

## Cambodia Youth Data Sheet 2015

### Introduction

Cambodia is home to the largest youth and adolescent population in the South East Asia region. With one in five Cambodians currently between the age of 15 and 24 and almost two thirds of the population being under the age of 30, young people embody great potential to drive economic and social development.

UN Definition of Youth: Young people aged 15 to 24 years old

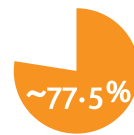
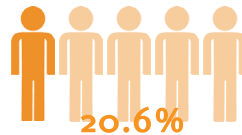
Cambodia: Young people between 15 and 30 years old (National Policy on Youth Development)

Source of data for this factsheet: Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey (CDHS) 2014 unless otherwise specified

### Population

- 48.4% of the population is in the economically active 15-49 age group (2014)

1,573  
1,636



Youth aged 15-19, 2015

% of total population aged 15-24, 2015

Urban youth, % of total youth aged 15-24, 2015

Rural youth, % of total youth aged 15-24, 2015

Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2015). World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision

### Reproductive Health, Marriage & Fertility

#### Fertility and Marriage

- Total fertility rates for youth aged 15-19 is 57 per 1,000 women
- Although the median age for marriage for girls is 21 years, teenage fertility among 15-19 year olds has increased from 8% in 2010 to 12% in 2014
  - Fertility is mainly concentrated among married 18-19 year old girls
  - Fertility levels are closely associated with education: 37% of teens who have never been to school have begun child-bearing vs 8% of teens with secondary or higher education
- The proportion of premarital sexual activity among never-married young men is 7% and only two-thirds (66%) used a condom during sexual intercourse
- Urban 15-19 year olds are significantly more likely than rural youth to deliver at a health facility
- Access to antenatal care with a skilled provider is still significantly easier for urban than rural 15-19 year olds, although 93.2% of the poorest adolescents now attend antenatal care with a skilled provider

% of women aged 20-24 who were married at:

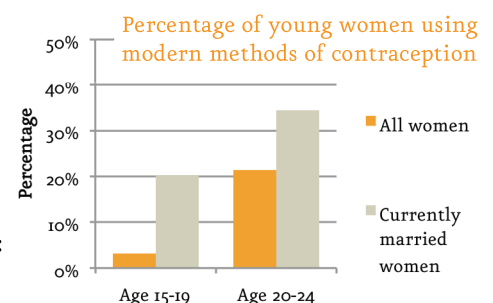
Age 15	1.9%
Age 18	18.5%
Age 20	40.8%

Age at first sexual intercourse for young people aged 20-24

Age 15	1.6%
Age 18	17.4%
Age 20	40.2%
Never	35.2%

#### Family Planning

- 98.8% of 15-19 year-olds and 99.9% of 20-24 year-olds have heard of at least one modern method of contraception
- Unmet need for family planning among married women:
  - Age 15-19: 14.4%
  - Age 20-24: 12.8%



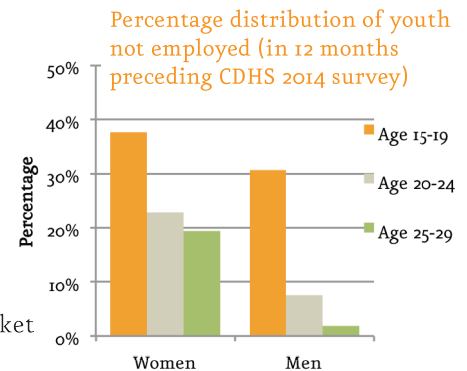
## Education

- A greater percentage of men aged 15-24 than women are enrolled in/have completed post-secondary education
- 41% of females and 49% of males are enrolled in secondary school\*

\*Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data 2015; calculated as the number of students enrolled in secondary education divided by the secondary-school-age population (the Gross Enrollment Ratio)

## Youth Employment

- Proportion of youth aged 15-24 who are economically active (labour force participation rate) 2014: 73%
- Youth unemployment rate in 2014: 2.4%
  - Of the employed youth, 67.5% were self-employed of which 50.8% were unpaid family workers
- Educated youth often cannot find employment due to a mismatch between skills acquired and demands in the market
  - Unemployment rate is in fact highest among young Cambodians with university education (7.3% youth unemployment rate)
- Young women are less likely to be employed than young men: Female youth who are neither in education nor in employment or training (NEET) accounted for 11.5% of the total youth population, where as male youth (NEET) only accounted for 3.5% of the youth population



Source: ILO, World Bank; Labour Market Transitions of Young Women and Men in Cambodia 2014, NIS & ILO

## Gender-Based Violence

### Attitudes towards Wife Beating

- 45.9% and 44.8% of 15-19 and 20-24 year-old women agreed that wife beating is justified under certain circumstances versus 26.4% and 24.8% of 15-19 and 20-24 year-old men who agreed

### Experiences of Violence

- 6.8% of women aged 15-19 and 16.9% of women aged 20-24 have experienced physical violence at least once since the age of 15
- 6.2% of women aged 20-24 have experienced sexual violence

## Health Risks and Behaviour

### Attitudes towards HIV/AIDS and Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Knowledge

Percentage of young people aged 15-24 with comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS

- Women: 37.6%
- Men: 45.9%

Percentage of young people aged 15-24 expressing accepting attitudes on all four indicators (in CDHS 2014 survey) regarding those living with HIV/AIDS

- Women: 25.8%
- Men: 28.9%

### Tobacco Use

Tobacco use among youth aged 15-19 and 20-24

- Women: 0.7% (aged 15-19), 1.1% (aged 20-24)
- Men: 8.2% (aged 15-19), 23.9% (aged 20-24)

\*Source: Global School Based Student Health Survey (GSHS) Cambodia 2013

### Reported Alcohol & Drug Use (13-17 year olds)\*

- 1 in 10 students currently drink alcohol
- 10.8% of students had so much alcohol they had gotten drunk at least once
- <1% of students reported themselves to be current illicit drug users