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# Office of Democracy and Governance (DG)

# Democracy Development Challenges

- Illiberal Democracy
- Power Concentrated in the Executive
- Lack of an Independent Judiciary
- Culture of Patronage and Corruption
- Shrinking Political Space
- Weak Human Rights - Land Insecurity
- Civil Society

## Some Key DG Questions

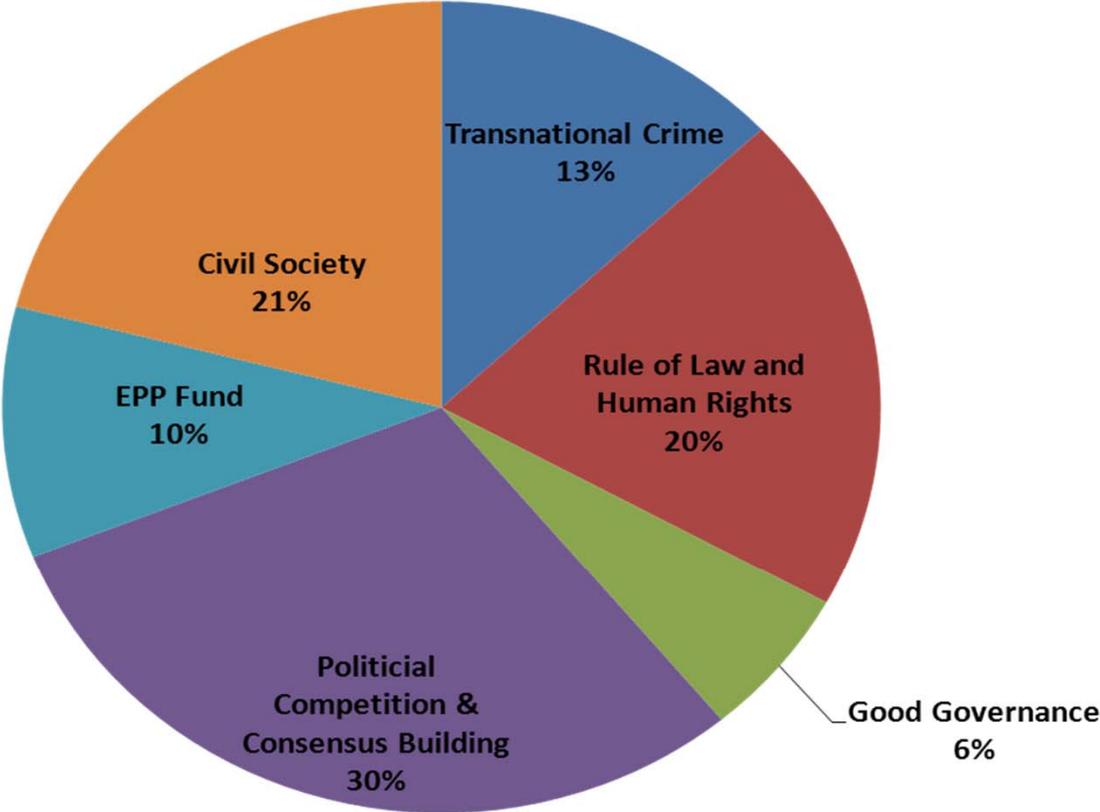
- In which areas does the RGC show political will for democratic reform?
- What is the most effective way to support civil society, human rights and freedom of expression?
- How does USAID engage youth?
- How does expand programs addressing TIP?
- How does USAID promote political participation, fair competition and electoral integrity?
- **How to ensure that CSOs are at the forefront of democratic development?**

