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# Development Imaginariness: Gender and Comparative Aid Chains in Cambodia

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# Overview

- Background
- Overview & Methods
- Findings on gender programming

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# Why this topic?

## Project Background

- Intern at SSC
- Master's Research



# Research Puzzle



1. How do women's health programs vary?

1. How do NGO partnerships vary?

1. How does this impact practitioners?

# Theoretical Contribution

Global Programs



Recipient Nations



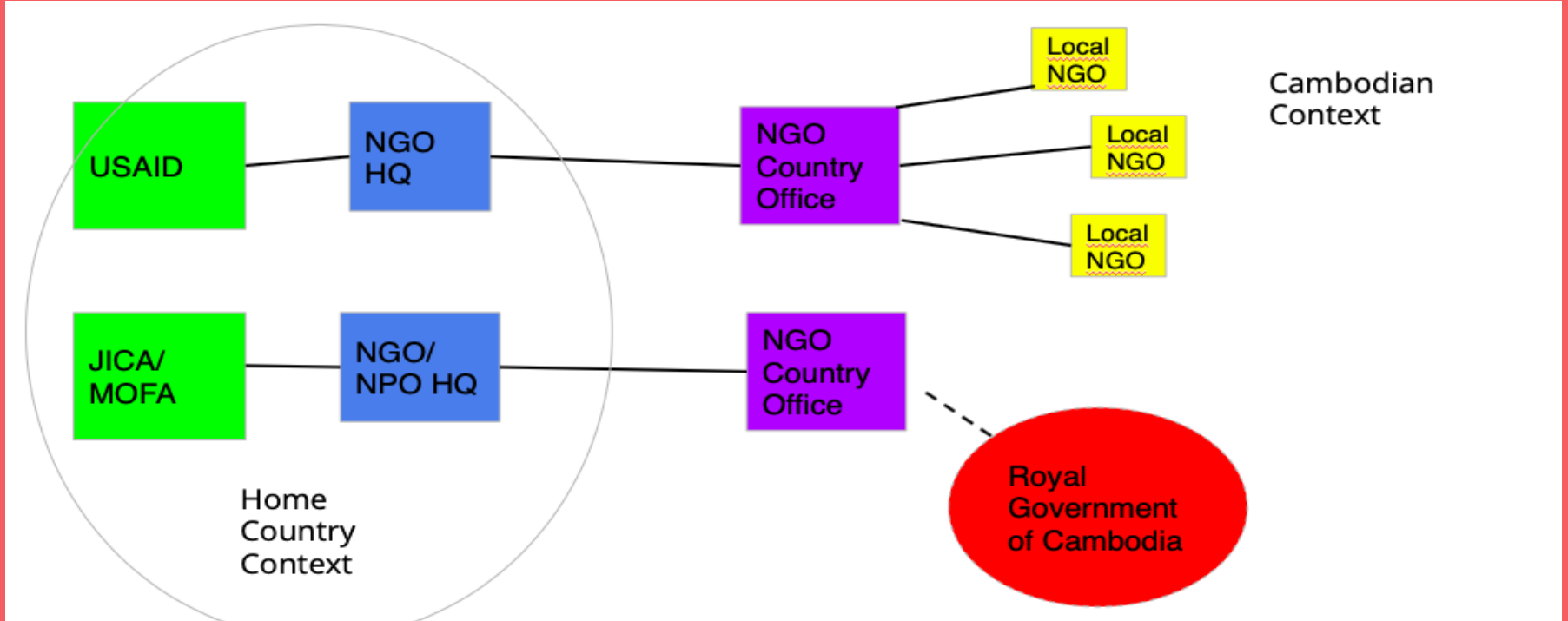
National Variation

# Why Cambodia?

- UNTAC era & NGOs
- Over 1,000 NGOs in Cambodia



# Aid Chains



# Methods

## Ethnography

- Short term observations INGO headquarters
- 4 months U.S. INGO
- 4 months Japanese INGO
- 2 months local NGO

## Interviews

119 interviews

Donors & HQ:

- Tokyo: 22
- Washington DC: 17

Cambodia:

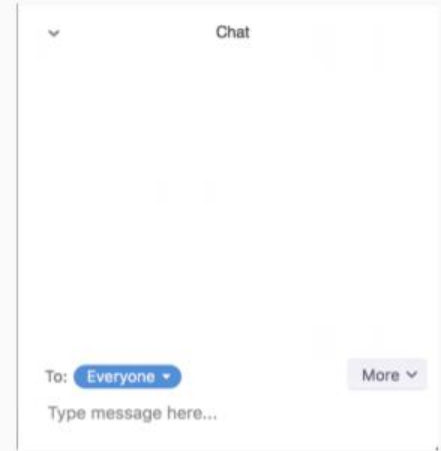
- 24 U.S.
- 27 Japanese INGO
- 20 local NGO,
- 9 bilateral and multilateral



