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**Country Report
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1. Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	N/A
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	25 (FTE) N/A (Stuff are trained)
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	159.713 titles 20.000 volumes
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	4.283 Physical visitors N/A
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	around 820

2. Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services

**A. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:
(New Developments in Managing Collections)**

The National Library of Cambodia is developing in two directions at present – as a public library for the people of Phnom Penh and as a research library.

Central to the success of NLC digitization programmes and especially in order to preserve cultural treasures, a planned programme of conservation is in place at NLC.

Our unique rare collections are still in urgent need of good preservation and long term conservation administration to halt deterioration. Our focuses have been on planning and organizing to digitize these collections.

NLC has Books in print web-database is used to organize books published in Cambodia.

- The database makes it easy for the general public to know what books were published in Cambodia.
- The books in print database not only increase visibility of books published in Cambodia to local audiences, but also international audiences.
- Manuscripts, books, and serials digitization which was projected by National UNESCO committee. This project aims to preserve Cambodia rare book for long last.

B. New Developments in Building and Managing Collections

Through creating and building its collections, the National Library of Cambodia has acquisitions and gifts, donation, the library's material resources increased in the recent time.

The total library collection is more than 102.950 volumes. The collection acquired in 2019 includes printed and non-printed materials and digital materials. NLC has also the opportunity to advise and guide new and established publishers and authors on how to be successful in their endeavors.

C. New Developments in Providing Access to Collections

The NLC is guided by Copyright and International Copyright law and has in place process to ensure any agreements now and in the future takes into consideration the control of access to its unique collections. The NLC reserves the right to control access to our unique collections. Given the ease of pirating copies, it is important that the NLC assumes appropriate responsibility for its collections.

Providing service relating to ancient document rare books as a unit to collect, store, conserve the original ancient document, entering into database and searching for these information from these document for reading service. Recently, we have just added more collections for ASIAN.

D. New Developments in Other Services

To improve library services, NLC had held a workshop in 2018 which it's heading mainly about (Book Publishing in Cambodia). There were more than 109 participants those of whom were from school and Ministry libraries in Cambodia.

On the other hand; to promote reading and nursery reading habits from childhood, NLC had operated Children Collection which donated by ANZ Royal bank, had hosted annual Cambodia Book Fair which was cooperated with Cambodia Librarians Association and cooperated with International Board on Books young People (IBBY) in Cambodia to celebrate it annually in December at the NLC.

To continue and enhance of initial reading habit, NLC hold conference on "Finding out Children's Book" (Published Book and e-book).

3. Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in the Local

The NLC has service agreements and works in partnership with local companies Khmerdev for its PMB service in the past, but today we are using Koha which provides more ease to researchers.

Moreover, in conjunction with the Cambodian Librarians and Documentalist Association, we annually organize the Cambodian Book Fair. The 2022 Fair attracted over 150.000 participants including authors, writers, illustrators, book publishers, bookstore, NGOs (Sipar, Room To Read, Let's Read, BBY, SVA) working in the field of education, students, parents and kids. Currently are continuing our cooperation in organizing this 2023 Books Fair. Hope it is going to be a more successful in this year. During COVID 19 hit Cambodia, NLC has not celebrated Cambodia Book Fair for two years.

To preserve and conservation Khmer literary heritage for the next generation and long last, NLC has cooperated with Information Technology Institute to run a webinar on "Digital Conversion, Saving, searching for Manuscripts and Palm Leaf Manuscripts" in July 2023.

4. International Collaborations

National Library of Cambodia has also cooperated with Library for Children and Young Adults of South Republic Korea in order to launch reading campaign named "All-together Reading Campaign: Read Me a Book" the purpose of this reading campaign is to expand the "reading aloud culture" in ASEAN nations and ROK. Recently, NLC also collaborated with NLCY to launch ASEAN Children Reading Culture Development Project which is last for three years. The purpose of this project is to have a better reading culture and literacy degree of children in ASEAN.