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Census Technical Committee

**2008 General Population Census of Cambodia**

**Minute of the Tenth Census Technical Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 12 August 2008, 10:00 AM**

**Attendance:**

H.E. Chhay Than	Senior Minister, Minister of Planning, Chairman of CTC
H.E. Ouk Chay	Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning
H.E. In Saroeung	Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning
H.E. San Sy Than	Director General, NIS, MOP
H.E. Has Vong Dara	Under Secretary General, NCPD, COM
H.E. Mrs. Hang Lina	Deputy Director General, NIS, MOP
Mr. Seng Soeun	Deputy Director General, NIS, MOP
Mr. Hor Darith	Deputy Director General, NIS, MOP
Mrs. Alice Levisay	Representative UNFPA, Cambodia
Mr. Sok Vanna	PD Manager
Mr. Chap Rathana	Coordinator, UNFPA/MOP
Dr. Nott Rama Rao	Census Consultant, UNFPA
Mr. Hary Lode	Census Consultant, UNFPA
Mrs. Minori TERADA	Project Formulation Advisor, JICA
Mr. T. Kurita	JICA Expert/Coordinator
Mr. Youk Seng An	Project Assistant, JICA
Mr. Representative of Geography Department	
All member of census Tehnical committee working group.	

**Agenda of the meeting**

- 1- Welcome Adress by H.E. Senior Minister
- 2- Report by HE. San Sy Than, Director General, NIS
- 3- Report by Mr. They Kheam on Data Editing and Coding
- 4- Report by Mr. Meng Kimhor on Data Entry
- 5- Report by Ms. Hang Lina and Mr. Nott Rama Rao on Draft Provisional Report
- 6- Other business
- 7- Closing

**H.E. Senior Minister** welcomed to the members of the meeting and said:

- About 5 months after the census field operation finished, we are waiting for the results. Now the draft of Provisional Report has been finalized and going

to release on 3 Sept 2008 presided over by H.E. Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior.

- This years our country has witnessed two historic events, the population census in March and the national general election in July. However, everything goes smoothly.
- All the results show the efforts of the government staff and the Cambodian people.
- Thank to the donors and all the government officers for their cooperation to make the census success.

**H.E. San Sy Than** Director General, NIS reported the activities after the census field operation :

- Editing and coding are in progress. The speed is going up from week to week.
- Payment is based on productivities as well as qualities. The rate will be updated every two months.
- JICA is assisting in editing and coding, Mr. Rao is drafting the Provisional Report ,  
Mr. Harry Lode helps cleaning data.
- Briefing the provisional results, population of Cambodia is 13.38 millions and the annual growth rate declined to 1,54 percent. This shows also the decline of fertility according to the CIPS 2004.

**Mr. They Kheam** Derector of Census Department, reported the editing and coding:

- Started from 27 June till 12 August 2008, the editing had been done for 319,561 HHs or 11.3% of the total HHs. Remaining 88.7%. The coding had been done 2.3% of the total HHs, remaining 97.7%.
- The constranint were as follows: (1) around 5% of questionnaires were incomplete from the fields; (2) mistake records from the field work in some columns. (3) few staff not coming for work; (4) found in errors created by coders and editors.
- Improving editing and coding by reducing the target number of HHs: from 7,000 HHs to 5,500 HHs per month or 220HHs per day one editor, and from 8,000 HHs to 6,500 HHs per month or 260HHs per day per one coder.
- As observed, the actual editing speed was only 140HHs/day and the coding speed was only 136HHs/day. Therefore it will affect to the time and budget.

**Mr. Meng Kimhor** Deputy Diretor of Census Department reported the data Processing :

- The entry data of Form 2 into the computers had been finished at the end of June 2008. Then the data had been cleaned by the cooperation with UNFPA Data Processing consultant. Moreover, charts, tables, and thematic maps had also been produced for the Provisional Report.
- Finalized the EA Census Frame based on the data file of Form 2.
- Finalized testing programs for the data entry of Form B and Form A.
- Set up the EA batch editing program to reduce the errors.
- Printed Control Forms for controlling the process of the editing and coding.

- The data entry operators had been received a training on data entry of Form B from 4 to 8 August 2008.
- Data entry of Form B and Form A as well as data verification are in the process.
- The verification rate will be decreased from 100% to the lowest according to the error rate of the data entry.
- Payment for data entry operator is according to productions and based on the rate of 100\$ for 8,500HHs per month.

