

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of 2013 Cambodia Inter-censal Population Survey Technical Committee (CIPS-TC)

The fourth meeting of the CIPS-TC was held by the National Institute of Statistics (NIS)/ Ministry of Planning (MOP) at 3:00 pm on 9 February 2012. Due to the absence of **H.E. Mr. Chhay Than**, Senior Minister, Minister of Planning, and Chairman of CIPS-TC2013, the meeting was presided over by **H.E. Mr. Ouk Chay**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning, and Vice-Chairman of CIPS-CT2013.

Participants:

- H.E. Mr. Ouk Chay Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning
- H.E. Mr. Rin Virak Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning
- H.E. Ms. Hang Lina Deputy Director General, NIS
- Mr. Meng Kimhor Deputy Director General, NIS
- Mr. May Tum Representative, UNFPA Cambodia
- Mr. Sok Tha Representative, UNFPA Cambodia
- Mr. Chap Rathana Representative, UNFPA Cambodia
- Mr. Rama Rao Consultant, UNFPA
- Mr. Fumihiko Nishi Chief Advisor of JICA Project
- Ms. Jun Konishi JICA Expert
- Dr./Ms. Nao Endo JICA Expert
- Mr. Yem Suong Advisor, MOP
- Mr. They Kheam Director of Census and Survey Department, NIS
- Mr. Chhun Sothy Director of Statistics Policy and Cooperation, NIS

Starting the meeting, H.E. Mr. Ouk Chay thanked to all the participants and mentioned as follows: Today meeting will review the mapping work, finalize the forms of the pretest, discuss the selection of sample villages, prepare for new urban areas, and review budget issues.

Then, H.E. Chairman invited H.E. Ms. Hang Lina for reporting.

H.E. Ms. Hang Lina, DDG reported as follows: We have done many works. During the mission of Mr. Rama Rao for 19 days (from 06 to 24 February 2012), we did a lot of works for him. Those works are as follows: 1) Finalize the update of village frame; 2) Finalize the new urban areas; 3) Review the forms; 4) Conduct the pretest in Kampot and Siem Reap; 5) Organize a consultative workshop on the forms; and 6) Finalize the forms and the manuals. She reported in detail as follows: 1) Village frame for has already prepared by Mr.

Meng Kimhor and Mr. Yem Suong and is being confirmed the correctness by SIDA Expert; 2) Regarding the new urban areas, Mr. Rama Rao will check; 3) Regarding the forms, Mr. Yem Suong has prepared and already submitted two times to the CIPS-TC. Mr. Rama Rao has already revised the forms and will train our staff for the first pretest in Kampot Province from 10 to 13 February 2012. The second one will be from 17 to 20 February 2012 in Siem Reap Province. The pretest will be conducted two villages in urban area, and 4 villages in rural areas for each province; 4) Regarding the consultative workshop on 15 February 2012, we will be able to provide our experience and lessons learnt through the first pretest in Kampot. The purpose of the consultative workshop is to obtain comments and recommendations from participants in order to improve the CIPS2013; 5) Regarding the mapping work, we have already discussed the manuals, the organization charts, and the analytical works with JICA Experts. We have sent an e-mail to Mr. Nishi, Chief Advisor of JICA Project to request the additional budget for provincial mapping staff; and 6) Regarding the survey budget, it has a shortage of USD ten thousands. According to the cost estimation by UNFPA and JICA, she will request to Excellency Senior Minister so that Ministry of Planning may allocate necessary budget for the CIPS2013. She also explained in detail about the topics on the forms.

Mr. Meng Kimhor, DDG: reported as follows: He has finished the selection of 955 sample villages for the CIPS2013. Those selected villages have been sent to provinces for checking. He also visited some provinces and each Director of the Provincial Department of Planning (PDP) confirmed that there was no problem. However, there is only one problem village in Phnom Penh. That is, this village is selected from a developing area. Director of the PDP in Phnom Penh suggested him to replace this village with a next village.

