A “Social Land Concession” is a legal mechanism to transfer private state land for social purposes to the poor who lack land for residential and/or family farming purposes. (2001 Land Law & 2003 Sub-decree No 19 on Social Land Concession)

Local Social Land Concession Programs

- Initiates a social land concession plan
- Reviews the social land concession plan initiated by the citizens and/or a civil society organization
- Submits the social land concession plan
- Reviews and approves the plan
- Reviews and adjusts the plan or cancels the approval of the Provincial/Municipal Committee

An approved social land concession plan shall be available to the public in the relevant commune/Sangkat office, Provincial/Municipal Land Use and Allocation Committee office, and the National Social Land Concession Committee office, during working hours.

National Social Land Concession Programs

- Initiates a social land concession plan; or
- Reviews the social land concession plan initiated by the citizens and/or a civil society organization
- Submits the social land concession plan
- Reviews and approves the plan
- Informs the National Social Land Concession Committee about this approval

May initiate a National Social Land Concession Plan in certain specific situations provided by law. The concerned Provincial/Municipal Land Use and Allocation Committee, commune councils and area residents shall participate in its development.

May approve the plan as proposed or, in consultation with the concerned ministry or institution, adjust the plan.

An approved social land concession plan shall be available to the public in the relevant commune/Sangkat office, Provincial/Municipal Land Use and Allocation Committee office, and the National Social Land Concession Committee office, during working hours.

Criteria to apply for social land concession

- Be a Cambodian national
- Poor and/or landless people/families
- Families who have been displaced resulting from a public infrastructure development project
- Families suffering due to natural disaster
- Repatriated families, demobilized soldiers and families of soldiers who suffered disability or died in the line of duty
- Workers in the plantation areas of major Economic Land Concessions (ELCs)

Criteria for giving preferential treatment in the selection of land recipients

- Large family size, having six (6) or more members.
- Time the family has lived in the social concession land area.
- The head of family is a woman, a person with a disability, a veteran with a disability or a demobilized soldier.