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**2008 General Population Census of Cambodia**

**Minute of the Eleventh Census Technical Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 17 February 2009, 10:00 AM**

**Attendance:**

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| 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. Has Bunton   | Deputy Director General, NIS, MOP                      |
| Mr. Hor Darith   | Deputy Director General, NIS, MOP                      |
| Mr. Sok Vanna  | PD Manager, UNFPA                                      |
| Mr. Chap Rathana                                       | Coordinator, UNFPA/MOP                                 |
| Mr. Hary Lode  | Census Consultant, UNFPA                               |
| Mr. Fumihiko Nishi                                     | Chief JICA Expert, JICA                                |
| Mr. Inoue  | JICA Expert,   |
| Mr. Nishimura  | JICA Expert,   |
| Mr. Otomo  | JICA Expert,   |
| Mr. H. Kozu  | JICA Expert,   |
| Ms. Kaori Nishiyama                                    | JICA Expert,   |
| Mr. Youk Seng An                                       | Project Assistant, JICA                                |
| Ms. Uy Bossadine                                       | UNICEF Representative,                                 |
| Mr. Srea Ratanak                                       | Ministry of Interior,                                  |
| Mr. Ith Sotha  | Ministry of LMUC,                                      |
| All member of census Tehnical committee working group. |  |

**Agenda of the meeting**

- 1- Welcome Addres by H.E. Senior Minister
- 2- Report by HE. San Sy Than, Director General, NIS
- 3- Report by Mr. Has Bunton, DDG on Data processing
- 4- Report by Mr. They Kheam, on Data editing and coding
- 5- Report by Mr. Meng Kimhor on the new frame
- 6- Report by Ms. Hang Lina on the draft of 2008 Population census dissemination
- 7- Report by Mr. Long Chintha, on CamInfo
- 8- Other business
- 9- Closing

**H.E. Senior Minister** welcomed to the members of the meeting and said that he was very happy to see the success of the 2008 population census. Today meeting was the same as previous meeting, we would review what we had done and what we had to do next. According to the weekly report by Mr. Has Bunton, the data entry had been done for 97.5 %. The remaining only 2.5%. So, we would finish before scheduled March 2009. H.E. would like to thank UNFPA and JICA and all consultants for their assisting so far and for the future time. He wanted all consultants and advisors to build more on capacity building to NIS staff.

**H.E. San Sy Than**, Director General, NIS reported on three main points:

- 1- The editing, coding and data entry had divided into two groups. Now the editing and coding had been finished, still the data entry remain a little that will be finished soon. Compare to the 1998 they finished earlier. So we had save a lot of time due to the management and payment by productivities. He would like to thank to UNFPA for revised budget many time to facilitate the payment. He thanked also to JICA for the revised on saving budget especially from the establishment listing.
- 2- The draft of 2008 population census dissemination was more costly than original. He would like to ask all partners to support.
- 3- The technical census committee should consider on what to do on the changed of new frame to serve the users.

**Mr. Has Bunton** raised on the data entry and data cleaning. He said that data entry had been done for 97.5 %, remaining only 2.5 % will be finished soon in March 2009. He added that the data of 10 provinces had been checked and continuous to other 14 provinces. Payment by productivities was the good way to success.

**Mr. They Kheam** reported that the editing and coding for the population census 2008 had been finished. The PES matching also finished and was preparing for the PES reports.

**Mr. Meng Kim Hor** stated the effectiveness to the census frame due to the new sub-decree of the Royal Government on the changing frame. He wanted to have a working group including some technical staff from the Ministry of Interior, and Ministry of Land Management Urbanization and Construction to make a consistency frame among NIS and Geographic Department.

**Mrs. Hang Lina** addressed her meeting on the Population Census round 2010 in Angola. She noted that it was a big meeting among 53 countries in Africa consisted 269 participants. The name of the meeting was " 4th Afraca Symposium for Statistics Development" which was presided over by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Planning of Angola. She had been invited as Cambodia representative because of the successfully conducted census after the war. During her presentation, many questions had been asked. She will write a detail report to H.E. Senior Minister later.