Regarding the data processing, its plan has already been prepared and UNFPA will dispatch a data processing consultant in May 2012 with Mr. Rama Rao. UNFPA data processing consultant will assist in developing data processing programs and in data processing operation.

Discussion:

Mr. Nishi, JICA: He answered as follows: JICA Project has already allocated USD 19,000- only for the mapping and is additionally requesting USD 3,500- more. However, since the NIS is estimating that the total cost for the mapping will be USD 39,000-, it is necessary for the NIS to allocate the balance.

H.E. Mr. Ouk Chay: He asked H.E. Ms. Hang Lina as follows: the requesting NIS budget of USD 100,000 will be in time for the mapping? He thinks that the requesting NIS

budget won't be in time. Therefore, in case the requesting NIS budget is not in time, we need to ask both UNFPA and JICA so that they can support the full amount.

Mr. Nishi, JICA: He answered that he would consider and at the same time ask the NIS to review the cost estimation.

Mr. May Tum, UNFPA: He mentioned as follows: He thanked to the working group and asked that topics on domestic violence and reproductive health could be added? Most of development partners request these statistics. If it is possible to add, some other partners also may support to the CIPS2013.

The MOP will prepare for the new National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) 2014. So, UNFPA really needs the results of this survey with good quality and in a timely manner. All users will utilize the results for various purposes such as government policies, academic study, market research, and so on. The results are necessary until November 2013.

Regarding a shortage of the budget, if the budget cannot finally be mobilized, he will try to negotiate with Chief Representative of UNFPA Cambodia.

Mr. Rama Rao, UNFPA: He mentioned as follows: Even though he is in his country (India), he will always contact with the NIS. As H.E. Ms. Hang Lina already said, my mission is 19 days only this time. There are a lot of works for me to check and revise. The results of the CIPS2013 are important for making national plans and other works. There is no other reliable data source on population other than census and survey. The CIPS2004 and the 2008 Population Census have greatly contributed to Total Fertility Rate (TFR) and Mother Mortality Rate (MMR) which no other data source can provide. He has been working for the forms and manuals with Mr. Meng Kimhor. Regarding the forms, although we tried to keep them as same as those of 2008 Population Census, we needed to add some more topics requested by H.E. Ms. Hang Lina. Regarding gender issue, we also considered during form preparation. Regarding the additional topics on education requested by Officer of Ministry of Education, "Currently attending grade" and "Has the person attended school?" are added. Regarding mortality rate, we would like to improve its quality by providing more sophisticated training. Data source on TFR and MMR can be provided by NIS only. If there is no accurate birth registration system, only census and survey are the main sources of those data. Regarding Mr. May Tum's questions, the topics on domestic violence and reproductive health are desirable to be added. It is better to have another survey to compare both the results of these topics. Regarding the report on new urban areas, we have already published the same kind of report before. Due to the changes by Sub-decrees of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC), we need to publish the revised one.

H.E. Chairman: He mentioned as follows: Mr. Rama Rao answered all the questions from Mr. May Tum. Regarding one of Mr. May Tum's questions, we need to release the final results of the CIPS2013 before the preparation of the NSDP 2014. We hope that it will be in time, that is, in November 2013 as planned.

Mr. Nishi, JICA: He mentioned as follows: In order to improve the quality of the results, we need to update Village Maps and EA Maps. JICA Project will support the mapping and is planning to begin in November 2012. However, since it is not possible for JICA Project to expense for the incentives for Village Chiefs, the NIS needs to bear this.

At the end of the meeting, H.E. Chairman concluded as follows:

- Activities of the CIPS2013 are going smoothly;
- Appreciated Mr. Rama Rao, Mr. Nishi, and the working group;
- Thanked to both UNFPA and JICA that have supported the CIPS2013 technically and financially;
- We realized a shortage of the budget. The NIS will make a request to the RGC. I hope both UNFPA and JICA will reconsider in case the RGC couldn't provide;
- Because of good cooperation among NIS, UNFPA, and JICA, we hope that the CIPS2013 will be successful with high quality.

The meeting was closed at 5:00 pm with pleasure.

Minutes Taker

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