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Topic 2:

“What are the main problems in Cambodia education system? What should we do to solve those problems?”

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Introduction

- **Education has long been not thriving.**
- **Once it was worsen during the Pol Pot regime**
- **Though progressing, Cambodian education system is still facing many haunting problems.**

Problems in Cambodia Education System

- 1. Poverty and poor condition of living: money constraints**
- 2. Shortage of schools and classrooms and teaching staffs and insufficient study time**
- 3. Looseness of carrying out the disciplines and regulations**
- 4. Low salary of teachers**
- 5. Corruption and bribery which lead to inefficacy in education.**

Poverty and Poor Condition of Living

- Because uneducated and needy, most parents are forced to detach their children from education .
- Children, instead of being sent to school, work to get money to help facilitate their family's needy condition of living.



- **According to Department of Early Childhood Education of MoEYS, 2006, only 11% have access to early education services.**
- **Half a million Cambodian children of primary school-going age remain out of school, most of them poor and living in the rural area.**

Shortage of schools and classrooms and teaching staffs and insufficient study time

- Although school had started to be built after the Pol Pot Regime, there is still a dearth of schools and classrooms, especially in the province.



Shortage of schools and classrooms and teaching staffs and insufficient study time

- In Phnom Penh, averagely, pupil class ratio is 42.6 and pupil classroom ratio is 76.2. This does not assure the quality of study and suggest that more school should be built.**
- Teaching staffs in remote area and its number of classes is very far much suited. It is only 0.64 teacher per class. This shows the need to have more teachers in the remote area.**

Looseness of Carrying out the Disciplines and Regulation

- **Nowadays, it is not that uncommon to see most students come to study with high expectation that they don't value the school disciplines and regulation.**
- **For instance, they would not wear proper uniform, wear fashionable and sexy or see-through cloth.**
- **They would just play truant; talk during the lecture; tease teacher sometimes or so on.**

Low Salary of Teachers

Corruption and Bribery

Level of activity	Type of behavior
Central Ministry	Requiring payment for services that should be free Bribes/kickbacks Selling/leakages of examination papers
Region/district School	Selling of education material/books/supplies (food) Ghost teachers Diversion of school fees and other financial contributions Imposition of unauthorised fees Selling advance information of examinations
Class room	Selling school supplies Selling grades Private tutoring Absenteeism

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The pictures of corruption and bribery do lots of harm to our education. Money appear important to most educational staffs that they somehow go beyond their duty.

Solution to the problems

- To bring advancement to our education system is not an individual task; it needs strong and mutual cooperation from all the related people.
- It is not “you” nor “me” items; it is “us” issue.



**Start working to
improve education
in our nation.**

Related People and Institutions

**Ministry of Education,
Youth and Sport(MoEYS)**

Government

Teachers

Parents

Students themselves

Community and Others

For, the safe sake of our next generation and to assure the trusty quality of our education, We have to share different duties in the process of making balance and standardize our education sector in our nation.

MEOYS

- **Education for All (EFA)**
- **Seek for more national and international partners and corporation to call for more aids**
- **Make schools much accessible, especially in the rural area**
- **Increase the salary of teachers**
- **Provide scholarship**
- **Assure that all educational and teaching staffs are qualified**

Government

- **Provide more fund to MEoYS**
- **Fight against poverty to increase level of living standard for most needy and poor family.**
- **Eye and work to present the privilege for orphan, children left from AIDS and human trafficking**

Parents

- **Work hard to support children; send them to school to learn**
- **Free some times for children to assist and give additional learning activities**
- **Always stay supportive to children in terms of everything; never blame or provoke any violence**

Teachers

- **Must be pedagogically qualified and equipped with all morale and skills of a teacher.**
- **Give enough attention and strengthen the discipline when necessary; teach with great caution.**
- **Must always be fair to all students.**

Students

- **Have respect in themselves – challenge to obey all rules of the school to assure the quality of our education**
- **Pay careful attention to the lecture and lesson**
- **Do self-study outside**
- **Do not dwell too much on dissipated things**

Community and Others

- **Safely assure that study atmosphere around the school is in a safe-and-sound state**
- **Management team of the school should often, and if possible always, keep in touch with students' parents to inform about their study performance.**

Conclusion



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**Thank for your great-great
attention!!!**