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Meeting challenges of Strengthening Statistics In Cambodia

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Components of the NSS



- Statistical staff of NIS has increased from 40 staff in 1992 to 314 staff in 2011
- Statistical staff of provincial planning offices (MOP) decreased from 450 staff to 315 staff during the same period
- In 2011, statistical staff of line ministries and institutions approximately 367 staff
- In 2011, a total of 996 people engaged in official statistical production.

Legislative framework



- We have good and complete statistical legislation:
- Statistics Law enacted in May 2005
- Sub-decree on Organization and Functioning of NSS in force since 26-01-2007
- Sub-decree on Designated Official Statistics in force 19-07-2010



Current Status of NIS

- NIS is the official national institution and is the Directorate General within MOP(Art. 17 of Stat. Law)
- NIS is responsible:
 - Conducting censuses (pop., Agriculture, economic)
 - Conducting surveys to collect basic statistics (CSES, DHS, demographic surveys, etc.)
 - Utilizing administrative data sources
- Compiling national accounts and prices indices.

Decision making structures within the



NSS

- The NIS shall be responsible for making official statistical policies in establishing an integrated NSS, encompassing all designated official statistics and statistics units within ministries & institutions (Art 13)
- NIS shall establish:
 - a) Coordination in activities
 - b) Cooperative arrangements with international organizations, other NSOs
 - c) National statistical standards .

MTR of SMP 2008-2015



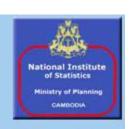
- SMP provides long term strategic vision for national statistics development and financial plan required for statistics activities
- MTR of SMP 2008-2015 will be published
 2nd half of November 2012.
- Updated and Indicative Timetable for censuses and Hh surveys 2008-2015.

Censuses and Hh surveys 2008-2015:



- Population census conducted in March 2008 (UNFPA, Govt of Japan, JICA, Germany, RGC)
- Establishment census conducted in March 2011(Govt of Japan, JICA and RGC)
- 2013 Census of Agriculture (USAID, Sida, AusAID, FAO and RGC)
- CSES annual & every 5 years and CDHS every 5 years.





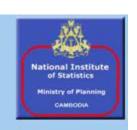
- 1. No training institutions in Statistics except School of Planning. Line ministries and local staff are weak in terms of statistical skills and budget
- We need training for NSS:
 - +Line ministries and institutions. In house training Unit start functioning
 - +Municipality and provinces. JICA,SBJ assist in training on small area statistics).





- + We needed to send staff to various statistical institutions abroad for long term and short term training as well as on the job-training (Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Japan, SIAP, US, India and various statistical trainings institutions)
- + Financing in house training unit for short courses will assist line ministries, provincial and young staff of NIS.





- 2. The coordination role of NIS is still limited. There is a need for better coordination among NSS.
 - + Sub-decree on designated official statistics in 2010. So, 2010 Annual Report of NSS and 2011 Annual Report NSS
 - + Continue coordination mechanizm with SAC, SCC, STWG,SMP and TWG PPR Sub Group for NIS.





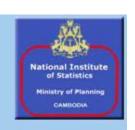
- + NIS: ASEAN focal point in Statistics for NSS
- + NIS play an increasing role in ASEAN harmonization of statistics in various fields such as IMTS, SITS, FDIS and ACPMS (ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System).



Constraints and measures to meet challenges (5)

- 3.There is a need to strengthen NIS in particular relating to dissemination of national development indicators and communications with users
 - + UNSD project on dissemination of national development indicators
 - + Web dissemination of statistical information will be improve continuously.





- 4. Incentives of the staff need to be obtained from RGC to keep the staff working at the present situation
 - + RGC increased salaries 20% a year
 - + Commissione works from line ministries Increase statistical allowances for statistical officers working for censuses and surveys
 - + Putting more items on the Annual Budget Plan from RGC.

Constraints and measures to meet challenges (7)



- In 2016, the assistance from development partners will be phased out, so the RGC can replace fully these international supports?
 - + Government contribution to censuses are significant (e.g. 27% of Census of Agriculture total budget)
 - + Government contribution to Statistics are increasingly reached 50% in 2012.

Conclusions



- There is good sign that in the medium and long run, the RGC will take over the responsibility to support mostly the NIS, especially from 2016
- With the increase of national revenue, the increase of salaries/ allowances will take place
- Support from development partners, especially Government of Japan (SBJ), JICA, Sida, UNFPA, UNICEF, FAO and other development partners in the medium term is necessary to strengthen the NSS.

Thank you!