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I. OVERVIEW

1. This report presents a consolidation of progress that has been made by TWGs for the period January – September 2006 and that has been reported by TWGs to the Secretariat of GDCC. For the purpose of reporting on progress, a questionnaire was developed and sent to all Chairs of TWGs in mid-August. The questionnaire asked TWGs to provide information on:

- i. Progress in implementing TWGs Action Plan.
- ii. Progress on Joint Monitoring Indicators.
- iii. Implementation status of the Action Plan on Harmonization, Alignment and Results.
- iv. Resource mobilization.

2. The first part of this Report presents an overview of the progress made by all TWGs with respect to the implementation of their Action Plans, progress toward the JMIs, the implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan, and resource mobilization issues. The second part of the Report documents in detail progress as reported by each TWG to the GDCC secretariat. The annex presents the status of the progress report submission of TWGs and relevant reporting.

Progress Against Action Plans

3. Overall, the TWGs are making steady progress in implementing their Action Plans for 2006. Five TWGs (Agriculture and Water, Legal and Judicial Reform, Mine Action, Partnership and Harmonization, and Planning and Poverty Reduction) have reported satisfactory progress on all activities that were planned to be implemented. The remaining TWGs have reported partly achieved progress or delay in implementation of their planned activities due to lack of resources needed for implementation and/or for a variety of operational reasons.

4. In implementing their activities, four TWGs (Food Security and Nutrition, Forestry and Environment TWG, Infrastructure and Regional Integration, and Public Administration Reforms) have reported that they are facing financial constraints, and have highlighted the need for budget, and in the case of PAR, more support, to implement the agreed activities. Three TWGs (Education, Fisheries, and Gender) have requested for higher level representatives from concerned ministries/agencies and donors' agencies to participate in the TWGs. The Gender TWG has asked through GDCC that the Legal and Judicial Reform TWG consider the Anti Trafficking Law as a priority because this is one of the JMIs. The Planning and Poverty Reduction TWG highlighted the need for alignment of support to the NSDP priorities and the PIP. The following points were raised and/or recommended by the TWGs as to address challenges in implementing their work programmes:

- i. The D&D TWG asked GDCC to take cognizance of the creation by royal decree signed on August 18, 2006, of the National Committee for the Management of D&D (NCDD), which takes over the responsibilities of the Inter Ministerial Committee (of the drafting the organic law) and the National Committee to Support Communes (NCSC), and also oversee other D&D related activities, including the implementation RGC's Strategic Framework for D&D. It has also asked GDCC to advise donors to submit their D&D support programs for review by the NCDD to ensure their consistency and alignment to the Strategic Framework for D&D. Through the GDCC forum, other TWGs, donors and ministries need to consider and align, as appropriate, their activities in accordance with the Strategic Framework for D&D.
- ii. The Education TWG requested the presence of senior officials from the Ministry of Economy and Finance at the Education TWG meeting.

- iii. The Fisheries TWG highlighted the poor response from donors regarding requests for information, and in particular the poor attendance at the TWG meeting from donor members. This has led to the implementation of some activities being delayed.
- iv. The Forestry and Environment TWG highlighted the critical need for fund to implement several planned activities. In addition, information sharing, coordination and cooperation with all stakeholders need to be enhanced.
- v. The Food Security and Nutrition TWG asked GDCC to help lobby donor for funding to the National Programme for Household Food Security and Poverty Reduction (NPHFSPR), with a needed fund of US\$ 51million for 2007–2011, that has been formulated with FAO's support, and approved by MAFF in August 2006.
- vi. The Gender TWG suggested that strong commitment from senior management of line ministries is necessary for the development of a gender strategy and for its implementation. Specifically with regard to the Anti Trafficking Law, it has been suggested by the Gender TWG that GDCC should encourage the TWG on Legal and Judicial Reform to consider this law as their priority because it is one of the JMIs under their responsibility. In addition, other TWGs should encourage their representatives to attend the Gender TWG, and representatives of the Gender TWG should participate in all other TWGs.
- vii. The Infrastructure and Regional Integration TWG has requested GDCC to assist in appealing for financial support for the implementation of the Road Safety Action Plan and in acceleration of the promulgation of the Draft Law on Water Resources Management by the National Assembly.
- viii. The Planning and Poverty Reduction TWG requested GDCC to once again remind all ministries and agencies as well as development partners about the need to: (i) adhere to the NSDP priorities; (ii) align all external assistance to PIP priorities; and (iii) provide full data on disbursements for the previous year by 30 June of the following year.
- ix. The Public Administration Reform TWG pointed out that more support is needed from individual TWGs for implementation of the Strategy on Phasing Out of Salary Supplementation given little progress in implementing actions planned under the Strategy for Phasing Out of Salary Supplementation. Greater and more timely support is needed from TWGs. The TWG also reported that resources to support the JMIs have yet to be fully deployed. Consultations are needed on the resources required to support implementation of the civil service policy framework in 2007 and beyond.
- x. The PFM TWG will (i) prepare a list of delayed activities and their pre-requisite activities and send it to the Coordination Group to take action; (ii) further develop effective TA selection and coordination; and (iii) DP is working to improve the approval process.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

5. Overall, steady progress is being made. The following TWGs have highlighted some issues for GDCC consideration:

- i. Education TWG: The TWG reported disappointing progress with regard to the two JMIs that fill within the mandate of the TWG. There were decreases in the net enrollment ration in primary schools in total and for female. The survival rates from grade 1-6 have also decreased. The

key reason for this is the increase over the last years in the drop-out rates against the previous year.

- ii. Forestry and Environment TWG: Although progress on JMIs has been made, the TWG pointed out to the lack of budget needed to implement the JMIs.
- iii. The Gender TWG has asked for closer cooperation between the MoI and MoWA with regard to the Anti Trafficking Law.
- iv. The PAR TWG noted little progress in implementing action planning under the Strategy for Phasing Out Salary Supplementation, and has asked for greater and timely support from TWGs.

Harmonisation, Alignment and Results Action Plan

6. Actions have been taken by the majority of TWGs to address the harmonization and alignment issues as guided by the H-A-R Action Plan. To some extent, a few TWGs (Fisheries, Health, and HIV/AIDS) have made the implementation of activities related to harmonization and alignment part of their Action Plan. Specifically, the Partnership and Harmonization TWG reported that action is being taken to establish a mechanism, building on the existing structure and practices, to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the H-A-R Action Plan.

Resource mobilization

7. Resource mobilization continues to be an issue for a number of TWGs with respect to the implementation of their Action Plan and the JMIs. Nine TWGs have reported that sufficient resources have been mobilized for the implementation of the Action Plan; five TWGs reported the need for resources; and three TWGs did not report on this matter.

II. PROGRESS REPORTED BY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS

TWG: Agriculture and Water

TWG Action Plan

8. The TWG planned to implement five activities and has reported progress on all scheduled activities.

- i. **Further develop the TWG as an effective vehicle for planning and coordination of the work of MAFF, MOWRAM and Donors.** The TWG is functioning effectively with regular meetings and a secretariat, and is actively pursuing its workplan.
- ii. **Jointly develop (i) medium term strategy and (ii) sectoral program framework for agriculture and water (intersection between MAFF and MOWRAM mandates), building on existing MAFF and MOWRAM strategic documents as well as recently released NSDP.** All key targets have been met including development (and TWGAW endorsement) of a strategy framework. Work is now underway on resourcing and undertaking detailed program elaboration (see JMIs below).
- iii. **Provision and exchange of information related to TWGAW mandate and activities.** The trial TWGAW website has been developed including detailed information related to TWGAW mandate and activities, and is to be launched and accessible on www.twgaw.org (by the end of September). The site includes a direct link to land concession information available on the MAFF website (see JMIs below).
- iv. **Understand and enhance links between agricultural extension and water management for agricultural activities.** There has been progress in agricultural extension and water management studies, including an AEA on the Ponley Irrigation System. Current tasks centre around integrating lessons learned from various activities with A&W Strategy program elaboration.
- v. **Promote sustainable management and development of irrigation activities.** The major research study completed in this area will help to inform program elaboration for the A & W Strategy, with sustainable management and development of irrigation being a key consideration in all programs.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

9. **Jointly develop a medium term strategy for agriculture and water building on the NSDP and existing MAFF and MOWRAM strategy documents.** The TWG has reported that during this period all key targets have been met. As a result, a proposed Agriculture and Water Strategy (2006-2010) has been endorsed by a full meeting of the TWG on 19 September 2006 and final ministerial approval is being sought. Explicitly building on the NSDP and existing MAFF and MOWRAM strategies, it incorporates five main program areas: (i) the Institutional Capacity Building and Management and Support Program for Agriculture and Water Resources; (ii) the Food Security Support Program (involving input from the TWGFS); (iii) the Agricultural and Agri-business (value chain) Support Program; (iv) the Water Resources, Irrigation and Land Management Program; and (v) Agricultural and Water Research and Land Management Program. TORs have been completed for design and costing of each of these programs, and for associated key stakeholder and wider community consultation during this process. Program design teams are now being formed, and donor funding commitments are being sought to cover the \$120,250 required for this phase. Current discussion around donor support for the overall indicative A&W Strategy implementation budget will

be further informed and progressed as soon as costings are clarified as part of the current design phase. This is anticipated by late December/early 2007.

10. **Establish a mechanism and periodically disseminate information on economic land concessions in accordance with the notice issued by the Prime Minister of 30 June 2005.** The TWG has reported that during this period, information on economic land concessions (ELCs) has been disseminated through the MAFF website (www.maff.gov.kh/elc). This website, last updated in August 2006, includes for example: (i) an overview referring to 85 company concession arrangements in 15 provinces and municipalities. 57 are reported as valid and cover 968,395 hectares, with 48 having signed contracts and 9 not having as yet signed. 28 companies covering 221,030 hectares are reported as having contracts canceled since 2000; (ii) detailed profiles on 36 companies with which concession contracts have been signed, and detailed information about 5 which have not yet signed; and (iii) objectives, laws, criteria, procedures and contacts in relation to ELCs. There has been further activity since the time of the last MAFF website updated, including the formation of an ELC working group. It is therefore anticipated that added information will be posted in the near future. The TWGAW website, another mechanism for disseminating ELC information, has been trialed, and was endorsed by TWGAW members on 19 September 2006. It will be launched on receipt of final ministerial approvals at www.twgaw.org. To avoiding duplication, this site will simply include a direct link on its home page to the above mentioned MAFF website (and any additional/alternative ELC sites developed). A member of the TWGAW secretariat participates in the ELC Secretariat meetings, ensuring communication between the two groups on ELCs.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

11. **National Strategic Development Plan targets are achieved.** An overall proposed A&W Sector Strategy has been produced, drawing on ministries' plans and within the NSDP framework. Arising from this Strategy, work is underway and outputs are anticipated by late 2006/early 2007 in relation to the following: (i) elaboration of programs and projects required to implement the A&W Strategy, which will in turn inform and able completion of an A&W sector MTEF; (ii) review, already undertaken or well underway by some project partners, of assistance and policies to align with NSDP priorities and the proposed Strategy and ways of financing and participating in implementation of related priorities.

12. **Capacity development issues are addressed in formulation of sector plans and ODA supported programs/projects with development partners financial support to achieve targeted development results.** The draft A&W Sector Strategy has included assessment of existing capacity. Some limited early program capacity building has been occurring, with plans underway to refine capacity building strategies during the current program elaboration phase. Assessment of capacity gaps is being detailed in the current program elaboration phase, and will be drawn together in a related A&W sector plan and programs. This will include consideration of EIA procedures in consultation with other partners.

13. **Steadily decreasing number of duplicative donor missions and diagnostic reviews and studies.** Details of field missions, diagnostic reviews and studies planned by donors participating in the TWGAW are on the donor data base. This data base is to be accessible on the new TWGAW website and regular updating will be sought. Ongoing updates are being sought from donors, but this will be formally requested every 6 months to try to ensure currency and comprehensiveness of information.

14. **RGC and development partners use jointly agreed results-oriented reporting and assessment frameworks that have a manageable number of indicators to monitor progress**

against national sector development strategies. Some development partners have already adopted SOPs which are being applied in the A&W sector (including for, example, AFD and the World Bank). The adoption of SOPs and other Action Plan strategies will be promoted through the TWGAW meeting mechanism and in A&W strategy implementation. So too will NOGs for grant assistance be followed in monitoring and reporting on their programs/projects to reduce burden on RGC implementation institutions.

