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Current Status of Economic Statistics in Cambodia

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I- Introduction

- Statistics law enacted in May 2005
- Sub-decrees relating to Statistics Law
- Statistics Master Plan for 2008-2015
- Statistics law states that the Economic Census is to be conducted at least once every 10 years.
- The Economic Census will provide timely benchmark data for monitoring and assessing the NSDP, CMDG and poverty reduction.

II-1 Current Economic Statistics Outputs

- ADB, UNDP and IMF supports for economic statistics (1993- 2003): LFS, ES, SES, CPI, NA.
- JICA and Japanese Government supports for economic statistics (since 2005):
 - .Establishment Listing
 - .Economic Census 2011
- SIDA / Statistics Sweden supports (since 2003): SES03/04, SES 05, SES 06, SES07/08.

II-2 Current Economic Statistics Outputs

- No Agricultural Census has ever been conducted- now preparing to conduct in 2009
- Plan to conduct Economic Census in 2011.
- CPI is prepared for Phnom Penh (since 1994) and five provincial centers (since 2000).
- Export and import data collected from Customs Department.
- Communication data from Ministry of Posts and Communications.
- Tourism data collected from ministry of Tourism. Some of tourism data from hotels have proved uncooperative.

III- History of Establishment Surveys

- Establishment Surveys 1993-2000
- Problems of the Past Surveys

III.1- Establishment Surveys: 1993 - 2000

NIS conducted three establishment surveys and three years for quarterly surveys with the support from ADB, but this has been suspended...

Establishment Surveys
1993, 1995 and 2000

Quarterly (small scale) Establishment
Surveys
2001, 2002 and 2003

III.2 Problems of Past Surveys

The results of Establishment Surveys are very important inputs for the national accounts estimate in Cambodia, but there have been quality issues such as;

No update of establishment frame

Lack of fund to implement periodical surveys

Very complicated questionnaires: both for enumerators and respondents.

No legal basis

And so on...

IV- Strategy Towards the Economic Census in 2011 (assisted by SBJ experts thru JICA)

- Establishment Listing
- Test Surveys
- Economic Census

IV.1 - Establishment Listing (1)

- The project for developing the list of establishment started in 2006 with technical support of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under the project on Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia.
- The project was initially created by current DG of SBJ and has been being mainly assisted by SBJ experts.

IV.1 - Establishment Listing (2)

- In 2006, Phnom Penh
- In 2008, Sihanouk Ville (experimental)
- In early 2009, all provinces are
under planned

IV.1 - Establishment Listing (3)

From the results of establishment frame development, we will prepare:

- The directory of establishments (by district, by industry, by employment size).
- This will be the first attempt to build a 'complete' establishment lists by field surveys.
- The establishment lists that have been obtained from the line ministries had been proved to be incomplete or not updated.

IV.1 - Establishment listing (4)

**From the results of establishment listing,
we will compile:**

- Number of establishments and employees (by district, by industry)
- This will also be the first time to count the number of employees from the establishment side.

IV.2 - Test Surveys

Conducting sampling surveys of establishments based on the lists being used as the sampling frame.

- . Phnom Penh in 2007
- . Cambodia (Nationwide) in 2009-10

IV.3-Plans-leading Economic Census 2011

- . Detailed Economic Census plans are to be developed through the preparatory exercises.
- . The necessary fund is expected, although not yet fixed.
- . Preparatory activities such as the establishment listing and test surveys have already under way

Thank You Very Much