More Women in Cambodia Requesting HIV Tests

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More women in Cambodia are getting tested for HIV thanks to a partnership between health organizations and the garment factories that employ about 300,000 Cambodian women, *The Phnom Penh Post* reports.

According to a report by the Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia (RHAC), the number of women who were tested for HIV went up from 38,660 in 2007 to 40,587 in 2008. Cheat Khemara, senior labor official of the Garment Manufacturers Association of Cambodia, said that incorporating health programs into the garment factories made HIV testing more accessible.

“We would also like to call on all factories to help provide health facilities and services for their employees so that they are able to have their blood tested,” Khemara said. “All companies and factories should provide care to employees who have HIV/AIDS so that they have the mental strength to continue their work.”

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