Resource mobilization

15. The TWG has reported that to date, the TWG has been able to mobilize the resources to implement its Action Plan for 2006.

TWG: Decentralization and Deconcentration

TWG Action Plan

16. The TWG planned to implement eighth activities, and satisfactory progress is reported on six activities.

17. **Completion of the draft organic law(s) on sub-national democratic development by the first quarter. The draft Organic Law establishes structures and systems at provincial, municipal, district, khan, commune and sangkat levels as well as a strong Implementing Authority that will oversee implementation of the Organic Law.** Annotations and explanatory notes of the draft law are now being formulated. Presentations on the draft law are being prepared. Draft law containing 4 of 5 volumes (in English and Khmer) have been submitted to MOI in June, and have been presented and discussed in a series of review meetings within MOI. The Khmer translation audit and/or verification were conducted with CDRi assistance. Volume 5 (elections) of the law is still under formulation. The TWG reported that the delay on this activity is due to greater than expected technical and internal policy complications in the law; and the need to include and integrate considerable detail to avoid misunderstandings and ambiguity and to guide future long-term direction.

18. **Consultations on the draft law with the IMC Task Force (TF) and other stakeholders (including the TWG on D&D) starting the 2nd quarter.** Draft law and summaries have been reviewed by MOI starting June. Presentation to NCDD and consultations with other stakeholders, including donors, are being scheduled starting end of September to early October. *The TWG asked GDCC to take cognizance of the creation by royal decree signed on August 18, 2006, of the National Committee for the Management of D&D (NCDD), which takes over the responsibilities of the IMC (of the drafting the organic law) and the NCSC, and also oversee other D&D related activities, including the formulation of the government SNDD Program.*

19. **Formulation by Mol of the preliminary and provisional framework/outline for implementation of D&D reforms and organic law by the first quarter. This provisional implementation framework focuses on the activities in the preparatory phase to be done in 2006 while the organic law is being formulated. During this first phase, crucial preparatory work will be completed, including consultations on the draft Organic Law and the preliminary Implementation Framework, and the formulation of a preliminary Royal Government Program for SNDD that includes the transition and phasing out of Seila.** An interim implementation authority, the NCDD, was created by Royal Decree in August. The NCDD is set to hold its organizational meeting by the end of September where the review of the draft organic law and the implementation framework are main items in the agenda. Preparatory work within MOI, including its organizational review and restructuring, is in progress and resulted in the sub-decree for the transformation of the General Department of Administration into the General Department of Local Administration. Preliminary draft of the implementation framework is being finalized by MOI for adoption by the NCDD. Preparatory phase component of the draft implementation framework was distributed to IMC members, donors and other stakeholders in the 1st week June.

20. **Review and formulation of D&D support programs of donors to consider the organic laws, strategic framework for D&D, and the recommendations of the independent study.** The TWG reported that this is an on-going activity and review and/or program design missions are being deployed. *The TWG asked GDCC to advice donors to submit their D&D support programs for review by the NCDD to ensure their consistency and alignment to SNDD policy.*

21. **Preliminary and provisional transition arrangements for support programs.** Preparatory work on the Government's SNDD program has been started, with the Terms of Reference for program formulation set for discussion and approval by the NCDD on its first meeting. The donor community will be requested to contribute immediate financial support for the SNDD program formulation.
22. **Completion of the independent study and review and decisions on the study by IMC/MOI.** Review, discussion and decision on study by IMC was conducted on May 18, 2006. Presentation to donors of study results and IMC decisions on the study was done on May 24, 2006, and a report was submitted April 28, 2006.
23. **Preliminary arrangements for and implementation of the recommendations of the study adopted by the IMC.** Preliminary arrangements are incorporated as activities in the preparatory phase of the preliminary implementation plan/framework. Implementation arrangements for the formulation of the government's SNDD program are also underway. SNDD program formulation incorporates the study and design of the D&D/SNDD fund and the RGC-donor umbrella agreement. Transition and phase-out arrangements for the Seila program are underway, with MOI initiating and coordinating the process.
24. **Issuance by the IMC/MOI of supplementary policies to the June 17, 2005 D&D framework which are allied and associated to SNDD policy.** Supplementary, allied and associated SNDD policies were issued by the DPM/MOI in various occasions, including matters such as the creation of the D&D Donor Fund, the formulation of a suitable Donor-Government Umbrella Agreement, the transition and phase out of Seila, and the creation of the interim implementation authority that consolidates functions of the NCSC, IMC and other D&D institutions. *The TWG recommended that, through the GDCC forum, other TWGs, donors and ministries need to consider and align, as appropriate, their activities in accordance with the updated D&D/SNDD policy framework.*

Joint Monitoring Indicators

25. **Preparation, consultation and submissions for approval by the National Assembly of the organic law on sub-national democratic development (SNDD).** The draft law (in English and Khmer versions) has been reviewed by MOI. Translation and verification have been conducted to ascertain correctness and appropriateness of terminologies. Consultations with IMC/NCDD and other stakeholders have been set to start in September.
26. **D&D and organic law implementation framework/outline prepared (preliminary and provisional pending the enactment/approval by the National Assembly of the organic law).** The draft implementation framework for the four phases is being discussed and finalized by MOI and prepared for review and approval by the NCDD. Detailed preparatory phase component of the implementation framework was distributed in early June to the stakeholders including the IMC members and donors.
27. **Review and formulate D&D support program for reform and investment for local development.** Preparatory work on the formulation of the Government SNDD program is in progress. TOR has been set for review and approval by the NCDD in September. The UNDP-led donor program formulation is underway, with periodic consultations between the design team and MOI. A review is being carried out by NCDD/MOI of donor programs for SNDD proposed for 2007 implementation to ensure consistency and alignment with the SNDD policy framework.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

28. **Sector ministries and agencies lead the management of ODA supported activities and Increasing proportion of development assistance delivered through national institutions, systems and procedures.** An Independent Study commissioned by the IMC to develop options for sustainable donor support to decentralization and de-concentration reforms was completed in April. The IMC has made preliminary decisions drawing on some of the recommendations in the Independent Study report, pending adoption of the Organic Law. These include, among others:

- (i). Study and design of a Decentralization and Deconcentration Fund (D&D Fund) for pooled donor resources, undertaken in consultation and partnership with donors;
- (ii). Preparation of a Royal Government-Donor umbrella Agreement on Decentralization and Deconcentration Support that will serve to align donors to the SNDD policy, the Organic Law and the Royal Government's Implementation Framework and Program for SNDD.

29. **The number of parallel PIU/PMUs for day-to-day management and implementation of external funded projects and programs steadily reduced.** The TWG has participated in the survey on number of existing PMUs/PIUs in the MOI structure, and submitted a survey questionnaire in early March.

30. **Capacity development issues are addressed in the formulation of Sector Plans and ODA supported programs/projects with development partners' financial support to achieve targeted development results.** Assessment of capacity development issues for SNDD/D&D reform are being prepared and designed as a component of the government's SNDD program. It is the intention of the National Committee (NCDD) to formulate and adopt a preliminary Royal Government Program for Sub-national Democratic Development (SNDD Program) for 2006-2012. The SNDD Program is primarily intended as an interactive implementation plan for the benefit and the use of the Royal Government and its national and sub-national components. Terms of Reference for its formulation are being prepared and the call for funding support will soon be made by the NCDD.

Resource mobilization

31. The TWG has reported that it has been able to mobilize the resources to implement its Action Plan for 2006.

TWG: Education

TWG Action Plan

32. The TWG planned to implement 16 activities and has reported progress as schedule on 15 activities:

- i. **Submit annual workplan of JTWG to CDC.**
- ii. **Submit JMI for the coming CG.**
- iii. **Submit education sector progress/annual report to CG meeting.**
- iv. **Submit quarterly/semester progress report to CDC on JMI.**
- v. **Regular meeting of the JTWG.**
- vi. **Endorsement of Education Strategic Plan and Education Sector Support Program 2006-2010.**
- vii. **Endorsement of Education Sector Performance Report 2005.**
- viii. **Review and agree upon the scope and format of the ESSP review/Education Congress 2006 (24-26 October 2006).**
- ix. **Progress report on PAP disbursement at central ministry and by provinces.**
- x. **Agree on Donor's report 2006.**
- xi. **Prepare combined Joint ESSP Review and Education Congress.**
- xii. **Conduct combined Joint ESSP Review and Education Congress.**
- xiii. **Follow up on the phasing out of individual development partner salary supplementation programs: awaiting information from development partners and CAR.**
- xiv. **Report on PR, RR and DR and Survival Rate (to be included in Education Congress Report 2006).**
- xv. **Follow up EFA-FTI request.**
- xvi. **National FEA Mid decade assessment.**

33. *The TWG also requested the presence of senior officials from the Ministry of Economy and Finance at the Education TWG meeting.*

Joint Monitoring Indicators

34. **Increase the net enrollment in primary school—total, and by sex** (Timeframe: between school year 2004-05 and 2005-06). The net enrollment ratios in primary schools were as follows:

- i. Total net enrollment ratio (NER) decreased from 91.9% to 91.3%.
- ii. Female net enrollment ratio decreased from 90.7% to 89.7%.
- iii. Male net enrollment ratio increased from 92.1% to 93.0%

In addition, it should be noted that between school year 2004-05 and 2005-06, gross enrollment ratio (GER) in primary school increased from 119.7% to 124%, indicating that significantly more children are accessing education services, but increasingly they are overage. Key reasons for this increase include:

- i. High rates of overage admission into grade 1, which has been persistently high (between 30%-60% over the last 5 years).
- ii. Persistently high repetition rates, which through falling still contribute significant numbers of overage students.

As regards the constraints facing, the TWG reported that the decreases in net enrollment ratio in primary in total and for female are disappointing. In particular, as this appears to be as a result of increasing drop-out rates, which have increased in all grades 1-6 compared to previous year. That

said, the figures still show some improvement on the 2003-04 figure of: total NER 90.1%, female NER 88.6%, and male NER 91.5%.

35. **Increase the survival rate from grade 1-6** (Timeframe: Between school year 2004-05 and 2005-06). The survival rates from grade 1-6 were as follows:

- i. Total survival rate decreased from 52.6% to 48.15%.
- ii. Female survival rate decreased from 51.78% to 47.55%

Again the key reason for this is the increase in drop-out rates over the last year and highlights that this issue will receive the Ministry's highest consideration at the next policy review. The policy review will look into existing studies and empirical data in Cambodia to identify strategies that will present drop-out and minimize repetition, both of which will improve cohort survival rate from grades 1-6. Possible key intervention strategies include: implementing early child development and school readiness program, completing incomplete schools, promoting right-age entry in grade 1, providing schools latrines and water facilities and expanding access to lower secondary schools.

36. *As recommendation, The MoEYS will focus on these important issues in its next annual policy review and request the GDCC to support the Ministry in taking forward its programs to address these issues.*

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

37. **Sector Ministries lead the management of ODA supported activities.** MoEYS has developed the ESP 2006-10, a prioritized, result based sector policy in line with and in support of MTEF and NSDP. MoEYS and development partners jointly endorsed the ESP 2006-10 and are supporting operational plan ESSP 2006-10.

38. **Development partners' support is aligned with national development strategies, i.e NSDP.** ESP and ESSP are in line with and support of NSDP. All potential development partner support is assessed by MoEYS for compliance with the sector policies and strategies. Development partner support is aligned with ESP and ESSP policy and action framework.

39. **Capacity development issues are addressed in the formulation of the sector plan.** Annual ESSP sector plan includes sections on capacity development linked to specific programs and for the sector as a whole. Capacity development issues are addressed in the formulation of the ESP.

40. **MoEYS and development partners' actions are more harmonized, transparent and collectively effective.** Annual joint MoEYS and development partner education sector reviews are conducted to assess impact and support harmonized responses to sector priorities. The Education Congress which will assess sector performance and support harmonized approaches will be conducted on 24-26 October 2006.

