

ANNEX I

Summary of the Project

Project title: Improving Official Statistics in Cambodia

Implementing Agency: National Institute of Statistics (the NIS), Ministry of Planning

Background of the Project:

The official statistics in Cambodia was greatly delayed in development due to the civil war. Since 1992, the official statistics has been gradually developed by the support of the United Nations and other donors. In 1998, the population census was implemented with the assistance of the UNFPA after an interval of 36 years, and it was an important step to develop the official statistics in Cambodia. However, the official statistics still needs to be improved in Cambodia. The donor countries and the international organizations regarded that the accuracy and reliability of statistical data of Cambodia are still low. Moreover, the low reliability of statistical data hinders in setting the indices for development level and effects of assistances for the development policies. Therefore, it is urgently necessary to strengthen the statistical organizations and to develop the capacities of their staff.

Statistics Law in Cambodia was approved by the National Assembly on March 14, 2005 and approved by the Senate on March 30, 2005, and it will be enacted after the King's signature. This new law will enlarge the authorities of National Institute of Statistics (the NIS), Ministry of Planning to implement various statistical surveys. Moreover, the population census is planned in 2008. Although the population census is the most basic statistics in a country, its implementation is difficult due to the lack of capacity and financial resources, and therefore the assistances from donors are highly needed. In addition, until 2001, the NIS has implemented several statistical surveys such as the labor force survey, the establishment survey and the manufacturing survey by coordinating with line ministries with the assistance of Asian Development Bank (the ADB) in 2001. However, the assistance from the ADB was terminated in 2003 and it is difficult to implement these surveys without the support from other donors. Therefore, the NIS requires the capacity development of its staff not only for the population census but also for economic statistics. In this situation, the Cambodian government requested the technical cooperation project on the technical assistance to the capacity development of the NIS staff and provincial statistical staff.

Overall Goal:

Census and statistical surveys will be periodically and precisely implemented, and highly reliable statistical data will be provided timely to policy makers, administrators, researchers, NGO's and other relevant users.

Project Purpose:

Statistical capacity of the NIS staff, provincial statistical staff, and the statistical staff of main line ministries will be improved.

Outputs:

1. Knowledge and capacity on basic statistics of the NIS staff, the provincial statistical staff, and the statistical staff of the main line ministries are improved.
2. Capacity of the NIS staff for the planning of the statistical surveys is improved.
3. Data processing skill of the NIS staff on the statistical surveys is improved.
4. The NIS staff acquires the methods of the analysis of the statistical surveys.
5. Dissemination of survey results is increased and the results of statistical surveys are utilized by the main line ministries.
6. The results of the economic statistical surveys are evaluated properly and NIS' capacity on establishment surveys is improved.
7. Statistical capacities of the major provincial statistical staff are improved.

Project Activities:

[Basic statistics]

- 1-1 Trainings on basic statistics to the NIS staff, the provincial statistical staff, and statistical staff of the main line ministries

[Planning of statistical surveys].

- 2-1 Trainings on the planning of statistical surveys to the NIS staff
- 2-2 Trainings on the design of the questionnaires of statistical surveys to the NIS staff
- 2-3 Coordination with the line ministries and the donors on the population census

[Data processing]

- 3-1 Trainings on the data processing for statistical surveys to the NIS staff

[Statistical analysis]

- 4-1 Development of systems for the analysis of the results of statistical surveys in the NIS
- 4-2 Trainings on the analysis of the results statistical surveys to the NIS staff

[Dissemination of statistical data]

- 5-1 Trainings on the editing of publication, CD, and website, to the NIS staff
- 5-2 Trainings on the utilization of the results of the statistical surveys to the statistical staff of the main line ministries

[Improvement of economics statistics]

- 6-1 Trainings on the evaluation of the existing results of the economic statistical surveys to the NIS staff
- 6-2 Trainings on the establishment surveys to the NIS staff

[Capacity development of provincial statistical staff]

- 7-1 Selection of model provinces
- 7-2 Trainings on the regional statistics for the staff of the model provincial statistical staff

Input from the Japanese Government:

- Experts: Statistics (Chief Advisor), Project Coordinator, Statistical training, Data processing, Statistical Analysis, Dissemination of statistical data, Economic statistics, etc.
- Trainings in Japan: Statistics, Demographic statistics, Economic statistics
- Provision of equipment: Personal computers, LAN server and peripherals (as necessary), Software, CD recorder, DVD recorder, Printers, Audio-visual equipment for training, Photocopier, Vehicle
- Training in Cambodia: Basic Statistics, Planning of statistical surveys, Data processing, Statistical analysis, Dissemination of statistical data, Utilization of the results of statistical surveys, Evaluation of economic statistical statistics, Establishment survey.

Input from the Recipient Country:

- Counterpart personnel
- Office space and necessary furnitures for Japanese experts
- Running cost for the project activities
- Approval for the free access to the statistical data necessary for the project activities (population census data, economic statistics data etc.)

Pre-Conditions:

- Policy makers of the Royal Government of Cambodia will recognize the importance of official statistics.