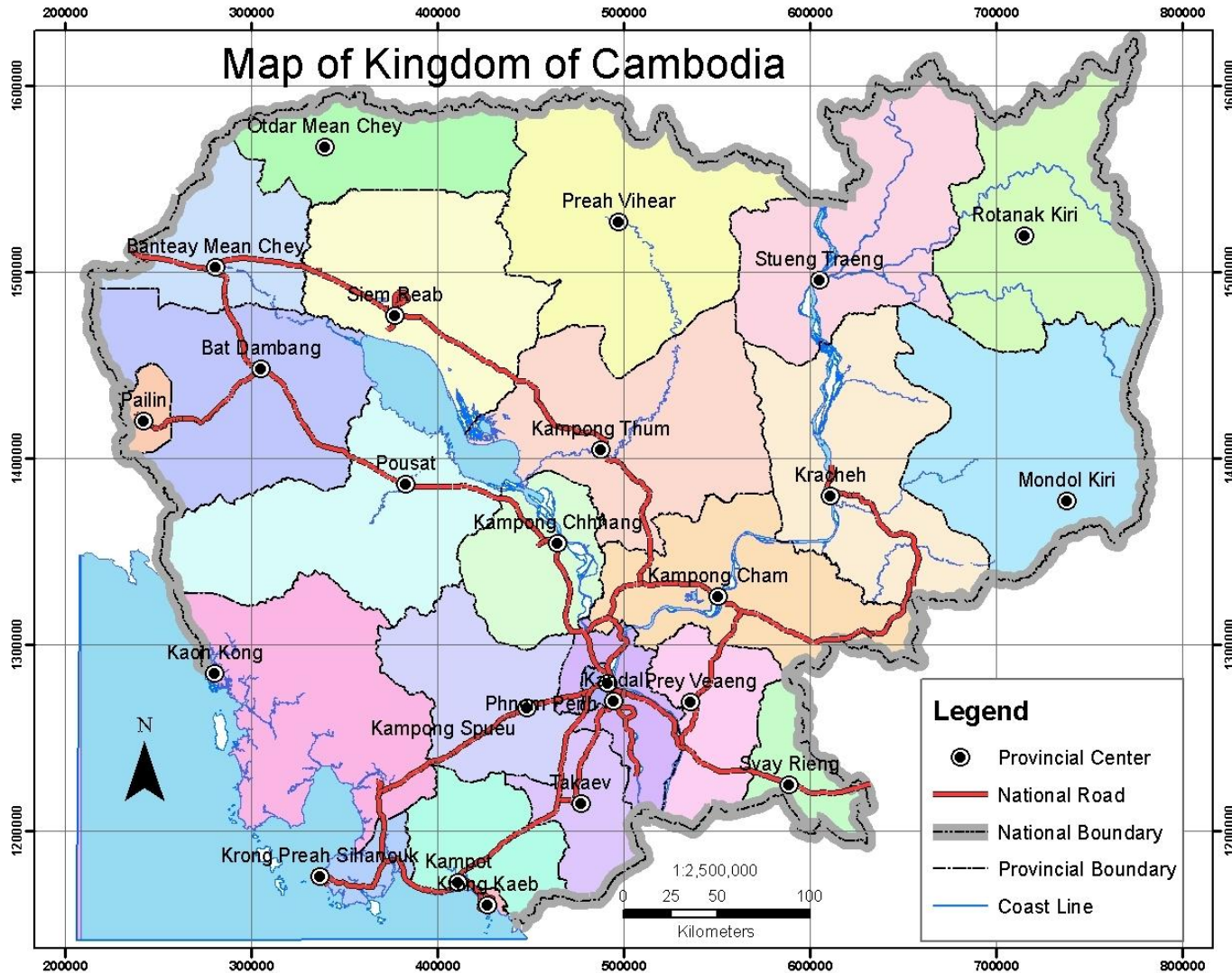


Cambodia: Local Government Structures and Status of Decentralization

1. General Information about the Country
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3. Status: History, Achievements and Challenges of D&D Reforms