41. **RGC and development partners use jointly agreed result-oriented reporting and assessment framework with manageable number of indicators.** A core set of results-based indicators and targets for assessing sector performance has been jointly agreed and forms the basis of the annual assessment. However, the number of indicators is very large and may need to be rationalized. Annual Education Congress Report against jointly agreed sector performance indicators, and joint assessments of progress guides the formulation of subsequent ESP. However, the number of indicator remains high.

42. **MoEYS and development partners are accountable for development result.** The ESP and ESSP formulation process and the annual sector review process are conducted in close partnership between MoEYS and development partners to ensure greater levels of mutually accountability for development results. MoEYS and development partners have agreed to jointly endorse ESP, annual Sector Performance Report and to endorse an annual joint statement on sector performance.

Resource mobilization

43. The TWG reported that it has not been able to mobilize the resources to implement its Action Plan for 2006. The total annual budget for PAP 2006 was 116,505,000,000.00 CR (USD 29,126,250.00). Recurrent budget for MoEYS in 2006 is 442,000,000,000.00 CR (USD 110,500,000.00). UNICEF/SIDA has provided USD 5.4 million; DFID USD 1,503,278.80.

TWG: Fisheries

TWG Action Plan

44. The TWG planned to implement 8 activities, and reported satisfactory and/partly achieved progress on all scheduled activities.

- i. **TWGF established as an effective informing and influencing interface between DoF/Donors/NGOs.**
- ii. **High level policy dialogue** facilitated by TWGF to ensure that the policy profile of the fisheries sector reflects its importance to the livelihoods of poor rural people, to national food security and that this is reflected in the implementation of policy at the field level.
- iii. **Mutual Accountability.** DoF and development partners become more accountable for development results.
- iv. **Ownership.** DoF assumes exercises effective leadership over its development policies, strategies and coordinates development actions.
- v. **Managing for Results.** DoF and development partners use jointly-agreed results-oriented reporting and assessment frameworks in order to manage resources and improve decision-making.
- vi. **Alignment.** Development partners base their overall support on Cambodia's development strategies, institutions and procedures (partly achieved). Many activities are in-progress and still with the Thematic Subgroups.
- vii. **Harmonization.** Development partners' actions are more harmonized, transparent and collectively effective to maximize ODA benefits for Cambodia (partly achieved). The TWG noted poor response on requests for information to the donor members, and particularly, poor attendance from the donor TWGF members.
- viii. **Donor support to the Department of Fisheries substantially increased** in support of the implementation of the DoF Fisheries Development Action Plan as articulated through the DoF Action Plan 2006.

45. The TWG noted that TWG Action Plan items have been revised after the report submitted to GDCC in November 2005. The TWG Action Plan now reflects the (updated) RGC Action Plan for Harmonization, Alignment and Results approved by RGC in February 2006, which has been adapted for the Fisheries Sector.

46. The TWG reported some difficulties faced in the implementation of the TWG-Fisheries Action Plan 2006, namely, many activities in the TWGF Action Plan require TWGF members to work through the thematic subgroups, for example, debating certain issues and presenting back to the TWGF meeting. There has been poor member attendance at regular TWGF meetings and this has caused the activities to be delayed.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

47. **Take appropriate action to reflect the priorities of the Fisheries sector to improve the livelihoods of rural communities in commune, district and provincial development plans as well as donor funding levels** (Joint Monitoring Indicator 8.iii). Progress has been made and is set out as follows:

- i. The Fisheries Law was recently promulgated by the King on 21 May 2006. The law indicates the roles and mandate of the new Fisheries Administration for sector development which is designed to transform the Department of Fisheries.

- ii. The meetings on the structure of the new Fisheries Administration: the DoF has conducted the meetings to discuss the new structure of the Fisheries Administration such as identification of triage/ division and drafting the roles and responsibilities of each layer of the Administration. The proposal has been submitted to MAFF for consideration in August.
- iii. Fisheries Forum Meeting (24th May, 1 day event) attended by many DoF, donor and NGO representatives in the fisheries sector took place to address the goal: ***“To ensure that the restructuring of the Department of Fisheries into the Fisheries Administration allows better integration between the Fisheries Administration and local level planning, enabling the Fisheries Administration to be an effective service provider, in response to the needs of the rural poor who rely heavily on fish and aquatic resources for their livelihood. This must all be consistent with achieving the goals of the National Strategic Development Plan 2006-2010 and Cambodian government’s Rectangular Strategy.”*** The outputs from the Fisheries Forum will feed into improved policy, planning, and operations of the new Fisheries Administration, generally, and will form essential inputs to a wider programme of sector development being funded by the new DfID/DANIDA Natural Resources Management and Livelihoods Programme (see below).
- iv. A study to supplement the DoF’s Institutional Review (released in February 2006) was commenced. The study is to review the roles of the local fisheries administration in terms of service provision to the wider fisheries sector at provincial, district and commune level. Many of the outputs from the Fisheries Forum have been used as a basis for this study.
- v. The Prime Minister, SAMDECH Hun Sen’s speech on 29th March 2006 at the MAFF Conference *“Taking Stock of 2005-2006 Performance and Setting Directions for 2006-2007”*, referred to the need for “All ministries, institutions, municipality and provincial departments in cooperate with the development partners must think of the priority to include the fishery sector to its development plan”. This was great support from such a high level.
- vi. A letter has been sent by H.E Chan Sarun, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries on the 17th of July 2006 to relevant Ministries, provincial governors, and donor community requesting their assistance in achieving the Joint Monitoring Indicator.
- vii. The new DfID/DANIDA Natural Resources Management and Livelihoods Programme has allocated nearly \$3.3 million over five (5) years to the fisheries sector alone. Of this total, some \$320,000 in year one has been ear-marked for “sector development” which will comprise development of policy, planning, legislation, capacity, knowledge management, monitoring and evaluation and general feedback mechanisms at the sub-national level. This is all in pursuit of the Joint Monitoring Indicator. The funding to the DoF’s Action Plan will be using the MTEF format which will be in place for operation within the MAFF.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

48. **The updated Harmonization, Alignment and Results Action Plan has been embedded within the TWGF Action Plan for 2006 and accepted by the TWGF membership.** The TWGF is proceeding with the TWGF Action Plan for 2006 continuously and many of these items embedded from the Harmonization, Alignment and Results Action Plan are being carried out. However many activities in the Action Plan are higher level that need more discussion and time to work on for example (joint-field mission, remuneration guideline, guideline for fisheries projects peer review, multi-year funding arrangement, national operational guideline for the fisheries etc.). Many of them are difficult to get consensus especially from the donors who have their own policy instructions and interests that lead to gain little progress.

Mutual Accountability

49. A TWGF thematic subgroup has been set up to look at adopting guidelines and procedures for ensuring that all new activities/projects in the fisheries sector are peer reviewed by the TWGF to avoid duplication/gaps, to maximize synergies and to ensure alignment with DoF Priority Action Plan. The subgroup presented its findings and recommendations to the August TWGF meeting. The subgroup is drafting a set of guidelines to be presented to the September TWGF meeting.

Ownership

50. The RGC's Strategic Framework for Development Cooperation Management has been translated into a strategic framework for the fisheries sector. This document will be presented to the TWGF September meeting for discussion and approval.

51. **M & E in the fisheries Sector.** It is in a draft version at the TWGF Secretariat.

Alignment

52. A TWGF thematic subgroup has been set up to look at how donors can increase the share of aid commitments provided through multi-year funding arrangements. The subgroup presented its findings and recommendations to the August TWGF meeting. The subgroup is drafting a more developed document to be presented to the September TWGF meeting.

Harmonisation

53. The TWG reported that the following actions have been taken:
- i. Discussion paper on Adopting Programmatic Support for the Fisheries Sector in Cambodia was presented at TWGF meeting and approved in January 2006.
 - ii. Discussion paper on Progress and Key Points for Action under the Government's Action Plan for Harmonization and Alignment for the Fisheries Sector. A document presented at TWGF meeting and approved in March 2006.
 - iii. Discussion paper on an Outline of an Integrated Policy, Planning and Review (IPPR) Process for the Fisheries Sector. A draft document produced and is under review by DoF.
 - iv. Guidance on Formulating Fisheries Sector Policy. A draft document produced and is under review by DoF.
 - v. Discussion paper on the Tackling of Gender Cross-Cutting Issues in the Fisheries Sector. The subgroup presented its findings and recommendations to the August TWGF meeting.
 - vi. Publication of the "Department of Fisheries Institutional Review", dissemination to the TWGF members and relevant stakeholders in the sector. This study was part of the process of moving towards a more programmatic approach to the fisheries sector by assessing the Department of Fisheries' capacity to implement the policy requirements defined in the Rectangular Strategy and the National Strategic Development Plan 2006-2010. This review showed that there is considerable potential for improvement in the service delivery and in the institution, generally—whether in the area of policy and planning, human resource development, knowledge management or monitoring & evaluation.
 - vii. Production of a discussion document entitled "Adopting Programmatic Approaches for the Fisheries Sector in Cambodia" and discussion of the document at the March meeting of the TWGF. Further discussion on more programmatic approaches to the fisheries sector will take place during the rest of this year. The new DFID/DANIDA MDLF Programme, signed in the period, has a Fisheries Component and will be supporting the fisheries sector through a genuinely programmatic approach.
 - viii. A TWGF thematic subgroup on Gender has been set up and has presented recommendations for the fisheries sector to the TWGF. The group is preparing for a Fisheries Forum on Women

in Fisheries (October 2006) whose outputs are to lead to producing a Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and Policy for the Fisheries Sector. Funding has been secured for the Fisheries Forum proposed. Additional funding is being sought for the activities required to produce a Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and Policy for the Fisheries Sector.

- ix. The TWGF has prepared a calendar of field missions, diagnostic reviews and studies planned by donor members of the TWGF. This calendar is updated regularly.

Resource mobilization

54. The TWG has reported that the TWG has been able to mobilize the resources to implement its Action Plan for 2006.

TWG: Food Security and Nutrition

TWG Action Plan

55. The TWG reported that 10 activities were planned to be implemented during the period, and satisfactory progress was reported on 5 activities. The remaining 5 are behind the schedule.

- i. Establish and support a permanent **Secretariat for the TWGFSN** within the Council of Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) to facilitate inter-ministerial networking and coordination on FSN issues.
- ii. **Mainstream FSN into the sectoral planning** of the relevant ministries and the PIP.
- iii. Provide Inputs during the 1st **review/monitoring of the NSDP** with regard to FSN.
- iv. Update and disseminate the **Food Security Atlas** to concerned stakeholders so that their interventions can be focused on areas which are the most at risk.
- v. Support **FIVIMS** in Cambodia and link it to existing Information Systems for FSN relevant data and information (CamInfo, Food Security Atlas, FSNIS). This activity is behind schedule due to the fact that no funding for FIVIMS support was available between 12/2005-6/2006. However, an EC/FAO Food Security Programme Phase II – Food Security Information for Action started in July 2006 and its supports have been extended to FIVIMS. A workshop on FSN information systems was also organized on 5th July 2006 by CARD and MAFF to streamline various initiatives on FSN-related information management and avoid doubling of efforts and achieve synergies. As a result, a workshop conclusion was developed and agreed in TWG-FSN Meeting on 3rd Aug 2006. *As recommendation, the agreed points stated in the Conclusion should be followed by concerned agencies. This needs a follow-up.*
- vi. Maintain, update and provide input to the **food security and nutrition information system** (FSNIS) in CARD. The Food Security and Nutrition Information (FSNIS) in CARD is regularly maintained and updated with the support from FAO-Netherlands Partnership Programme (FNPP) on Food Security Policy for Poverty Reduction in Cambodia. This FSNIS is one of the most regularly updated government websites in Cambodia. *To facilitate the work of the Website Management Team in CARD, all relevant stakeholders are requested to cooperate and provide necessary documents upon the requests.*
- vii. Develop capacity, procedures and mechanism to more comprehensively **incorporate FSN issues into the local government planning process** (behind schedule). With supports of FAO-Netherlands Partnership Programme (FNPP) on Food Security Policy for Poverty Reduction in Cambodia, capacity building at decentralized level and better integration of FSN issues in the decentralized planning in pilot province of Takeo will be started in Oct 2006
- viii. **Extend the National Programme for Food Security and Poverty Reduction (NPFSPR)**. This activity is behind schedule due to the lack of fund for implementation. National Programme for Household Food Security and Poverty Reduction (NPHFSPR), basket of \$51million for 2007 – 2011, have been formulated with FAO's supports, and approved by MAFF in August 2006. The document with a covering letter was sent by MAFF to various donors to seek funding for the programme implementation. *The TWG asked GDCC to help lobby donor for funding.*
- ix. **Develop a social safety net policy to ensure Food Security and Nutrition for the most vulnerable groups of the population** (JMI)—behind schedule. The reason is that a proposal has been developed but funding has not yet been identified to support the development of a safety net policy for vulnerable groups.
- x. **Develop a Nutrition Surveillance System to monitor FSN** (JMI)—behind schedule. Funding for implementation of nutritional surveillance will be identified. A preliminary draft proposal has been developed but the funding source has not yet been identified. A more precise and

detailed document is currently being developed by a task force comprising of core members of TWG (2 meetings were already held).

