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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# Constraints and measures to meet challenges (1)

- 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).



## Constraints and measures to meet challenges (2)

- + 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.

## Constraints and measures to meet challenges (3)

- 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 mechanism with SAC, SCC, STWG, SMP and TWG PPR Sub Group for NIS.

# Constraints and measures to meet challenges (4)

- + 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.

# Constraints and measures to meet the challenges (6)

- 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
  - + Commissioned 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!**