



## **General questions**

1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

## **Further exploration**

1. The driving factor behind much of the sand dredging is a boom in development. How should a government prioritize its economic development, balancing the need to address deep poverty while protecting the environment?
2. How can the government insure that the economic benefits of development are shared more equitably?
3. In Cambodia, the authoritarian government allows little recourse for homeowners like Mom Mut, whose house fell into the river. If the same happened to you, what action could you take in your country?
4. Cambodia's minister of mines and energy denied that sand dredging is taking an environmental toll on the river or causing homes to collapse. Experts and homeowners say otherwise. What are some reasons the government might not admit to the impact of sand dredging?