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56. **Develop a Nutrition Surveillance System to monitor FSN.** A preliminary draft proposal has been developed and discussed in the TWG-FSN Meeting on 3rd Aug 2006 and, a Task Force comprising of core members of TWG was set up to further elaborate the proposal. Funding sources are not yet identified.

57. **Develop a social safety net policy to ensure Food Security and Nutrition for the most vulnerable groups of the population.** Rationale for and objectives of a safety net policy, with NCDM as the main actor, was discussed in the TWG. However, funding has not yet been identified.

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58. The TWG did not report on this matter.

Resource mobilization

59. The TWG only reported that resources have been partly mobilized.

TWG: Forestry and Environment

TWG Action Plan

60. As reported by the TWG, 18 activities were scheduled to be implemented in the Action Plan. Progress has been reported on 14 activities; the other four were behind schedule.

- i. **Develop and implement National Forest Program. Initial support secured to start from September, but more will probably be needed for completing the National Forest Program and Management Planning in 2007.** Agreement with FLD will be included in AWPB-2007.
- ii. **Practical implementation of forest demarcation and demarcation of protected areas—**behind schedule. MEF has allocated budget for this activity. It will start in October 2006. Some protected areas have been done and some areas are not yet demarcated. Presentation will be made by LMAP at next TWG meeting. *The TWG pointed out the need more funding for support activity and cooperation and coordination with Ministry of Lands.*
- iii. **Formulate National Forest Management Plans and manage the forest based on the plan—**behind schedule. It is in the reviewing process of FA division's forest management plans and preparation NFP.
- iv. **Develop Management Plans for protected areas.** Some protected areas have no fund to develop the plan. *The TWG pointed out the need for more fund for the remaining areas and requested the Ministry of Environment to release data on Protected Parks (Decision pending for 9 months).*
- v. **Forest cover assessment for 2005.** Assessment on 30% of the total area has been done; the remaining will be carried out once an international institution qualifying for the assessment is found. Three institutions will be contracted for independent data verification (MRC-TA, FLD and GRAS A/S). Data and outputs will be made available in the public domain. Detailed follow-up studies of "hot spots" using high resolution imagery will be developed as part of AWPB-2007.
- vi. **Define management options for sustainable forest management in Cambodia—**behind schedule). The proposal has been made, and this activity will start in 2007. FA will draft service delivery packages.
- vii. **Studies on domestic demand for forest products and potential export markets—**behind schedule.
- viii. **Continue Forest and Land Crime Monitoring and Reporting.** *The TWG reported that there is no fund for Independent Monitor (SGS) and indicated the need for budget.*
- ix. **Secure support and funding and implement the National Forest Gene Conservation Programs Action Plan 2006-10.** Funding has been secured mid-September 2006 for a 2 year Community Based Forest Gene Conservation project. Implementation will start in October 2006.
- x. **Implement National Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry.** Agreement has been made with FLD to strengthen livelihoods opportunities.
- xi. **Assess and test out "Forest Partnership" in pilot communes as an alternative form of forest management and a mechanism for forest revenue to contribute to local development.** Agreement has been made with FLD to strengthen livelihoods opportunities.
- xii. **Small scale family business based on forest products promoted—**behind schedule. *The TWG indicated the need for budget.*
- xiii. **Implement Overall Capacity Building Program.** The TWG reported that the activity is ongoing, yet there is not enough support for implementation.
- xiv. **Install Website for TWGFE.**

- xv. **Tree planting for socio-economic purposes and environmental services by multiple stakeholders.** 3,500 ha of land has been planted. The TWG recommended that investment in tree planting from private and government sectors should be encouraged.
- xvi. **Processing techniques for value added products and innovative products promoted—** behind schedule. *The TWG reported that no budget is available for implementation and indicated the need for budget.*
- xvii. **Capacity building project for forestry sector phase II.**
- xviii. **Capacity building tree seed sector and apply for funding and continuation.**

61. The following issues were reported by the TWG as affecting the implementation of TWG Action Plan:

- i. Insufficient fund to cover the TWG work plan.
- ii. Information sharing from all stakeholders to TWG secretariat needs attention and improvement.
- iii. More donor back-up and financial attention for TWG meeting is required.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

62. **Strengthening the enforcement of the Forestry Law, especially combating forest land clearing and encroachment** (Quarterly report). 191.090 ha of forest land are being taken back from offenders, of which **9,324** ha is flood forest. *As constraints, The TWG identified the lack of means and financial support for the implementation of activity and indicated the need for budget support.*

63. **Rationalizing and reclassify national forest lands to ensure sustainable use of these resources by further forest demarcation/demarcation of protected areas** (4th Quarter 2006). Budget for forest demarcation has been allocated by MEF and it will start in October 2006. (i) For 16 Protected Areas (National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary) maps are being produced and on-ground boundary demarcation is undertaken by putting landmark. (ii) Protected Landscape and Multiple Use Area are under complicated situation. *However, there is still insufficient budget for this activity, and more budget is needed.*

64. **Completing forest cover assessment 2005/06** (end 2006). Assessment on 30 % of total area has been done. To complete the task, 9 Landsat ETM scenes will have to be purchased and analysis undertaken by FA GIS Lab. Three institutions will be contracted for independent data verification (MRC-TA, FLD and GRAS A/S). Accordingly, *budget needs to be secured for implementation.*

65. **Implementing Community Forestry Program and develop community forestry** (quarterly). The program has been approved and actions have been taken in some areas. *But there is still the need for more budget.*

66. **Implementing capacity building for forestry sector program/ tree planting for socio-economic purposes** (quarterly). Capacity building is being undertaken on schedule; Trees have been planted on 3,500 ha of land. The TWG recommended that more investment in tree planting is needed.

67. **Independent monitoring in the forestry sector** (subject to donor grant funding). This activity is still pending for fund support.

68. **Strengthen transparency by disseminating all relevant sector information on the activities of government agencies, including information on mining concession and military**

development zones, as well as donors and NGOs by periodically posting on TWGFE website (4th Quarter 2006). (i) MIME has disclosed information of mining areas; (ii) MoD has been sent a representative to a member of TWG and will disclose the military development zones in the TWG meeting; (iii) MoE will be requested to share GIS data with stakeholders. *As constraints, the TWG indicated that some development partner and NGOs are still not providing full information to TWG-F&E; there is need for information sharing.*

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69. **Development partners review their country assistance strategies and policies to align their assistance with NSDP priorities and sector development plans** (B.1.a.1). MRMLP (2006-2010) supported by Danida/DfiD Multi-DORNOR Livelihoods Facility is aligned to NSDP. NRMLP was launched by MEF/CDC on 12 September 2006.

70. **Implement the agreed strategy** (B.2.d.2). Any strategy has been developed based upon identification of parallel PIU/PMU in forestry sector. The TWG modality is expected to be the entry point for forest development and donor assistance including TA support.

71. **All sector plans and development programs/projects includes an assessment of the existing capacity gaps and a capacity development plan to fill gaps to achieve targeted development results** (B.3.a.1). Overall capacity building program of the forestry sector was formulated under the participation of vast stakeholders and evaluation of all relevant programs/projects. The formulation of a National Forest Programme will address capacity development.

72. **Each sector TWG prepares and implements a capacity development program for their sector ministry/agency to fill identified capacity gaps** (B.3.a.2). Overall capacity building program of the forestry sector has been implemented and most of stakeholders were invited to participate. Additional capacity development support has been agreed for the GIS/remote Sensing Laboratory within FA and FOR community based Forest Gene Conservation.

73. **Each TWG prepares a plan to increase delegated cooperation within their sector/thematic area** (C.1.a.2). TWG-F&E Website provides opportunities to exchange information on donor's delegation/mission. DFID has delegated its NRMLP support to Danida and it is expected that joint missions will be promoted and analytical work will be jointly formulated.

74. **Each TWG prepares a calendar of field missions, diagnostic review and duties planned by donors participating in the sector/thematic area of the TWG** (C.1.b.1). TWG-F&E Website provides opportunities to exchange information on donor's delegation/mission, and there is an alternate schedule sheet of missions. The calendar and activities will be prepared by TWG for information sharing.

Resource mobilization

75. The TWG reported that it has not been able to mobilize resources to implement its Action Plan 2006. The total amount of resources the TWG had estimated to for implementation of the Action Plan is USD 18.49 million. The minimum additional amount that the TWG needs to implement its Action Plan is USD 5.33 million. The TWG identified the following development partners as potential sources of funding: JICA, DANIDA, DFID, GTZ, FAO, UNDP, EU, AFD, and USAID.

TWG: Gender

TWG Action Plan

76. The TWG reported 32 activities were planned to be implemented and progress has been reported on most activities.

- i.a. **Assist ministries without GMAG/Gender Strategy to establish GMAG and prepare gender strategy and action plan.** Ministry of Information, MRD, and MOH have finalized their gender strategy. MoC, MIME, MOWRAM and SCS are in the process of finalizing their gender strategy. The following ministries do not yet have a Gender Mainstreaming Action Group in place: MoFA, Ministry of Tourism, MOE, Council of Minister, Ministry of Social Affairs and Veteran and Rehabilitation. The reason, as reported by TWG, was that the consultation process has taken a long time, and in other cases the data collection has taken a long time. *The TWG suggested that strong commitment from senior management of line ministries is necessary for the development of a gender strategy and for its implementation, in particular for the human resources and financial implications.*
- i.b. **Support and monitor implementation of gender strategy/action plan in line ministries that have GMAG and plan in place.** The MOH has an action plan in place for its gender strategy.
- ii. **Monitor Implementation of Gender Budgeting.** WB Project on Gender Budgeting was completed, and it will be continued by PGE/UNDP. During the last semester the World Bank project conducted three research assignments: (i) Gender Assessment of the Cambodian Civil Service; (ii) Making motherhood safer: A Gender Sensitive Appraisal of Service Delivery and Budget Allocations for Maternal Health Care; (iii) Where did all the day cares go? A gender analysis of Child Care Practice, Time, Poverty and Employment choices for poor Women. The findings of these research assignments are currently in the process of being discussed and reviewed by the various stakeholders. MoWA decided to publish two reports: (i) Integrating Gender into the Appraisal of the effectiveness of service delivery for infant and maternal health care; and (ii) Day Care, Labour and Gendered Employment Barriers. a National Consultant is being engaged by MoWA to update these two reports. CAR did not recommend to publish a research on "Gender Parity Gaps in the Civil Service".
- iii. **Monitor and support implementation of NSDP including development of gender-responsive sector wide plans.** The NSDP was approved by the National Assembly in June 2006, and the MoP launched it on 15 August 2006. MoP included a representative of MoWA into the Working Group and Core Group for monitoring the implementation of the NSDP. MoWA has already developed its annual plan, aligned with the NSDP and PIP.
- iv.a. **Support adaptation of Organic Laws that are gender responsive and include development of gender budgeting.** MOWA has established a team on Gender Mainstreaming in the Organic Law. The team had several meetings to discuss the priorities and the key entry points to integrate gender issues in organic law for the management of the sub-national level. The Mol is still working on the preliminary draft of the Organic Law(s) and has not yet distributed the draft for comments. MOWA requests the early circulation of the draft of the organic law(s).
- iv.b. **Gender Mainstreaming (GM) Strategy in D&D.** Key points for the development of a Gender Mainstreaming Strategy in D&D have been drafted. The National Program to support D&D has not yet been developed; the gender mainstreaming strategy will be developed in line with the National Program to support D&D.
- iv.c. **Capacity Building for use of GM methods and tools at sub-national level** (gender awareness, gender analysis, gender-based M&E, advocacy, leadership). The Provincial Gender Assessment has been published with support from UNDP/PGE, World Bank,

UNICEF/Seth Koma, Seila/PLG and UNFPA. Seila/PLG and MoWA are in the process of developing of Gender Based M&E Framework and training manual for the sub-national level. MoWA, with support from UNFPA will be developing gender analysis training manual and tools. A Gender Assessment of Kampong Cham province was completed (English and Khmer versions) in collaboration between Seila/MoWA and PGM/JICA, engaging a consulting company. It is due for publication soon.

