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**U.S. Grants \$34.7 Million
for Health And Education Projects in Cambodia**

The Royal Government of Cambodia and Government of the United States will sign two agreements providing \$34.7 million in US Agency for International Development (USAID) funds to support Cambodia’s health and education sectors. H.E. Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Charles A. Ray, U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, and Jonathan Addleton, USAID/Cambodia Mission Director, will attend the signing ceremony.

The first agreement consists of \$28.7 million in grant funds to address major health concerns. Funds will be used to promote a variety of activities related to HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases; maternal and child health care; and health systems strengthening including strengthening the technical skills of Cambodian health care workers. Programs will be implemented through a variety of international and Cambodian non-government organizations (NGOs), working in close coordination with the Royal Government of Cambodia as well as other donor agencies.

The second agreement consists of \$6 million in grant funds to support programs in basic education. The funds will be used to support ongoing programs aimed at promoting curriculum development and expanding access to education, including to Cambodian minorities and individuals with disabilities. Activities are also designed to improve quality, reduce dropout rates, train teachers and make classroom instruction more relevant to the twenty-first century.

The signing ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 30, 2005 at 4:30 pm, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Members of the press are invited to attend the ceremony.

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