## DG Strategy Moving Forward

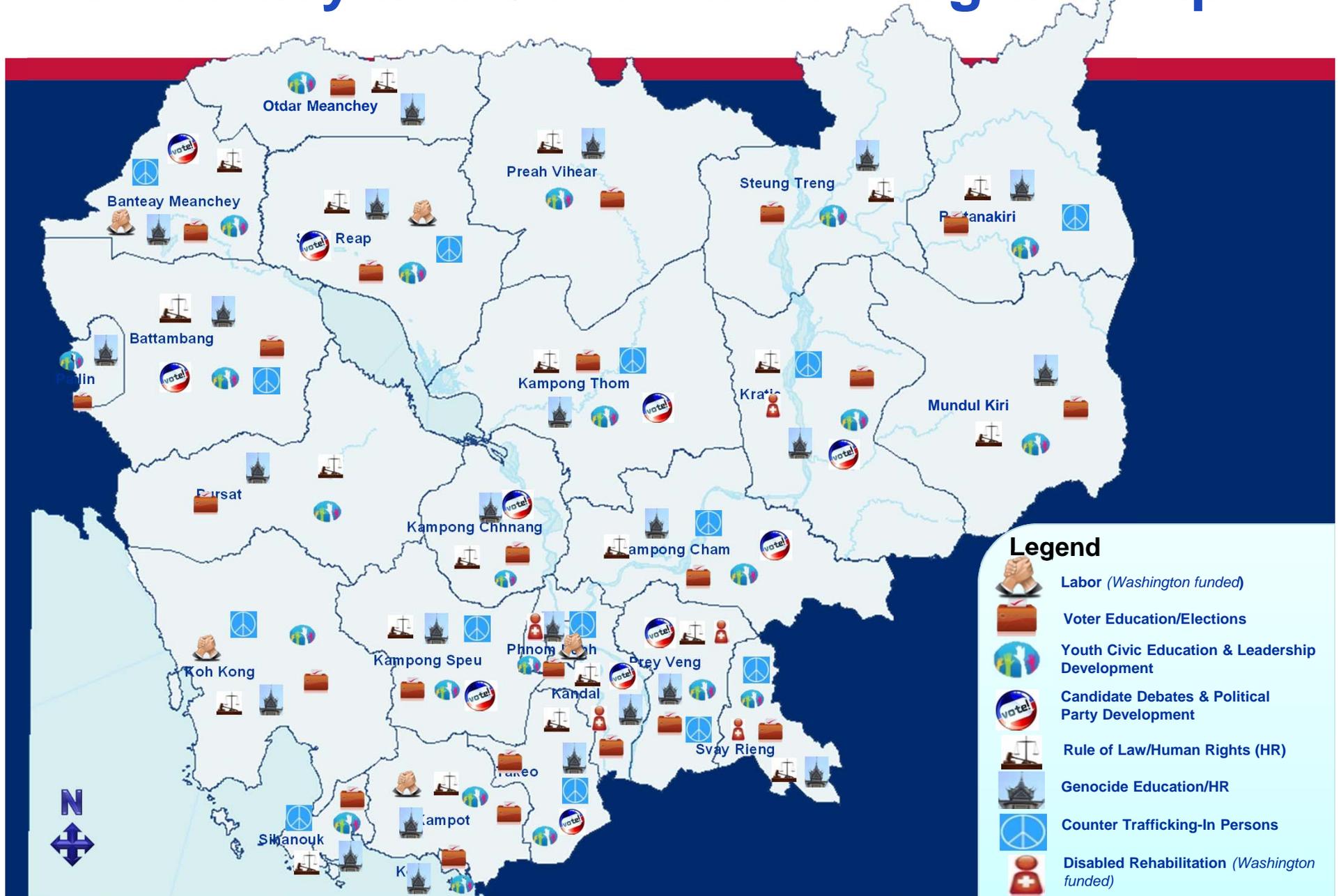
- Emphasizes building **civic demand** for democratic governance through civil society, social media, coalitions, informal groups, youth groups, political parties, human rights/legal aid groups and unions
- Aim to empower citizens with the tools for advocacy and social action.
- Proposed Development Objective:

