

Ministry of Interior Unveils USAID-Supported HIV/AIDS Strategy

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USAID's Office of Public Health and Education Jonathan Ross delivers a speech during the Ministry of Interior launched a new five-year strategy Plan for HIV/AIDS.

The Ministry of Interior launched a new five-year strategy designed to respond to shifts in the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Cambodia. The ministry unveiled the strategy on May 30 at the Cambodiana Hotel in Phnom Penh, with more than 150 members of the government, police force and civil society in attendance.

The Strategic Plan for the Response to HIV/AIDS 2009 calls for police to play a leading role in HIV prevention, better coordination between HIV and human-trafficking programs, and increased access to prevention and treatment services for drug users. It also addresses HIV risk and prevention within the police force itself.

“This is a critical time for Cambodia to ensure that HIV prevention programs remain strong,” said Jonathan Ross of USAID’s Office of Public Health and Education. “This new HIV/AIDS strategy has clearly laid out the way forward. Implementation of the strategy will require Ministry of Interior leadership, and commitment and active involvement from the diverse group of stakeholders that helped develop it.”

The strategy is the culmination of 15 years of collaboration on HIV prevention between the U.S. and Cambodian governments.