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Current Status of Economic Statistics in Cambodia

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Abstract

- Economic Statistics in Cambodia are recently improved. Since the beginning of 1990s until the beginning of 2000s, ADB and UNDP provided both financial and technical assistance for economic statistics. After finishing the ADB support, the SIDA of Sweden and JICA- through Statistics Bureau of Japan- started to support the economic statistics since the beginning of 2000s until now.
- By setting out clearly the intended work programme of the National Statistical System (NSS), the Statistical Master Plan provides an indication of the aspirations of the Royal Government Cambodia (RGC) and of its priorities between competing statistical requirements. It should also prove useful to external agencies and donors that are engaged in assisting the RGC to develop a fully functioning NSS. It provides a framework for technical assistance and a basis for better coordination among donors within the context of the priorities established by the Government.
- The highest priority for the NSS is to maintain existing economic and socio-demographic statistics, and to improve their quality and timeliness. Some additional activities are included as high priority in order to improve quality and fill gaps in the priority outputs. Priority statistics include: compilation of the annual and quarterly National Accounts; the expanded Consumer Price Index; producer and agricultural commodity price indices; indices of agricultural and industrial production and of retail sales; and labour force statistics and a labour costs index. Also included are: agricultural production statistics and crops, livestock and fisheries statistics; education, health, labour market and tourism statistics; and poverty and demographic measures and access to basic facilities.