**H.E. Mrs. Hang Lina** Deputy Director General reported on the draft of Provisional Report:

- The report had been prepared with assistance from census consultant Mr. Nott Rama Rao and Mr. Harry Lode. It has been finished till Friday 08 August 2008, and had been sent by email to all Excellencies, Director General, UNFPA, JICA, and all DDGs for comments.
- Received comments from Mr. Hor Darith on the cover page and Foreword.
- Dr. Otomo had commented on the proper color for the maps.
- Mr. F. Nishi requested for releasing data down to commune level. However, we couldn't. Because: (1) time constraint; (2) the provisional figures derived from the summary Form 2 that can be different from Form B. Therefore, we should wait for the final results; (3) the provisional figures can be different from the final figures, so it is easy to correct if we release the provisional results at national level; (4) most of countries in the region release their provisional results at only national level.
- Mostly accepted all the comments from UNFPA.

**Mr. Nott Rama Rao** raised:

- Arrived Cambodia on 17 July, 2008. Before coming, always deal with NIS, especially with Ms. Hang Lina about the census figures. There were some problems in some provinces, but had been solved.
- Worked with Harry Lode and NIS staff on the issues of population in Koh Kong Province and the non-response households. Decided to include the non-responses into our census results. As the result, our provisional population total was 13.4 million.
- The draft of provisional report had received a lot of comments and had been revised according to all comments.
- This report is in general, not yet detail on fertility, mortality, migration, or any other information.
- The Post Enumeration Survey is on the way of matching, can not release its result now. It would be better to release together with the final result of the census.
- Agreed with Ms. Hang Lina regarding the release down to commune level. Other countries did not do that too.
- Concerning to the Priority Tables, plan is the second important step. Ms. Hang Lina should consider on the preparation by consultation with UNFPA, JICA, and technical staff.

- The huge census task will be finished at the end of the year 2009. Therefore, the editing, coding, and data processing should also finish on time.

**Ms. Alice Levisay** said:

- Welcomed for the provisional report and will be released on the 3 of September 2008.
- Our census is in the 2010 round of census. Hope that the result can be compared to the 1998 census. H E. Deputy Prime Minister will announce the increase or decrease of population of each province as well as Phnom Penh.
- The Provisional figures are very useful because so far we do not have any proper figures. We use the only projection. Currently we have new figures, we have to use them.

**H.E. Senior Minister** stated:

- Reported to Samdech Prime Minister and the King that our population was 13.5 millions. Now our provisional revealed 13.4 millions.
- Census is not simple. It would have editing, coding, and entry into computers that are very complicate works.
- When the questionnaires were designed, we received a lot of questions from data users and line ministries. However, we accepted only 72 questions. Among 72 questions, little questions obtained for the provisional report. Therefore, try to produce completely for the final results.
- When this report submits to the Council of Minister, it will be many questions regarding to the national population growth rate 1.54 percent, by province, and population density.

**H.E. Has Vong Dara** said:

- As H.E. Senior Minister mentioned we were waiting for the results. Stakeholders, researchers as well as students were waiting. While we were waiting, one debate regarding to population growth had been performed on TV. The growth rate varies by province without consistency. Compared to the region, Cambodia growth rate still higher. However, we wait for the final results.

**H.E. Senior Minister** added:

- Base on our counted, policy maker should take a consideration. Some countries now encourage women to have baby by providing a support from the birth till children grow up and go to school.

**Mr. Takayuki Kurita** reported:

- Thank and congratulation for the Provisional Report.
- According to the request of Mr. Nishi in the 9 CTC Meeting to organize a seminar on 11 September after the official release, we planned to have 2 presenters from JICA, 2 presenters from NIS and may by some from UNFPA. A bout 200 participants from line Ministries and all provinces. Schedule of the seminar will be distributed after finalized.

**H.E. Senior Minister** concluded:

- Approved on whatever agreed in the last Meeting
- Continues to work for the final result including Health, Education, Birth and Death, Migration, Life Expectancy, and so on
- Preparation for the release
- Thank to UNFPA and JICA for supporting to make the census successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Phnom Penh. 27 August, 2008  
**Minute Taker**

**Hang Lina**