- iv.d. **GM in planning and budgeting cycle in 24 provinces.** MoWA has developed a guideline for integrating gender issues in the Provincial Planning and Budgeting Cycle. A consultation workshop with directors and gender focal points of PDWA from all 24 provinces on the utilization of this guideline has taken place.
- iv.e. **Strengthen the capacity of women and children focal points (WCFP) and female Commune Councilors.** ToT and "cascade" training on organizing Forum for female Councilor and Women and Children Focal Points in all 24 provinces has been taken place. The District Focal Points have now also run their first Forum in September and are organizing a second forum and a third annual review forum for commune councils. The selected WCFPs of Kampong Cham Province were trained in implementing sector-based gender responsive activities at commune level in collaboration with PDWA/MoWA with support from PGM/JICA.
- iv.f. **Inter ministerial approach to strengthening capacity for gender issues in D&D process.** MOWA is carrying out awareness-raising campaign on the importance of women's participation among the selection committee members.
- v.a. **Media campaign focused on women to encourage their participation** (as candidates, voters, etc.). MoWA, with support from UNFPA and UNDP, has initiated work with NGO's to promote women candidates in commune elections through Public Fora in a number of provinces. MOWA, with support from UNDP, UNFPA, and UNIFEM, is in the process of commissioning a study for the development of a National Gender Advocacy and Communications Strategy.
- v.b. **Advocacy with political parties to promote selection of women as candidates.** MoWA have met with political parties (individuals and in groups) to discuss the importance and the inclusion of women's participation in commune councils. NCSC has issued guidelines for the appointment of village representatives emphasizing at least one woman for every three persons appointed.
- v.c. **Targeted training for female candidates for commune elections.** MOWA, with support from UNDP and UNFPA, is currently initiating work with NGO's to provide training services for female candidates for the commune elections.
- vi.a. **Women's Development Centers (WDC).** Upgrade and/or construct new facilities; develop/strengthen programming. The design and construction of a new center in Siem Reap has been initiated. A bid document has been prepared with support from ADB. A WDC monitoring and reporting system has been designed. (i) An Economic profile is being developed for Siem Reap and Kampong Chhnang provinces; (ii) Training is being conducted on Gender and Enterprise Development to MoWA staff and WDC in Kampong Chhnang provinces; (iii) Capacity Building of MoWA staff, provincial department of Women's Affairs and WDC in Siem Reap and Kampong Chhnang provinces is ongoing.
- vi.b. **Other entry points.** Establish/strengthen multiple entry points (including WDC) to support women's income-generation activities. ADB is supporting Micro and Small Enterprises Development, identifying market-oriented skills training needs in each location. The Center in Kampong Cham has been renovated. Assessment tools have been designed, the program team trained in the use of tools, and data collection and analysis of information in Kampong Chhnange is ongoing. PGM/MoWA & JICA have been implementing gender responsive projects related to economic empowerment in Kampong Cham province since July 2006, as

part of capacity building for gender mainstreaming, involving MAFF, MRD, MLVT, MIME and MOC.

- vii.a. **Garment Industry Productivity Center** (Productivity/management training for garment workers). MoWA participated in various workshops organized by ILO on Gender and Garment Industry.
- vii.b. **Social security system for private sector workers, with particular attention to garment workers.** Currently there is no information from ILO.
- viii.a. **Awareness raising and training activities to address domestic violence and other forms of violence against women.** (i) MoWA had been invited by MoI to train focal points; the focal point will train commune/sangkat counselors in all provinces; (ii) GTZ has made and prepared materials for dissemination including books, leaflets, in the purpose of training civil servants of provincial–municipality departments of Women's Affairs; (iii) GTZ has been cooperating with the department of legal protection in order to enforce the law on domestic violence effectively; (iv) Provincial Facilitator Team (PFT) and District Facilitators Team (DFT) in 24 provinces received training on Principle of prevention of domestic violence; (v) PFT & DFT provided echo-training to their communes. MoWA and GTZ will select 50% of existing lawyers for a course of DV, and GTZ is preparing training materials to use in the implementation. The Department of legal protection is preparing leaflets and DV terminologies.
- viii.b. **Media campaign-newsletters, pamphlet, radio, TV** (this is related to DV laws). 6 Radio Programmes on DV by MWA are being produced but have not been broadcasted yet. IEC materials have been produced and distributed to stakeholders at national and sub-national levels.
- viii.c. **Monitor collection of statistics on violence against women for policy making and M&E.** Baseline surveys on attitudes towards violence against women have been finalized by GTZ, UNIFEM and East West Management Institute. The findings were presented on 3 May 2006. UNIFEM has launched this document with NGOs on June 7th 2006.
- ix. **Support adoption and Implementation of Anti Trafficking Law.** The UN Protocol on Prevention, intervention and Punishment of Human Trafficking especially Women and Children which was added to the UN convention against Transnational Organized Crime was ratified by the National Assembly on November 25, 2005 and Consultation on the draft of the Anti Trafficking law with MoJ was held on December 2 prior to COM. Draft of the Anti-trafficking law is being discussed further on the definition of Trafficking at the TWG on legal and justice system reform, Ministry of Justice. *GDCC should encourage the TWG on legal and Judicial Reform to consider this law as their priority because it is one of the JMI under their responsibility.*
- x. **Promote and support development of gender responsive migration policy to recognize and protect rights of migrant workers.** A national committee for Women's Migration is formed and has recently been renamed the Inter-ministerial Task force on Migration. The task force will meet for the first time in October 2006. The ToR has been approved by MoWA and MoLVT.
- xi.a. **Review, assess and monitor 2005 CDHS results.** The release of CDHS findings has been delayed. Preliminary results of CDHS 2005 were only recently released (September, 2006).
- xi.b. **Develop, implement and monitor prevention plans based on priority issues identified in CDHS, eg HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, nutrition, child health, infant mortality, etc.** The TWG reported that no Information from MoH.
- xii.a. **Teacher recruitment/priority for female candidates.** Teachers will be recruited in October 2006.
- xii.b. **Capacity building on management and advocacy training for model female teachers, schools directors and deputy directors.** Director and Deputy Director of department, provincial, district office of education received training on technical, administration, gender

awareness, gender mainstreaming, gender indicators, advocacy and relationship school and community. These trainings have been completed. These trainings have been provided by TWG on Gender of the MoEYS with support from UNICEF.

- xiii. **Dormitories for girls.** Three dormitories are being constructed in Phnom Penh near Chatomuk School organized by MoEYS. MoEYS and MoWA signed MoU on construction of two Dormitories for girls in Siem Reap and Preah Vihea province which will be supported by ADB.
- xiv. **Develop Gender Terminology and Translation (JMI).** JICA engaged a local institution for development of Gender Terminology manual. The latest draft of Gender Terminology manual, includes a list of 55 common gender terms, is finalized and has been shared with stakeholders for comments in September, 2006. A Gender Terminology Committee was established in November, 2005. Several consultation meetings took place between MoWA and development partners since May 2006.
- xv. **Audit of gender training programs and strengthen based on results (JMI).** lack of human resources and time limited.
- xvi. **Assist GMAGs to develop GMAPs.**
- xvii. **Maintain and update Gender Resource Mobilization Matrix (JMI).** Updated Gender Resource Mobilization Matrix is developed by TWGG and MoWA in February, 2006.
- xviii. **Promote/support naming of Gender Focal Points (GFP) in all TWG (Joint Missions).** TWGG meeting has encouraged the Gender Focal Points in the line Ministries to participate in other TWGs meeting, including the TWG on Gender. *Other TWGs should encourage their representatives to attend the TWG on Gender. Representatives of the TWG on Gender should participate in all other TWGs.*

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77. **Support and Monitor implementation of Domestic Violence Prevention Plan (2006).** National Prevention Plan against Domestic Violence is finished and now in the process of consultations with all the stakeholders. *A sub-degree is needed for the implementation of the Domestic Violence Law.*

78. **Adoption of Anti-Trafficking Law (2006).** Draft of Anti-Trafficking Law is in the process of discussion on definition of Trafficking, currently under TWG on Legal & Justice system reform. There is disagreement on the definition of trafficking as MoWA requested MoJ to follow the definition stated in the UN Protocol. The Anti-trafficking law has to be harmonized with trafficking definition in the UN Protocol and the Criminal law.

79. **Engendering organic law with gender and gender budgeting (2006).** The draft law on the Organic Law has not made available to TWGG members for comments. Without seeing the draft, it is hard to comment on the mainstreaming of gender into the organic laws. MoWA will meet with Mol to discuss entry points for gender mainstreaming into the organic law(s). *Close cooperation between Mol and MoWA is necessary as the Anti-trafficking law is one of the JMIs.*

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

80. **RGC's sector ministries and development partners adopt harmonized approaches to tackle cross-cutting issues, such as gender equality (C.2.b).** MoWA has developed Gender Mainstreaming Guideline to establish GMAG and provides TA for development of gender mainstreaming strategy in 7 Ministries. MoWA and a number of development partners are meeting regularly to harmonize their approach and support to gender mainstreaming. MoWA has been

promoting close alignment with the select sector ministries to facilitate development and implementation of sector based gender responsive activities in collaboration with PGM/JICA.

81. **RGC and development partners use jointly agreed results-oriented reporting and assessment frameworks that have managerial number of indicators to monitor progress against key dimensions of national and sector development strategies** (D.a). To harmonize with NSDP, MoWA used the framework from the Ministry of Planning to prepare its Action Plan for 2007. All departments of Women's Affairs have completed the Action Plan for 2006 and 2007 with the Financial and Technical support from UNDP/PGE/MoWA.

Resource mobilization

82. The TWG reported that it has been able to mobilize resources for the implementation of the TWG Action Plan.

TWG: Health

TWG Action Plan

83. The TWG reported that the following sets of activities were planned to be implemented, and satisfactory progress has been reported on almost all activities.

Monitor Sector Performance

- i. **Progress of Sector 2005-2006 MTR.** MTR will be taken place from June 2006 to February 2007. TOR for overall MTR has been agreed as well as those for sub-components. The Midwifery review outcome is presented in September.
- ii. **Progress of AOP 2006's implementation.** JAPR 2006 was conducted in March 2006. Quarterly update is due.
- iii. **Budget Disbursement (JMI).** Disbursement of first semester 2006 has been represented to TWG-H in July.
- iv. **Progress of Health Sector Support Project.** Progress update of HSSP was conducted in April 2006; Semi-annual report will be completed by end of September; monthly update on MTR preparation process scheduled in October.
- v. **Progress of National Program—**Malaria & Dengue, National Immunization Program, Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, TB, National Center for Health Promotion, and NRP.
- vi. **Principal Recipient for GFATM.** Semi- Annual Report was completed in August.
- vii. **Regular inputs from Civil Society.** NGO representative members of the TWGH and Secretariat are present in Health Partner meetings. NGOs are permanent members of TWGH and its Secretariat, unlike most other TWGs.

Sector Harmonization and Alignment

- viii. **Facilitate salary supplement phasing out and Performance Based Incentive Reform.** Progress has been reported: (i) Tripartite Working Group MoH-CAR-HP established with 3 meetings held; meeting scheduled to be intensified during September and October 2006; (ii) 2 day joint field visit to “contracting” ODs; and one day to PMG Kp. Trach OD; (iii) MOH HLWG has met regularly; and (iv) HPs and MOH have discussed MBPI proposals.
- ix. **SWiM development toward SWAp.** SWiM review will be carried out as part of MTR; selection of consultant is in progress.
- x. **Refine role, structure and function of Pro-TWGH.** Role, structure, and function of Pro-TWGH has been established, regular quarterly progress reports have been obtained.
- xi. **Refine role, structure and functions of Sub-TWGH.** Sub-Cocoms Assessment was carried out followed by identification of 8 Sub-TWGHs. These have now submitted revised TORs and membership lists, several have met, and annual work plans are under development.
- xii. **Strengthen capacity building of TWGHS.** One new staff was nominated for TWGHS.

