

= Cambodia women 's national football team =

The Cambodia women 's national football team represents Cambodia in international women 's association football and is governed by Football Federation of Cambodia (FFC) . As of June 2012 , no senior women 's national team exists though national youth sides , including an under @-@ 13 , under @-@ 14 and under @-@ 16 sides , do . While the national federation was founded in 1954 and has received support from Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and Asian Football Confederation (AFC) , the development of women 's football has been slow with football not the most popular women 's sport in the country . The women 's first national championship was not held until 2010 .

The under @-@ 16 national team , coached by Sam Schweingruber , played in the nation 's first FIFA recognised women 's international in May 2009 when they played Laos , with Nith Pean being the first woman to score a goal in international play . The under @-@ 14 team is also coached by Schweingruber , and participated in the 2011 AFC U @-@ 14 Girls ' Festival of Football in Vietnam . The following year , the under @-@ 13 team competed in the 2012 AFC Girls Football Festival .

= = Background and development = =

The national association was founded in 1933 and became a FIFA affiliate in 1954 . The national federation is a member of ASEAN . There are no full @-@ time staff members employed by the federation to look after women 's football and representation of women 's football as a federation interest is not guaranteed by the federation .

AFC 's AID27 programme provides Cambodia a maximum of US \$ 24 @, @ 000 a year between 2008 and 2012 to support women 's football in the country . FIFA @-@ supported grassroots development of the women 's game also exists . FIFA grass roots development officer Sam Schweingruber said of this : " In Cambodia , it was unthinkable at the outset for girls to take part in the Grassroots programme . We managed to push that through , and now it 's seen as perfectly normal . And that is bound to help in boosting the confidence of young Cambodian women , and making them feel more important . "

Football for women ranks between the 5th and 10th most popular sport in the country , though its popularity is increasing . Space to play sport is an issue facing all sports in the country . Between 2000 and 2006 , there were no registered female football players in the country , and none of the 65 football clubs in the country were open to women .

In 2007 , there were only two Cambodian women , Gne Kom ' Sorth and Lee Heang , who had a FIFA @-@ approved D @-@ license football coaching badge . Both were recruited through FIFA 's Spirit of Soccer program and worked to bring the game to areas with land mines . In 2008 , the Mine Risk Education Soccer tournament was held and several girls under @-@ 14 teams participated . The first women 's national championship was held in 2010 . Rights to broadcast the 2011 Women 's World Cup in the country were bought by the Cambodian Broadcasting Service . By 2012 , between Battambang or Phnom Penh , there were 400 girls playing in organised clubs .

The progress of women 's football in the country was described by FIFA in 2009 as historic . In 2009 , the Com @-@ Unity Women 's Football Seminar was held Phnom Penh . At the three @-@ day seminar , the Football Federation of Cambodia indicated their support for women 's football . A follow @-@ up event was supported by FIFA in 2010 .

Chheun Nipha from Cambodia participated in a 2012 AFC ' C ' Coaching Certificate Course organised as part of the AFC U @-@ 13 Girls ' Football Tournament 2012 . In 2012 , the women 's team participated in the Charity Cup , a competition designed to help with fundraising to send a team to compete at the Homeless World Cup . In May 2012 , an under @-@ 15 women 's football festival was held in Cambodia , organised by the German embassy and German Business Group Cambodia , and held at the University of Battambang . The competition was won by the Mighty Girls in a 2 @-@ 0 win over CFI .

= = Team = =

In 1985 , almost no country in the world had a women 's national football team , including Cambodia who have yet to play their first FIFA recognised match as of June 2012 . As of 2015 , the women 's national team has not competed at the Women 's World Cup . In 2005 , the country was one of seven teams that were expected to field a women 's football team to compete at the Asian Games in Marikina in December . In 2006 , a women 's national team did not officially exist . In March 2012 , the team was not ranked in the world by FIFA . The country 's kit colours are blue , white and red shirts , white shorts , and red socks .

= = Youth national teams = =

= = = Under @-@ 13 = = =

The Cambodia women 's national under @-@ 13 football team competed in the June 2012 AFC Girls Football Festival against other national sides from Thailand , Myanmar , the Philippines , Guam and Vietnam . The team played their first match against the Philippines . Cambodia lost to Vietnam 0 @-@ 1 in the bronze medal game . Julie Teo , AFC 's Head of Women 's Football said of the event : " The quality of teams is good and the tournament has a lot of close matches . Cambodia had improved a lot from the first day . " Srey Yuen was the captain in 2012 . Many of the players in 2012 were drawn from the CFI club side . The team is coached by Sam Schweingruber .

Sopha Kol , secretary general of FFC , said : " For the very first time , very young Cambodian girls represented Cambodia in a regional tournament like this one It doesn 't matter if they win or lose as long as they start . If they don 't start now , their potential will be ignored . " AFC U @-@ 13 Girl Football Tournament 2012 , each game had two sessions with 25 minutes each and 10 minutes ' break while the football field is 80 metres long and 60 metres wide .

= = = Under @-@ 14 = = =

Kauw was a member of the Cambodia women 's national under @-@ 14 football team in 2011 . The assistant coach was Chhoeurn Nipha and the head coach was Sam Schweingruber . The team had a variety of players , including those who attended a football academy , school drop outs who returned just to play and girls from orphanages . The country participated in the AFC U @-@ 14 Girls ' Festival of Football in Vietnam , where like the other ten participating countries , they fielded two teams . This was the first time the country participated in the event . At the competition , Cambodia lost to the Philippines 3 @-@ 0 . Some of the players who participated had never left the country before .

= = = Under @-@ 16 = = =

The Cambodia women 's national under @-@ 16 football team has been coached by Sam Schweingruber since it was created in 2009 . The team played in their first FIFA recognised and sponsored international in spring of 2009 when they played Laos on 22 May . The team travelled 1 @,@ 200 kilometres (750 mi) to the game via bus . Nith Pean scored a goal when her team was down 2 @-@ 0 to bring the score to 2 @-@ 1 . Her goal was the first ever goal scored by a Cambodian woman in a FIFA recognised match . That year , the team also played a match against Singapore . Two players on the 2009 under @-@ 16 team were Nin and Vesna , a pair of sisters from the SALT Academy . The sisters had been sexually exploited in Thailand but while at the Academy , they developed their skills . Nin eventually became the captain of the team .