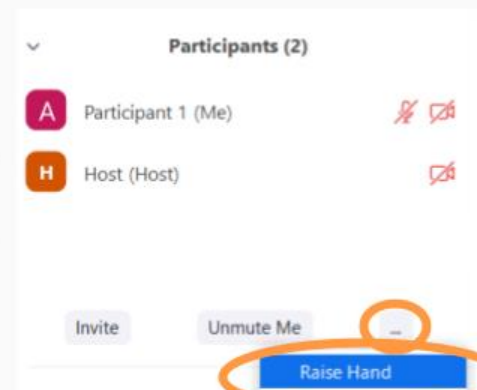
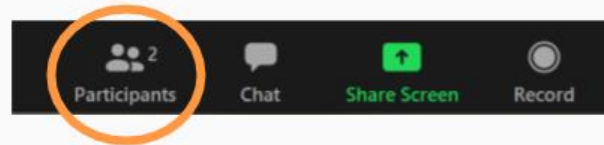
# Questions?

To Submit  
Questions  
to Our Panelists:

## THROUGH THE CHAT BOX



## RAISE YOUR VIRTUAL HAND



**Audience Question:**

**Have you ever met someone who worked  
for a Japanese NGO?**

# Programming

Global Family Aid (GFA)

Health Services Asia (HSA)

- Ideas
- Implementing Partners



# Health Services Asia: JICA & HQ

## Sharing Japan's Experience – Japan's Maternal and Child Health Approach

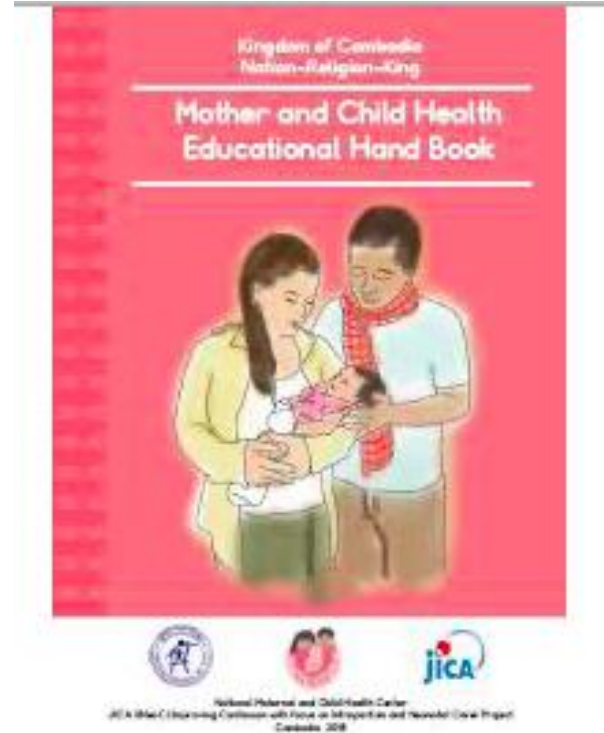
Japan drastically improved maternal and child health after World War II. Through provision of comprehensive and quality maternal and child health services, Japan has one of the lowest maternal and child mortality rate. These achievements were made possible as a result of the series of maternal and child health initiatives implemented from 1930. Furthermore, infrastructure development, such as roads, water supply and sanitation, has indirectly contributed to the improvement of maternal and child health. Sharing the experiences of Japan with other countries, JICA is carrying out comprehensive cooperation, as indicated at right.

\* Universal health coverage: Everyone, everywhere, can access quality health services without being forced into poverty

(JICA, 2016)



# Health Services Asia: Donors & HQ



# Health Services Asia: Cambodia

- “Modern Asian Mothers”
- Training of the trainers
- Public health support



# Training of the trainers

Provincial Health Department



District



Health Center Workers



Village Volunteers



Mothers

# Health Services Asia: Cambodia



“We **empower** state officials to do this themselves, to implement their own policies”

*(HSA employee, October, 2018).*



# Global Family Aid: Donors & HQ

- Maternal & Reproductive Health
- Market Logic
- Monitoring & Evaluation



**FAMILY PLANNING  
ENSURES  
WOMEN'S HUMAN  
RIGHTS TO  
HEALTH, LIFE,  
AND EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY.**

“We need to engage the supply side and the demand side to create and strengthen healthcare markets.”

*(Donor interviewee, Washington D.C., September, 2019)*

# Global Family Aid: Cambodia



- Gender analysis
- Gender trainings
- M&E
- Subgrantees

# GFA's Subgrantee: Cambodian Development Society

“We increase women’s ability to make their own health choices  
and advocate for themselves”

*(CDS health team leader, April, 2019)*



**Thank you!**

**Any Questions?**

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