

High Level Stockholders Consultation Meeting between the Royal Government of Cambodia and United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) "Country Program Action Plan (CPAP) 2016-2018"

Closing Remarks

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- Excellencies
- Colleagues from the Royal Government
- Dr. Marc Derveeuw, UNFPA Representative and other distinguished representatives of UNFPA
- Ladies and Gentlemen
- 1. Following a thorough series of consultative planning, which culminates in todays deliberation and interaction on this final draft CPAP, our meeting is now drawing to a close. I would like to thank each of you for your participation and dedication.
- 2. As noted earlier in my opening remarks I observed that the purpose for our consultative meeting is to seek to confirm that our implementation plan is results focused and achievable within the three year cycle. So following this meeting we need to put the finishing touches as per the discussion so as to ensure effective implementation that would finally contribute to achieving our common goals.
- 3. With this end in view, I wish to recommend that the Outcome Groups and UNFPA take on board the suggestions and comments raised and finalize the CPAP document in order for the approval to take place as soon as possible.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen

- 4. I am grateful for your inputs and insights. I can assure you that we will consider our own work and the support that we have been providing based on partnership. I have been very impressed by the level of commitment and enthusiasm of all participants to an effective partnership and to achieving our results planning.
- 5. I wish to thank you all for your active contribution to this results planning. From the presentation of all the Outcome Groups, we know that a lot of analysis and consideration has been put into the discussion with clear results, targets and key milestones that we all are accountable to, as well as SMART indicators for measuring progress of our implementation.
- 6. It is gratifying to witness this highly consultative planning which clearly shows increased ownership of programme development at the outset. I am particularly

impressed with the level of inter-ministerial collaboration as demonstrated in the whole process of this planning exercise which is truly exemplary ownership and leadership, and should be continued. I am sure all the Outcome Groups will continue to play their critical role. I therefore look forward to finalizing the CPAP early next month and then look forward to programme implementation commencing in 2016.

7. Before closing, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for UNFPA cooperation and support, and would encourage our continued engagement, in particular with regard to future Country Programme Development. CRDB/CDC stands ready to provide necessary support in early approval process with the UNFPA Executive Board in New York, just as the way we did in the recent Executive Board Session last August together with the Cambodia Permanent Mission for the UNDP Cambodia CPD.

Thank you for your attention.