Key Strategic Issues

- xiii **Health Service Delivery Contracting Follow up.**
- xiv. **Consumer and Provider rights.**
- xv. **Review linkages of Child Survival, Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS.**
- xvi. **Health Financing—**User-fees and access.
- xvii. **Budget Disbursement—**Linking planning, allocation, budgeting and budget execution including follow up work on PETS.
- xviii. **Human Resources.**

xix. **Preparedness planning for pandemic influenza.**

Joint Monitoring Indicators

84. **Further develop the Public Administration to serve people better and to become an effective development partners.** Institutional Development Plan is being developed as an input to the MTR of the health sector strategy. Merit Based Payment Initiatives design is being developed and discussed by MoH, CAR and health partners. Preparatory activities to formulate draft joint Government-Donor action plan for phasing out of salary supplements.

85. **Increase the proportion of deliveries attended by skilled health personnel.** Though there has been an increase, the proportion of deliveries attended by skilled health professionals is still low. In 2000, 31.8% of deliveries were attended by trained health professionals (CDHS 2000); in 2006, 43.8% of deliveries were attended by trained health professionals (CDHS Preliminary Report 2006).

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

Alignment

86. **Capacity development.** Institutional Development Plan (including organisational development needs) is under preparation and will be finalised following the MTR of the sector strategy in 2007. Functional analysis has been carried out in the central ministry followed by introduction of Performance Management System , and the implementation of Performance Management System at central level.

Harmonization

87. **Delegated cooperation** is being addressed in the TWGH workplan for 2006 & JAPR; 8 Sub-TWGH identified; Pro-TWGHs in the process of establishing secretariat and revising membership.

88. **Missions and analytic work:** Sectoral Joint Annual Performance Review provides guidelines for consolidated annual planning process for all health partners. Joint Review Mission from MoH and HSSP partners was conducted in May/June 2006; and HSSP MTR will serve as an input to sector review scheduled for September 2006. Subcomponent reviews are also underway in midwifery, contracting, and sector-wide management are jointly agreed with government and health partners.

Managing for results

89. **SOP.** The HSSP is implementing the SOP.

Resource mobilization

90. The TWG reported it has been able to mobilize resource for the implementation of the TWG Action Plan.

TWG: HIV/AIDS

TWG Action Plan

91. The TWG reported that the following four activities were scheduled to be carried out, and satisfactory progress has been reported on only one activity:

- i. **Resource tracking/projected.**
- ii. **Donor harmonization and alignment**—behind schedule, but is expected to be completed by September.
- iii. **Quality assurance and scale/resource of program** (through effective M&E)—behind schedule.
- iv. **Support policy development** (status was not reported).

92. The TWG also reported that the TORs of the TWG has been updated to better reflect key focus areas and the membership has been also reviewed and reduced to 23 members. A secretariat for the TWG has been established to provide technical/programmatic and administrative support to the TWG and to support the development, implementation and monitoring of the TWG workplan. Additional support staff will be contracted.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

93. **NSDP monitored annually.** National Strategic plan for a Comprehensive & Multi-sectoral Response to HIV/AIDS 2006-2010 (NSPII) has been officially launched in February 2006 an widely disseminated. The NSP II priorities are in line with the HIV/AIDS program priorities identified in the NSDP. Key indicators for measuring progress have been identified and will be reviewed annually.

94. **Increasing coverage of effective drug & HIV/AIDS prevention, comprehensive scare and support, and effective mitigations interventions.** OVC task force established by MOSVY in collaboration with NAA will develop framework and action plan to address needs of orphans and vulnerable children. The Cambodia Continuum of care program has been further expanded: VCCT centers from 134 in Q3 of 2006; Comprehensive care and support is now provided in 34 centers and pediatric AIDS care in 12; number of PLWHA on ART treatment has been increased 16000 in Q3 2006. Cambodia has been successful in obtaining funds from the GFATM round 5 to further expand prevention, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and for impact mitigation efforts. The activities GFATM around 5 now have been finalized and launched.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

95. **National Strategic Development Plan targets are achieved.** National Strategic Plan for a comprehensive & multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS 2006-2010 develop and disseminated.

96. **Development partners base their support on NSDP priorities and PIP.** Cambodia has been successful in obtaining fund from GFATM round 5 and has been developing proposals for GFATM round 6. Development partners and Government worked collaboratively to develop the proposals. Additional information/clarification has been provided in response to request from GFATM in Geneva.

Resource mobilization

97. The TWG reported it has been able to mobilize resources for the implementation of the TWG Action Plan.

TWG: Infrastructure and Regional Integration

TWG Action Plan

98. The TWG reported that the following 11 activities were scheduled for implementation, and satisfactory progress has been reported on 7 activities:

- i. **Transport Sector Strategy**—behind schedule. The Inter-ministerial Re-organization Committee (IRC) hold meeting in early June 2006 on the revised draft TSS; it recognizes the importance of the policies. The IRC will review and recommend the policies of five sub-transport sectors, railway, waterway, urban road, civil aviation and general transport policies.
- ii. **Reach agreement on a clear transparent mechanism for budget allocation and disbursement and monitoring for repair and maintenance of roads.** MEF abolishes Fund for Road Repair and Maintenance due to the Public Financial Reform Program. MEF and MPWT agreed in the meeting on 21 August 2006 to establish the Inter-Ministerial Committee led by MPWT and MEF Secretaries of State to facilitate the issues.
- iii. **Submit Road Law to CoM for approval.** Draft Road Law has been completed and is pending comments by Ministry of Justice before sending to CoM.
- iv. **Road Safety Action Plans** —behind schedule. MEF approved an amount of US\$ 170,000.00 for the establishment of Secretariat Office of the National Road Safety Committee (NRSC) and operation costs. Handicap International Belgium has allocated fund of US\$ 171,616.00 to assist NRSC in partially implementing the action plan in 2006. Since June 2006, an ADB individual Consultant and NRSC has completed the draft 5 year detailed rolling Road Safety Action Plan. Due to the current stage of increasingly road traffic accidents, it is strongly urged that the effective implementation of Road Safety Action Plan is urgent. Hence, Financial Assistance is very essentially required. *GDCC is, therefore, requested to assist in appealing for financial assistance from interested Donor(s).*
- v. **Strategic Plan for Rural Roads in Cambodia.** Final draft of Strategic Plan for Rural Roads was completed; discussion with line ministries on the final draft will be carried out shortly.
- vi. **Submit Telecom law to CoM for approval.** The Draft Telecom Law has been submitted to the NA since April 2006; discussion with the NA Technical Committee has been held twice. The submission of the draft law for adoption by the NA will be shortly.
- vii. **Telecom Sector Policy Statement (TSPS).** The Draft Telecom Policy Statement has been submitted to CoM in January 2006. *It is suggested that TSPS be abolished as the Draft Telecom Law will be soon adopted.*
- viii. **Sub-decree of River Basin Management.** First draft of the River Basin Management sub-decree has been prepared by MOWRAM with assistance of consultants from the ADB/AFD North West Irrigation Sector Project. The Sub-decree is being internally reviewed by MOWRAM; upon completion it will be reviewed by the concerned line ministries. *GDCC is to assist in acceleration of the promulgation of Draft Law of Water Resources Management by the NA.* The sub-decree is part of the draft Law of Water Resources Management which is currently pending promulgation at the NA.
- ix. **Submit Water Supply and Sanitation Law (WSSL) to CoM for approval.** The draft WSSL was submitted to CoM in March 2005. OBSESS reviewed the draft in November 2005; and in early May 2006, CoM has requested MIME to revise 17 points. The draft is being revised. There is no progress yet since last report.
- x. **Prepare draft of Cambodia National Wood Energy Statistic & Wood Energy Policy**—a bit delay. The National Working Group was established in February 2006 consisting of 14 persons from 8 different Institutions/Organization. The First Meeting of National Working Group held in March 2006 to exchange idea/view/the way forward. A study has been done based on the existing data gathered from NIS and CFSP. The National Working Group did not

receive any fund support from the RGC or outside financing for the conduct of the study. The study is based on existing data only. We will cooperate with further NGOs/Sources in formulating the draft Policy in order to submit to CoM for inter-ministerial Meeting and further comment/observation; hopefully we could submit the draft by the first quarter of 2007 in accordance with our Target Set (1st Quarter of 2007).

- xi. **Formulation of Civil Aviation Institutional Development Framework**—behind schedule. Request for Aeronautical Technical Assistance is under consideration by JICA.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

99. **Reach agreement on a clear transparent mechanism for budget allocation and disbursement and monitoring for repair and maintenance of roads.** MPWT and MEF reached an agreement on 21 August 2006 to establish a joint MPWT- MEF Inter-Ministerial Committee led by MPWT and MEF Secretaries of State to facilitate the road maintenance issues. *The MPWT- MEF Inter-Ministerial Committee will be established in August 2006.*

100. **Submit Draft Road Law to CoM for approval.** Draft Road Law has been completed and is pending comments by Ministry of Justice before sending to CoM.

101. **Submit Telecom law to CoM for approval.** Review of the Draft Telecom Law has been completed by the NA Technical Committee and will be shortly submitted to the NA for adoption. *Telecom Sector Policy Statement shall be abolished as the Draft Telecom Law will be soon adopted.*

102. The TWG did not report on the implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan and resource mobilization.

TWG: Land

TWG Action Plan

103. The TWG planned to implement two activities and reported progress on all activities:

- i. **Establish task forces** on two specific subjects: (a) development of the land sector program, and (b) systematic land titling in the development project areas. The two task forces have been approved by MLMUPC. Members have been assigned. Task force on PBA is working.
- ii. **Establish the TWG-land Secretariat** (including staffing). With the support from Global Donor Platform for Rural Development, TWG-Land reviewed the ToRs for the National Facilitator positions and thereafter Ministry of LMUPC considered and approved the ToRs. Recruitment process is on going. However, the TWG-Land Secretariat is functioning with part-time staff assigned by MLMUPC and LMAP (since October 2005).

Joint Monitoring Indicators

104. **Complete preparation of regulations to enforce State Land Management Sub-Decree.** Prakas Nr. 42 DNS.BK on State Land Identification, Mapping and Classification was issued on 10 March 2006. Criteria for State Land Classification as an annex to Prakas Nr. 42 has been drafted, and is still under discussion with focal person from CLP members. Joint Prakas on State Land Use Planning with Mol and MLMUPC have been planned to start drafting. Criteria for State Land Classification is a cross cutting issue involving different ministries. Feedback from 7 ministries relating to the draft was requested for September 1st. Answers from several ministries are still missing (MOWRAM, PWT, MEF, MRD, Mol).

105. **Elaborate and Implement Article 18 of the Land Law.** Draft Circular on measures against Illegal State Land Holding. This draft has been sent to CoM in early September. First meeting has been held.

106. **Adopt RGC's strategy and regulations for the indigenous people.** Draft Policy on Registration of Land of Indigenous Communities has been revised and is under further discussion. Stakeholders and DP will be included in consultation process when draft is ready (end of 2006).

107. **To improve the livelihoods of the rural poor, 500 eligible households are settled on social land concessions with livelihood support and at least 10,000 hectares of suitable land confirmed as available for social land concessions.** Preparatory work is done in two pilot projects, one in Kratie District, Kratie Province and one in Memot District, Kampong Cham Province. A total of around 4,500 ha is surveyed and natural resource assessment has been done. Training on Land Identification and Selection of Target Land Recipients has been done. MLMUPC requested MAFF on 8 August 2006 to provide land form cancelled economic land concessions as a third model for piloting on SLC. So far there is no answer.

108. **Develop and implement a Land Management Policy and associated legal framework to improve sustainable utilization of land resources.** TA support is planned for November 2006.

109. **Strengthen and expand the scope of land registration** by: issuing 300,000 land title certificates in 2006. From January to July of 2006 194,569 land titles were distributed. This means very good progress.