About the draft of the 2008 population census dissemination plan, Mrs. Hang Lina said that she had organized many meeting among NIS, UNFPA, and JICA and agreed to have 67 priority tables that could spread out thousand tables down to sub-national level. All those tables will be analyzed into reports then disseminated. She planned to have three kind of disseminations: 1- disseminated by hard copies such as Final Census

Results, Census Atlas, Pamphlet, and Specialized sector reports such as Fertility and Mortality, Population growth and change in spatial distribution, Nuptiality, Gender and Age composition, Disability, Migration, Literacy and Educational Attainment, Economic Activity and Employment, Commuting, Housing Amenity, Family and Households, Population Projection, Women in Cambodia, and Urban Development in Cambodia. 2- Disseminated by Electronic Media: the data will be uploaded into website and CD/DVD as well as in CamInfo data base. 3- Disseminated by conducting workshops. The workshops will be organized from the national level down to districts level. So far the 2008 population census dissemination plan had been drafted. The draft also mentioned about the cost of printing, materials, and operational cost. She requested to H.E. Minister and other member to look through and give any comments. She asked UNFPA and JICA to discussed on the cost sharing.

**Mr. F. Nishi** stated that if the NIS was going to release the final results this coming September based on new boundary, NIS needed to receive or create the GIS file based on new boundary until the end of this coming June. Moreover, NIS needed to re-tabulate also 1998 Census results based on new boundary, at least some main tables. He added that the preliminary results and final results should be the same. Or it was very little different between two results would be acceptable. However, if there was big different, it would not be acceptable. He suggested that the first report of the final results should included the brief analysis of all topics in form B. Regarding this matter, JICA Project is ready to assist the analysis and report editing. He asked how would we produce the data ? Should we produced by old frame or by new frame ?

**Mr. It Setha** provided his ideas that the distinction between Census frame and the frame from Geographic Department due the census staff went to the actual fields while the Geographic Department got the official from the Ministry of Interior. The extra villages in the census frame were not in official yet. Regarding to the administrative boundary, he said that before there was a working group cooperated with the communes and villages chiefs to identify the actual boundary. However, it was not success.

**Mr. Harry Lode** said that the changes in the country's administrative division would affect the tabulation and dissemination of the 2008 census results. In his opinion, the analysis of the 2008 census results should include a comparative study against previous data sets for selected variables. For example, the analysis may include a comparison of Age and Sex distributions, Literacy, School Attendance, Highest Grade, Fertility, Household amenities, Employment characteristics, etc. against previous findings of the 1998 Population Census, the CIPS 2004, and even other data sets such as DHS and socio-economic surveys. This type of analysis would yield measurable indicators about the development of Cambodia and its provinces in the recent years. In order to facilitate such a comparative study it was proposed to first perform an abridged tabulation on the existing census frame. It would not be necessary to tabulate all priority tables for all given area levels. Instead a selection of priority tables could be made for the variables required for analysis and these tables will be produced for the Country (Total, Urban and Rural) and Provinces (Total, Urban and Rural) only.

**Mr. Long Chintha** recorded about the CAMInfo. He told that CamInfo was supported by UNICEF and GTZ. 6 versions including Khmer and English version had been released. 250 persons from line ministries, other Institutions and from 11 provinces had been trained. He wanted to join dissemination with the 2008 population census dissemination. He asked for one and half days schedule and requested the cooperation from UNFPA, UNICEF, and JICA.

**Mr. Sok Vanna** said that regarding the new frame and boundary of each province should be available in April 2009 so that we could start producing and analyzing the tables. He asked “should we produce and print tables by 1998 frame or should we produce in two sets by old and new frame?” According to his opinion we should produce in two sets; one by old frame to compare with the 1998 census, another one by new frame to compare with the next census 2018. Regarding the 2008 census dissemination plan, he mentioned the total budget was US\$ 943,000. UNFPA and JICA will discuss for the sharing cost. Workshop from national level down to district level costing about half million, UNFPA was flexible to pay. However, he considered about timing and possibility of NIS staff to do.

**Dr. Otomo** stated that the list of tables seem not enough. We should discuss again later. About the administrative code, we had the old one from 10 year back. Now we had the new one. Should we create a special code for Statistics?

**H.E. Senior Minister** again thanked for attending and concluded as following:

- The meeting was very fruitful.
- The discussion took more than two hours but not yet finish. We still had more works to do for next time.
- Should make a consistency between census frame and the frame from Geographic Department. We revised some but not all the country.
- Call to the provinces the extra villages and ask whether we could revise in our own.
- NIS should produce whatever to meet the data users need.
- Regarding 2008 population census, we should produce more tables than 1998 census to show the development in 10 years.
- The tables at district level will monitor the decentralization.
- For the data dissemination, it is necessary to have human resource, time, and budget. In Cambodia there are many ways to disseminate.
- The printing should consider what level and who are going to use.
- The dissemination should be on time, and need support from consultants to build the capacity of NIS staff more.

The meeting was closed at 12:00.

**Phnom Penh, 10 March, 2009**  
**Minute Taker**

**HANG LINA**