

**CAMBODIA FOCUS GROUP ON BUDGET PROCESS:
RESULTS**

INDICATORS OF PARLIAMENTARY PERFORMANCE	LEVEL OF RANKING OF PERFORMANCE					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
I – LEVEL AND RANGE OF ACTIVITY						
1. Where parliament consists of two chambers, do both play a role in the budget process?		2	3	1		
2. Are there procedures in place to resolve differences between the two chambers when they occur?		2	1			3
3. Does serious, substantive debate about the overall budget take place in parliament?	1	1	1		3	
4. Is there parliamentary input at all stages in the budget process, including before the government presents its detailed spending and revenue proposals in parliament?		2		2	2	
5. Does parliament scrutinize the economic models used to develop medium term expenditure frameworks?	1	2	2	1		
6. Does parliament review monetary policy as it relates to the budget framework?	1	3	1	1		
7. Does parliament review and debate the PRSP before final adoption by the government and presentation to international financial institutions	2	1	1	1	1	
II – OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY						
1. Are exchanges between MPs and Ministers regarding the budget open and public?	1	2	1		1	1
2. Are parliamentary committee meetings open to the public and the media?	3	1		1		1
3. Do parliamentarians participate openly and independently in the priority setting stage of the budget process?	1	2		2		1
4. Does parliament receive timely information from internal audits conducted by the government?	1	3		2		
5. Do independent auditors (e.g. Auditor General) report to parliament? Are their reports timely, informative and independent?	2	2	1			
6. Do the media provide full and informative coverage of the parliamentary budget debate?	1	2	2		1	
7. Do the media report fairly on opposition criticisms of the budget?	1		3			2
8. Does parliament convey information regarding the budget to the regions and districts of the country, including lower levels of government?	3	1	1			1
9. Do parliamentarians inform their constituents about the budget?	2	1	1	1	1	

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III – PARTICIPATION						
1. Does parliament ensure public input and participation during the budget process?	1	2	1	1	1	
2. Does parliament ensure that the poor are able to participate when it reviews the government's diagnosis of poverty and setting of priorities?	3		1	1		1
3. Does parliament consult the poor in carrying out its evaluations of poverty reduction programs?	2	2	1		1	
4. Does parliament employ gender analysis in seeking to influence budget priorities? In monitoring the budget?	1	1	3	1		
5. Does parliament consult women's groups during the budget process?	1	2	2	1		
6. Does parliament consult civil society organizations and business in its review of the budget?	4	2				
7. In reviewing the budget, does parliament consult policy experts and utilize their knowledge?	1	2	2	1		
IV – ACCOUNTABILITY						
1. Does parliament have a public accounts committee (PAC) or equivalent that examines past expenditures?	4	1		3		
2. Are measures taken to ensure its independence such as by the appointment of an opposition MP as Chair?	4		1	1		
3. Does the PAC work with independent audit authorities to uncover financial irregularities and promote program efficiency?	3	2		1		
4. Does parliament question government leaders, ministers and officials fully during the budget process?		1	1	1	2	
5. Does parliament effectively scrutinize departmental work-plans and monitor their implementation?	2	2		1	1	
6. Does parliament undertake program and policy evaluations?		2	1	1	2	
7. Does parliament review commitments entered into by senior public servants?	2	2		2		
V – POLICY AND PROGRAM IMPACT						
1. Does parliament have influence in setting budget priorities?	1	1	1	1	1	1
2. Does parliament make changes to spending and revenue proposals in the budget document? Does it play a role in changing budget allocations in times of financial stringency?	2	2		2		
3. Does parliament set conditions for budget reporting?	1	2	1		2	
4. Do reports of parliamentary evaluations and other feedback lead to	2	1	1		2	

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changes in government policies and implementation?						
5. Does parliament play a role in the appointment of senior budget officials, including head of the central bank?	3		1		1	1
6. Does the PRSP require parliamentary approval?	3				1	2
7. Do public loan agreements require parliamentary approval?	2		1		2	1