110. **Increasing the percentage of cases successfully resolved by the cadastral commission:** 450 cases successfully resolved out of 800 cases handled in 2006. As from January to July 2006 a total of 562 cases were received (219 resolved, 211 dismissed and 20 withdrawn).

111. **Revision of cadastral service fee structure, especially for sporadic and subsequent registration, public dissemination of the new fee structure and stamp duty for subsequent registration.** Discussions are on the way. Different models have been elaborated. Experiences in Laos and Mongolia have been checked on practicability for Cambodia. Time limit June 2006 cannot be reached. It is not clear if or when World Bank will lift the suspension.

112. **State land mapping conducted in five districts and results placed in a publicly accessible state land data-base.** Preparation is on-going. Regulations for sub-decree on State Land Management has not been finalized yet.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

113. **PBA Land-Land Sector Programme.** Based on the LAMDP, the MLMUPC is currently working on the formulation of the land sector program and mid-term expenditure framework. This will be done in the framework of TWG Land. A task force has been set up since December 2005. TWG Land Taskforce on PBA/land sector programme is supported by Global Donor Platform on Rural Development to further harmonise activities in the land sector. GDPRD support for the Land Sector Program in Cambodia is planned for up to 2 to 3 years by providing international and national facilitators.

Resource mobilization

114. The TWG reported that it has been able to mobilize resources for the implementation of the Action Plan.

TWG: Legal and Judicial Reform

TWG Action Plan

103. The TWG reported that the following four activities were planned to be implemented and satisfactory progress has been reported on all activities:

- i. **Through a series of joint government-donor working groups, support implementing institutions to complete work required for JMIs to be met**, i.e., the principal codes, the law related to the judiciary, the anti-corruption law.
- ii. **Bi-monthly meetings of TWG.**
- iii. **Meet quarterly to report on progress, discuss requests for technical assistance and determine action required to resolve any barriers to progress.**
- iv. **Report to GDCC meetings as requested and develop potential JMIs for following years, related to the LJR action plans.**

104. In addition, the TWG noted the two following points:

- i. There is a consensus that steps are required to enhance the effectiveness of the TWG process in this sector: (a) PMU/CLJR is financially and technically in charge of the secretarial function of the TWG; and (b) RGC's proposal to establish sub-working groups around each of the strategic of the overall Legal and Judicial Reform strategy.
- ii. It would be useful to facilitate an exchange of experience between sectors on which TWGs operate more effectively, and how this experience can be shared across sectors.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

105. **Penal code**—end of 2006. The draft is ready to go into inter-ministerial meeting.

106. **Code of Penal procedures**—end of 2006. The draft has been approved by the COM and is ready to be sent to the NA.

107. **Code of civil procedures.** The law was promulgated on 6 July 2006.

108. **Civil code**—end of 2006. Draft has been reviewed by the IMM, and is ready to go the COM meeting.

109. **Organic Law on the Organization and Functioning of the Courts**—end of 2006. The draft is being finalized by the MOJ. There was an agreement between the MOJ and MOC on the establishment of the Commercial tribunal at the first degree, and specialized chamber at the higher level.

110. **Law on the Amendment of the law on the Organization and Functioning of the Supreme Council of Magistracy**—end of 2006. The draft has been finalized by the MOJ.

111. **Law on the Statute of Judges and Prosecutors**—end of 2006. The draft has been sent by the SCM to the office of COM on 30 August 2006.

112. **Law on Anti Corruption**—end of 2006. Draft was withdrawn from the IMM by MONASRI. So far, MOJ and MONASRI have conducted meetings to review the whole draft before submitting it to the IMM. Consistency with Criminal Procedure Code has been checked by French Cooperation.

113. **Develop a clear policy framework for access to information**—end of 2006. The process is being studied by MONASRI.

114. **Complete the draft Law Against Trafficking in Person and Sexual Exploitation and submit to COM**—end of 2006. MOJ and MOWA are discussing certain points of the draft, with the involvement of Japanese experts and French Cooperation.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

115. The TWG reported that the following actions have been taken under **Ownership** (of Section A) of the H-A-R Action Plan:

- i. Increase bilateral meetings with implementing agencies and donor communities. Meetings were held with the Ministry of Education, MOJ, MOI, MOWA, MLMUC, UNDP, EWMI, AUSAID, JICA, FRANCE, etc.
- ii. Develop a chart showing the progress of the implementation of the Legal and Judicial Reform Action Plan, and send it to donors (UNDP, WB, ADB, AUSAID, USAID, EWMI, JICA, France, DANIDA, DFID, CIDA, SIDA, and GTZ).
- iii. Meeting between the PCB/CLJR and donor community is scheduled on 28 September 2006 to discuss on the Development of Performance Monitoring Framework.

Resource mobilization

116. As for resource, the TWG reported it there is no resource to mobilize because the TWG has no separate budget.

TWG: Mine Action

TWG Action Plan

117. There were 5 activities scheduled to be implemented and the TWG reported satisfactory progress on all activities:

- i. **Finalize CMAA reform.**
- ii. **Follow up PMAC/MAPU progress.**
- iii. **Finalize policy for salary supplementation practices.**
- iv. **Complete an advance draft of a national strategy on explosive remnants of war.**
- v. **On going monitoring of mine action operator's progress towards strategic objective and CMDG 9.**

Joint Monitoring Indicator

118. The TWG reported that there is no JMI for this TWG.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

119. **Mine Action sector strategy and funding framework developed in 2005.** Initial study for a specific national strategy on unexploded ordnance has been completed as scheduled and presented to the TWG in April 2006. The strategy will be developed in the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2006 as scheduled.

120. **New multi donor program signed on 21 December 2005.** "Clearing for Results" is a pooled funding arrangement in support of national mine action priorities, including capacity development for the CMAA (project implementation is entirely based on Government staff with some technical assistance).

Resource mobilization

121. The TWG reported it has been able to mobilize resources for activity implementation.

TWG: Partnership and Harmonization

TWG Action Plan

122. There were 9 activities planned to be implemented, and satisfactory has been reported on all activities:

- i. **Establish a mechanism to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the RGC's H-A-R Action Plan 2006-2010.** Following the P&H TWG meeting on 31 May 2006, a small group was established to consider specific arrangements for the establishment of the mechanism to coordinate, facilitate and monitor the implementation of the H-A-R Action Plan. It has been agreed that the monitoring of the H-A-R Action Plan will be based on existing mechanisms and structures. No new mechanism will be established that may impose a burden for either RGC or development partners. Practices of TWGs sending their progress reports to the GDCC secretariat for consolidation are well established. In these TWGs progress reports, TWGs have been asked to provide information on progress made in the implementation of their Action Plans, JMLs, H-A-R Action Plan, and resources requirements. On this basis, progress reports on the implementation of the H-A-R Action Plan will be prepared using information contained in the TWGs progress report, and complemented by other sources such as the OECD-DAC survey and the ODA Database
- ii. **RGC and development partners jointly assess progress, on an annual basis, in implementing RGC's H-A-R Action Plan.** The Cambodia Country Worksheet is being finalized as part of the 2006 OECD/DAC survey on the implementation of the Paris Declaration. Findings from the survey will provide a baseline from which a review of the H-A-R Action Plan, and its monitoring, can be undertaken.
- iii. **Development partners review their country assistance strategies and policies to align their assistance with NSDP priorities and sector development plans.** The country assistance strategies of development partners who have held consultations with CRDB/CDC are broadly in line with NSDP priorities. However, the status of assistance for those development partners who do not engage in consultations with CRDB/CDC is not known. Over time, TWGs are increasingly expected to support this alignment role so that support from development partners in each sector is aligned with NSDP priorities and national systems. CRDB/CDC will support the alignment of ODA at an aggregate level during the negotiation of country strategies.
- iv. **CDC/CRDB with support from development partners carries out a survey on number of existing PIU/PMUs, and develop a strategy to integrate parallel PIU/PMUs in the government structure.** The Cambodia Country Worksheet is being finalized as part of the OECD/DAC survey on monitoring the implementation of the Paris Declaration. Once finalized, it will provide a baseline of the number of existing PIU/PMUs, including the parallel ones and recommendations to integrate these parallel PIU/PMUs will be considered.
- v. **CDC/CRDB and development partners secure an agreement that no new parallel PIU/PMUs will be established under new programs and projects.** A commitment that no new parallel PIU/PMUs will be established under new programs/projects has been incorporated into the draft Declaration between RGC and development partners to enhance aid effectiveness. The signing of the Declaration was scheduled in June but has been postponed to provide opportunity for participation from all development partners.
- vi. **CRDB/CDC with support from development partners carries out a survey to collect information on the proportion of aid delivered through "untied-aid" modality and based on survey findings, formulate and implement a strategy, jointly with development partners, to increase the proportion of untied ODA.** It is proposed that this activity be

monitored with reference to the work of the OECD-DAC and through recording tied aid in the project records of the CRDB ODA Database.

- vii. **RGC and development partners jointly carry out a review of the effectiveness of the TWG mechanism.** The review of the GDCC-TWG mechanism was conducted during April-June, and a draft report was discussed during a meeting of the Chairs of all TWGs. The revised draft was circulated to development partners for comments. The draft was further revised incorporating these comments and will be discussed by an ad hoc working group composed of RGC senior officials and development partners that has been formed to review RGC's proposal for restructuring the CG/CDCF process. Based on the results of the review, a set of "broad guidelines" for the functioning of the TWG-GDCC mechanism will be prepared.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

123. **Implement the RGC's Strategic Framework for Development Cooperation Management (SFDCM)**—on going. The SFDCM was approved by RGC on 27 January 2006 and is being implemented by CRDB/CDC with support from a Multi Donor Support Program for Aid Coordination.

124. **Prepare progress report on a six month basis the implementation of RGC's Action Plan on Harmonization, Alignment and Results.** The Action Plan on Harmonization, Alignment and Managing for Results (H-A-R) based on the Paris Declaration was approved by RGC on 14 February 2006 after extensive consultation with donors and line ministries. The mechanism to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the H-A-R Action Plan was discussed at the P&H TWG meeting on 31 May 2006. The meeting agreed to establish a small group to consider the specific arrangements for the establishment of the mechanism to coordinate, facilitate and monitor the implementation of the H-A-R Action Plan. While the monitoring mechanism is still to be finalized, it will be based on the routine reporting of the TWGs to the GDCC Secretariat. No new mechanism will be established. Practices of TWGs sending their progress reports to the GDCC secretariat for consolidation are well established. In these TWGs progress reports, TWGs have been asked to provide information on progress made in the implementation of their Action Plans, JMIs, H-A-R Action Plan, and resources requirements. On this basis, progress reports on the implementation of the H-A-R Action Plan will be prepared using information contained in the TWGs progress report, and complemented by other sources such as the OECD-DAC survey and the ODA Database

125. **Review and strengthen aid coordination mechanisms including CG, GDCC and TWGs.** The Review was carried out during April-June 2006. The draft Review was discussed in a meeting of Chairs of all TWGs on 24 July 2006. The revised draft was sent to development partners for comments and a set of "broad guidelines" will be prepared based on the finalized Review.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

126. **Establish a mechanism to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the RGC's Action Plan on Harmonization, alignment and Results.** Following the P&H TWG meeting on 31 May 2006, a small group was set up to consider the specific arrangements for the establishment of the mechanism to coordinate, facilitate and monitor the implementation of the H-A-R Action Plan. While the mechanism is still to be finalized the monitoring of the H-A-R Action Plan will be informed by existing mechanisms and structures. No new mechanism will be established that may impose a burden for either RGC or development partners. Practices of TWGs sending their progress report to GDCC secretariat for consolidation to be submitted to the GDCC meetings are well established. In these TWGs progress reports, TWGs have been asked to provide information on progress made in the implementation their Action Plans, JMIs, H-A-R Action Plan, and resources requirements. n this basis, progress reports on the implementation of the H-A-R Action Plan will be prepared using

information contained in the TWGs progress report, and complemented by other sources such as the OECD-DAC survey and the ODA Database.