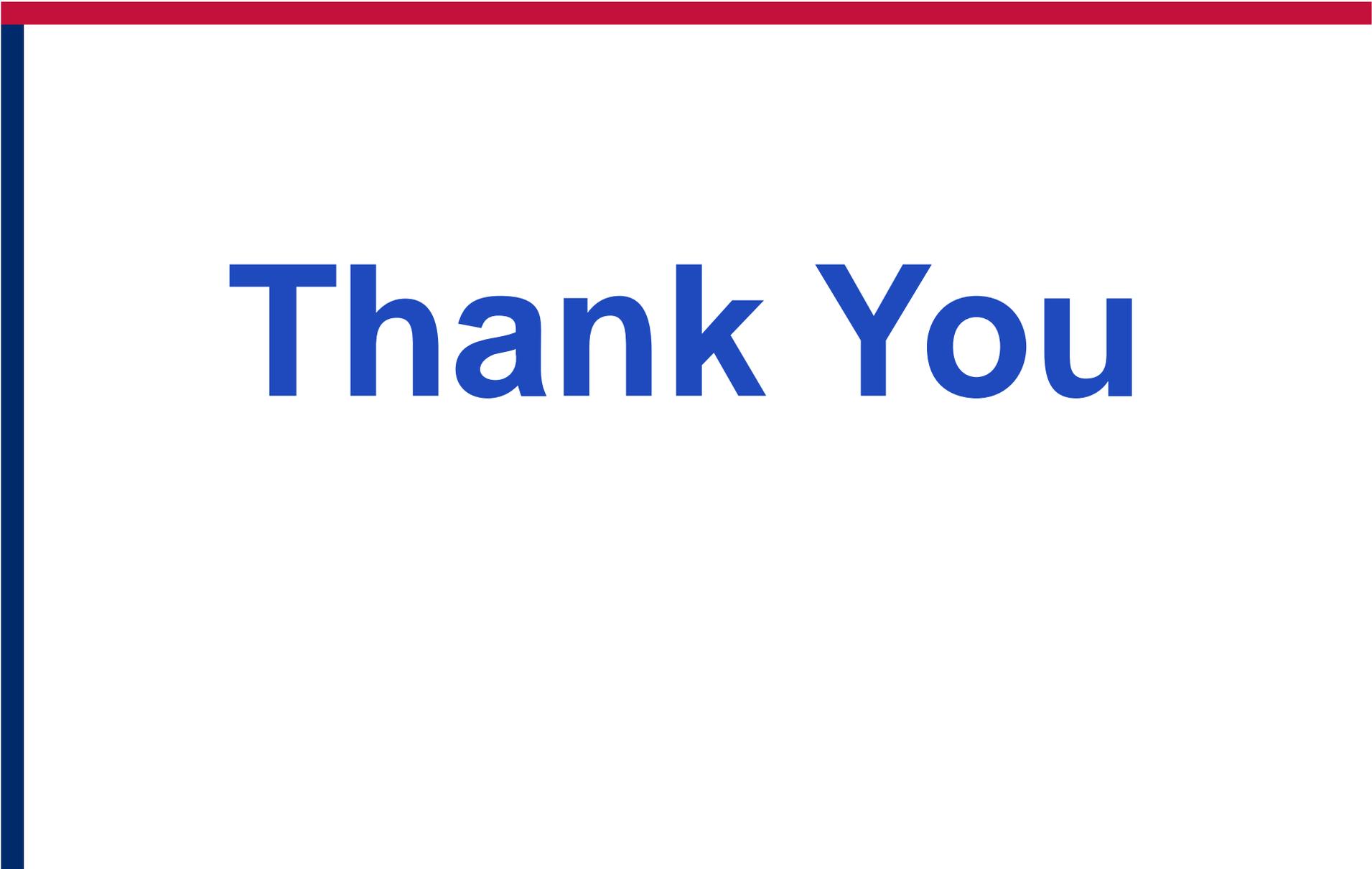
*“Constructive civic engagement in democratic processes and enhanced protection of vulnerable populations.”*

# DG FY11 Budget - \$9.9 m



# Democracy and Governance Program Map





**Thank You**