



Cambodia' Experiences on Focus and Impacts on Nexus between Trade and Poverty Reduction, Environment and Gender

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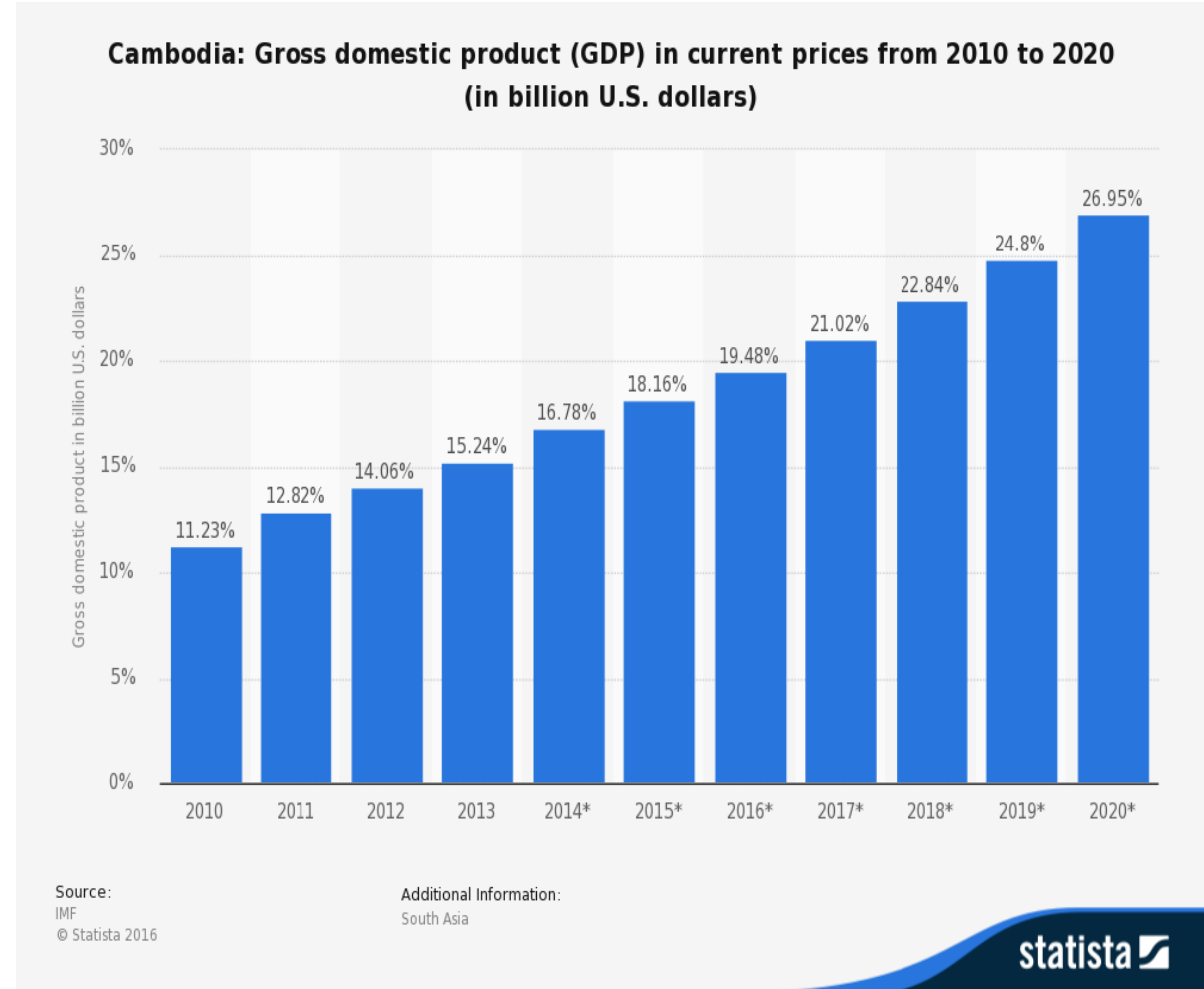
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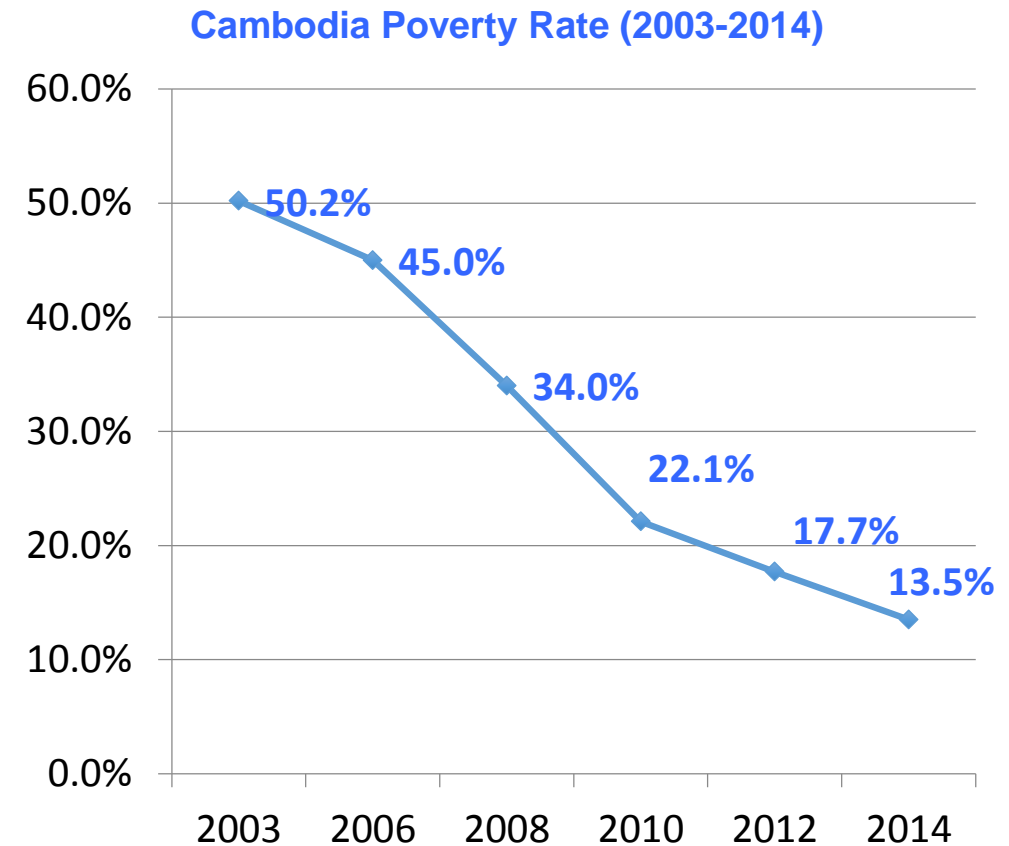
- The country has been growing at a stable rate 7% per year, making it the world's sixth-fastest-growing economy.
- The growth has been mostly driven by trade sector—manufactures (textiles and clothing), a booming tourism industry, growth in construction and, an increase in agricultural exports.
- Cambodia has benefited from preferential market access offered by its main trading partners, such as China, the European Union, Japan, the US and the ASEAN partners, etc.