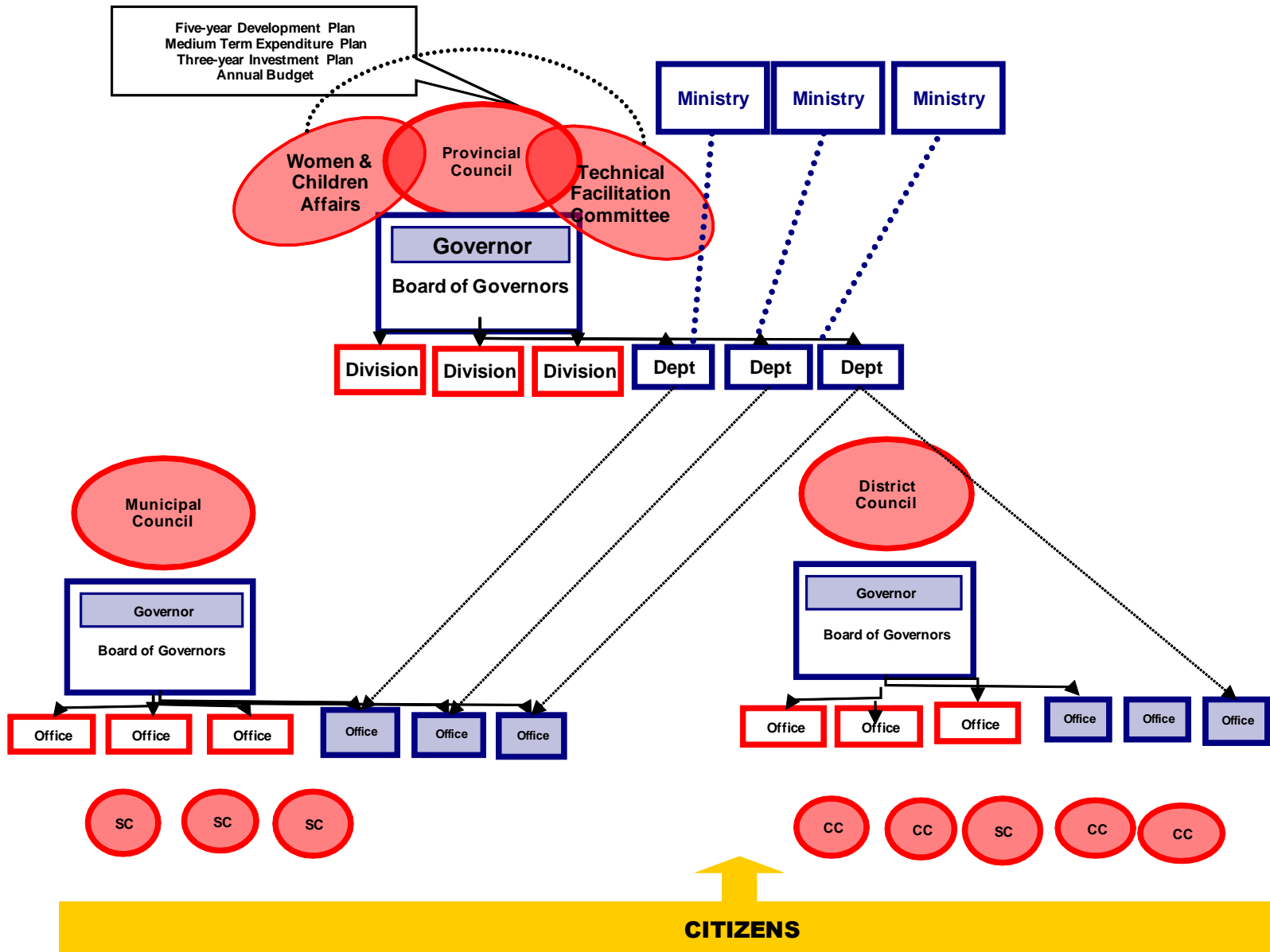


Basic Information



Area: 181,035 km²
Pop: 14 Mio
Capital: PNP
Khan: 8
Province: 23
Municipality: 26
District: 159
Sangkat: 204
Commune: 1,417

Sub-National Structure





D&D Reforms

- Commune Elections & Administrative Management (limited staff)
- Other Spheres of Sub-National Administrations (SNAs: capital/province, Khan/municipality/district): Elections & Administrative Management
 - Councils
 - Board of Governors
 - Staff



Legislative and Executive Functions

- Legislative: Adopt rules or procedures that primarily have a public impact, as opposed to being aimed at the ongoing operation of the local government.
- Executive: Direct the administrative organs as to how they achieve the policies of the local government and how they coordinate their activities. This might include, for example, the authorization of expenditures in accordance with the approved budget.



Achievements

- SNA's Legitimacy as the people's representative organ
- The participatory planning and budgeting procedure has allowed people to participate and express their preferences in terms of community needs
- The decentralization program has contributed to security and peace building, and to physical infrastructure improvement leading to economic growth; and essentially
- Stabilized and legitimized the central government



Challenges

- **Democratic Governance (also via NLC/S):**
 - Deliberative Political Debates; Council's Capacity Strengthening
 - Civic Participation; Citizen's M&E on SNA Performance
- **Functions (via assignment & delegation):**
 - General/Permissive Functions & Obligated Functions
- **Finance (system developments):**
 - Discretionary Fund for General Mandate
 - Sub-National Investment Facilities for Specific Functions
 - Others (operations, capacity development, TA)
- **Human & Capacity:**
 - Moving from centrally managed to SNA personnel and HRD
- **Policy Coordination, Support, Oversight and Directions:**
 - The National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development (NCDD) – Capacity to coordinate and direct
 - Public Administration Reform (Civil Service/Human Resource)
 - Public Finance Management Reform (Finance and Property)



Summary of Overall Status

- The 10-Year of National Program for Sub-National Democratic Development (2010-2019 NP-SNDD): Whole Govt. & DPs

- The NP-SNDD 3-Year Implementation Plan (2011-2013 IP-3) to cover:
 - ❖ Democratic Governance (NLC/S and other SNA Leagues)
 - ❖ Transfer of Functions (under different studies by sector)
 - ❖ Finance (system development: law financial regime & property management at sub-national level)
 - ❖ HR (transitional policy/regulations while formulating sub-national civil servant statute)
 - ❖ Policy Support, Oversight, Coordination and Directions

Progress: Slowly, but Surely



THANK YOU

Q & A

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