



Project Title:	Local Administration and Reform (LAAR)
Donor:	United State Agency for International Development (USAID) through PACT Cambodia
Project Term:	01 February 2006 to 30 June 2010
Budget:	\$US 488,157
Project Staff:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Project coordinator,</li> <li>• 1 Field coordinator</li> <li>• 2 Project officers</li> <li>• 10 Community facilitators</li> </ul>
Target Areas:	49 communes in Tramkak and Samrong district of Takeo province and Kandal Steung district of Kandal province
Target Groups:	Commune Councils (CC), Community Mobilization Committees (CMCs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
Project Goal:	To promote sustainable engagement between citizens and Commune Councils
Project Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening participatory &amp; democratic practices of Councils,</li> <li>• Strengthening horizontal and vertical links between citizens &amp; local government, and by</li> <li>• Promoting increased public participation in the Commune Investment Programme (CIP) and Decentralization and Deconcentration (D&amp;D) reform processes</li> </ul>
Project Activities and Anticipated Results:	<p><b>Project activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training, coaching and technical supports to commune councils;</li> <li>• Training, coaching and technical support to CMCs/CBOs;</li> <li>• Development of better mechanisms for multi-stakeholder dialogue and partnership, particularly through organizing commune forum, round table discussion;</li> <li>• Promotion of the best governance practices at local level;</li> <li>• Establish, organize and facilitate the implementation of a local-to-local exchange programme for CCs, CBOs, and citizens;</li> <li>• Capacity development activities for effective participation in and improved management and implementation of local good government.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anticipated results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved CC capacity to identify access and manage social development project.</li> <li>• Increased transparency and accountability at the commune councils by strengthening the capacity of network of CBOs to monitor and give a constructive feedback to commune councils;</li> <li>• Empowered the civil society to engage with commune councils through enhancing the public forums at commune level;</li> </ul>