2. The Impacts on Nexus between Trade and Poverty Reduction

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- GDP per capita has increased, inflation has been kept lower than 5% and the poverty rate has declined from 50.2% in 2003 to 13.5% in 2014.
- Trade has played a key role in accelerating and promoting the sustainable growth, economic development, and poverty reduction.
- Aid for Trade programme, through, the EIF has not only supported Cambodia to build a strong coordination platform and trade analytical studies but has also helped Cambodia to diversify its economy and move up the value chains in sectors such as high value silk, milled rice, marine fish products and cassava products and in the hospitality industry. *Under the CEDEP I-high value silk component, for instance, a profits of the 14 companies grew gradually from US\$633,933 in 2012 to US\$1,103,908 in 2015, and the profit margin of total sales increased from 46% in 2012 to 58% in 2015.*



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- ❑ The RGC has promoted an inclusive and a sustainable development by integrating environmental issues into sub-national policy and planning processes and sectoral investment programs.
- ❑ The environmental impact study and/or assessment, therefore, on trade and sectoral investment programs has always been respected and considered by the Government.
- ❑ Under AfT programme, EIF Tier 2 CEDEP II- Marine Fisheries component, the environmental impact assessment was successfully conducted and its key finding was also shared and disseminated with respective stakeholders.

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- ❑ The importance of mainstreaming gender into the development context has been recognized in a number of Cambodian laws and policy platforms.
- ❑ The female labour force participation rate is 71% of all women 15 year of age and older is in the workforce. However, the majority of female workers are self-employed or are unpaid family workers in the informal sector primarily in small-holder farming and small family enterprise.
- ❑ Under 2-CEDEP I-high value silk component, together with ITC as the main implementing entity, the EIF has supported the move towards producing handmade high-value silk benefitting poor women in rural areas, most of whom depend on silk production for their livelihood. As a result, the women weavers' average monthly income from silk weaving increased by 100% from 2012 to 2014.





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