Resource mobilization

127. The TWG reported it has been able to mobilize resources for the implementation of the Action Plan.

TWG: Planning and Poverty Reduction

TWG Action Plan

128. The TWG planned to implement 7 activities, and reported satisfactory progress on all activities.

- i. **Approval and adoption of NSDP, 2006-10** by COM, NA and Senate and final approval by HM King; NSDP formally launched by PM.
- ii. **Constitution of high level RGC steering committee to guide and oversee NSDP implementation.**
- iii. **Forming a core group of TWG PPR.**
- iv. **Holding regular TWG PPR core group meetings.**
- v. **Preparation and approval of NSDP Monitoring Framework.**
- vi. **Letter sent to all ministries and agencies for faithfully implementing various provisions of NSDP.**
- vii. **PIP, 2007-09 preparations commenced and concluded.**

129. *The TWG requested GDCC to once again remind all ministries and agencies as well as development partners about the need to: (i) adhere to the NSDP priorities; (ii) align all external assistance to PIP priorities; and (iii) provide full data on disbursements for the previous year by 30 June of the following year.*

Joint Monitoring Indicators

130. **NSDP Monitoring Framework.** It has been prepared and approved in July 2006.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

131. The TWG did not report on this matter.

Resource mobilization

132. The TWG did not report on this matter.

TWG: Private Sector Development and Trade

TWG Action Plan

133. The TWG did not report on this matter.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

134. **To strengthen Trade Facilitation: adopt and use a Single Administrative Document (SAD) under the Asycuda system.** Under discussion.

135. **Adopt and publish the inter-agency administrative agreements among all the relevant agencies on procedures and guidelines for the inspection and clearance of imported and exported goods.** Under discussion.

136. **Draft and adopt a sub-decree on trade facilitation through a risk management approach to inspections and clearance of imports and exports of goods, specifying the Customs and Excise Department (CED) as the lead agency for all types of inspections (documentary, physical, and electronic).** Sub-Decree No. 21 dated 01 March 2006 was issued.

137. **Prepare and adopt regulations (Prakas) clarifying registration procedures and documentary requirements, specifying procedures for amending Articles of Incorporation, clarifying the minimum requirements for Articles of Incorporation based on the Law on Commercial Enterprises, specifying requirements and procedures for annual declarations, and establishing procedures for decentralization of business registration.** To be finalized soon.

138. **Streamline and simplify all license requirements impacting SMEs.** To be finalized soon.

139. **Establish and make fully operational the "one-stop service" (OSS) in all Special Economic Zones (SEZs) consistent with the trade facilitation reforms to reduce both the time for, and cost of, trade clearance procedures, including the adoption of the SAD and the adoption of a risk management approach to inspections and clearance of goods.** Under discussion.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

140. The TWG did not report on this matter.

Resource mobilization

141. The TWG did not report on this matter.

TWG: Public Administration Reform

TWG Action Plan

142. The TWG reported that 7 activities were planned to be implemented, and satisfactory progress has been reported on 5 activities:

- i. **Dissemination of strategy on phasing out of salary supplementation.**
- ii. **Complete information gathering on salary supplementation**—behind schedule. A few donors did not respond fully. With support from Danida funding, staff are being deployed to develop the data base. *More support is needed from individual TWGs for implementation of the Strategy on Phasing Out of Salary Supplementation.*
- iii. **Remuneration and Employment Studies**—behind schedule. The studies will commence in early October.
- iv. **HRM Policy Outline.** A draft concept paper has been prepared and will be consulted on with Ministries and the TWG.
- v. **HRM Training.** Training for HRM practitioners in 17 Ministries will commence in mid October, as part of EC/ISP funding.
- vi. **One Window Office Legal Status.** A draft Anukret has been prepared and extensively consulted on within Government. It now awaits COM approval.
- vii. **HRD Policy Outline.** A draft concept paper has been prepared and will be consulted on with Ministries and the TWG.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

143. **Implement the approved "Joint Government-Donor Strategy for Phasing Out Salary Supplementation Practices in Cambodia"** by: (a) implementing approved sectoral action plans; and (b) establishing Priority Mission Groups (PMGs), and PMG/Merit Based Pay Initiatives (PMG/MBPIs) in MEF, MOH, and at least one other ministry/agency. Recruitment of staff to set up a salary supplementation data base is underway. An MBPI proposal for the health sector involving about 160 Central Office staff has been developed and is being discussed between MOH, the health partners and CAR. Following an independent evaluation, lessons in the MEF with the MBPI have been drawn out and acted on. PMGs covering another 170 civil servants have been approved, with consultations ongoing on other possible PMGs, including in the health sector. There have also been recent discussions on how to improve the operations of the PMG based on experience to date. There has been little progress in implementing action planning under the Strategy for Phasing Out of Salary Supplementation. Greater and more timely support is needed from TWGs.

144. **Improve pay and employment conditions in the civil service** by developing and implementing: (a) a medium term strategy and action plan to enhance remuneration; and (b) a redeployment policy and action plan. Non-objection from the WB to the recruitment of technical assistance to undertake the consultancy was received in the week commencing 11 September. The policy work is a priority for completion in 2006.

145. **Design and implement an HRM policy and action plan** to improve merit and performance management by introducing an HRM Guide and further developing the Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) for the Civil Service. The draft HRM Policy Concept paper has been developed, as well as a draft HRM Manual. AusAID has provided funding for conducting further consultations within Government on the new policies and recruitment of the necessary staff is now underway. Extension of TA to support the HRMIS has just been approved by EC as part of its ISP project.

146. **Enhance service delivery** through developing a One Window Offices (OWOs) policy, legal framework and implementation plan, including establishment of at least 5 OWOs across Cambodia. A draft Anukret on OWOs has been prepared. Consultation within Government on the draft Anukret is ongoing. Arrangements for establishing a number of OWOs in Phnom Penh and Takeo are being readied for implementation, with French support.

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

147. **Within the framework of NSDP, sector ministries and agencies develop sector plans and prioritized results based programs, and a sector MTEF.** National Public Administration Reform Plan is in place. Governance Action Plan No 2 was approved by the Government in early 2006. CAR Work Plan is also in place. The CAR Secretariat has initiated the development of a medium term plan for public service reform to implement the NPAR.

148. **All sector plans and development programs/projects include an assessment of the existing capacity gaps and a capacity development plan to fill the gaps to achieve targeted development results.** CAR's Capacity Plan has been developed and is being implemented, with support from CIDA. Three development modules were delivered to CAR staff within the reporting period. A TA project is being developed to assist CAR in developing a capacity development policy for the Civil Service.

149. **Concerned TWGs develop an implement an action plan to strengthen the technical and policy capacity of relevant institutions to carry out environmental analysis and to enforce legislation.** This is a part of the CAR Capacity Plan.

150. **Development partners provide financial support for the application of MBPI/PMG schemes as an element of capacity development strategy.** This is envisaged by the Strategy on Phasing Out Of Salary Supplementation that is now being implemented. Active discussions are underway in the health sector.

Resource mobilization

151. The TWG reported that *resources to support the JMIs have yet to be fully deployed. Consultations are needed on the resources required to support implementation of the civil service policy framework in 2007 and beyond.*

TWG: Public Financial Management

TWG Action Plan

152. The TWG reported that there were 254 actions that had been planned to be implemented, and satisfactory progress has been reported on 218 actions (86%); 36 actions were reported to be behind schedule. The TWG reported three reasons for the delay:

- i. Extension of Platform 1 timeframe initially envisaged in 2004;
- ii. Some delayed activities are pending completion of pre requisite activities;
- iii. Delay in selection of technical assistance (negotiation process and approval taking longer time than expected).

153. TWG proposed the following recommendations:

- i. Prepare a list of delayed activities and their pre requisite activities and send to Coordination Group to take action.
- ii. Develop further effective TA selection and coordination.
- iii. DP is working to improve the approval process.

154. The following was reported as issues affecting the implementation of the Action Plan:

- i. Platform 1 is now envisaged to be completed by 2007. It should be noted that the initial timeframe was overly ambitious and the time taken for the ramping-up phase was unforeseen at the time of reform programming. The PFMRP is now however, progressing well with sufficient momentum and support. This provides reasonable assurance that the revised timeframe is appropriate.
- ii. Preparatory work for Action plans and time frames of the Platform 1 priority areas are completed. TWG will agree new CAP & PIs for 2007 at its next meeting.

Joint Monitoring Indicators

155. **MEF continues to implement the PFM reform program (complete stage 1/platform 1 and begin implementing the action plan for stage 2, and monitor impact through the agreed PFM Performance Management Framework/ Indicators—by end of 2006.**

- i. Summary of draft 2nd Quarter PFM PIs: Pro-rata and 2nd quarter results are encouraging.
- ii. The action plans to complete stage 1/ Platform 1 have been finalized and implemented (there are good progress in expenditure process streamlining and capacity development).
- iii. Revised Consolidated Action Plan (CAP) and Program Indicators for 2006 has been discussed and going to be finally agreed in the next TWG meeting. .

Implementation status of the H-A-R Action Plan

National Strategic Development Plan targets are achieved (Indicator # 1)

156. **Within the framework of NSDP, sector ministries and agencies develop sector plans and prioritized results-based programs, and a sector MTEF** (A.a.1). Public Financial Management Reform Program (PFMRP) is being implemented. In summary this is a fiscal affairs sector plan with incorporating a prioritized results-based program with a medium term combined sources budget. PFMRPs uses a "Platform Approach" to prioritization and results based programming. MEF's MTEF and Ministry Strategic Budget Framework (MSBF) are progressing well. MTEF and MSBF budget circular requirements provide the foundation for subsequent depending of MTEF/MSBF analysis. This will enable a better alignment of ministries' mandates and NSDP priorities with budgets in the 2008 Budget cycle and for improved linking of policy priorities to the budget in the 2009 Budget cycle.

157. **Based on prioritized programs of sector ministries/agencies, the three year rolling PIP is updated annually to feed into the national budget preparation process** (A.a.2). The PFMRP has a five year rolling budget that incorporates capital investment activities (e.g. FMIS) and investment in capacity development and technical assistance. 2007 Budget call circular requires Budget submissions to be based on the NSDP. Three year PIP by sector need to be provided in a format consistent with the new CoA and within the context of the MEF's MTEF Strategy and MSBF. Enhanced coordination between CDC and MEF/Budget Department is needed. The MEF is considering recommendations related to the enhancement to the CDC's database, including multi-year and multi-dimensional classification functions.

Development partners base their support on NSDP priorities and PIP (Indicator #3)

158. **Development partners review their country assistance strategies and policies to align their assistance with NSDP priorities and sector development plans** (B.1.a.1). PFM Development Partners contribute to development of joint assistance strategies and aligned assistance. The result is a Sector Wide Approach (SWAP) PFMRP. Pooled funds and coordinated country assistance strategies are key features. (See also A.a.1 above). Review of assistance strategies has been completed. This was conducted within the context of the SWAP based Public Financial Management and Accountability Project (PFMAP). This information fed into a joint review of the World Bank's country assistance strategy.

National public financial management and procurement systems that adhere to broadly accepted good practices (Indicator # 2)

159. **MEF continues to implement the PFM reform program with targeted capacity development support from development partners to strengthen its PFM and procurement systems based on international best practices** (B.1.a.2). Quarterly progress reports have been completed. (See also A.a.1 above) Enhancements to quarterly report format and scope are progressing well.

Increasing proportion of development assistance delivered through national institutions, systems and procedures. (Indicator #5)

160. **Mutually agreed framework agreed.** Result is the SWAP PFMRP. Negotiations on International Procurement Agent is near completion. A sector coordinated financial management and procurement supervision mission to occur in mid-October. The SWAP framework has produced a number of reliable assessments (CPAR, IFAPER, Joint Missions etc). RGC Procurement manual for external assisted projects is being followed. Procurement reform is a key aspect of the PFMRP. The vision of this reform is to have one procurement manual/law that applies to external assisted and government funded procurements. Similar approaches are planned in other aspects of PFM including budgeting and accounting reform. PRSO is supporting this approach.

Development partners release aid disbursements according to agreed schedules in annual or multi-year framework. (Indicator #7)

161. **Multi-year, combined sources** (trust fund donors, bilateral, multilateral and government) has budget developed. MEF is working on mainstreaming the administration of the multi-year budget and procurement planning process.

The number of parallel PIU/PMUs for day-to-day management and implementation of external funded projects and programs steadily reduced (Indicator #6)

162. **PFMRP PIU is fully integrated.** Government employees are managing the program within a SWAP and multi-year context.

Capacity development issues are addressed in the formulation of Sector Plans and ODA supported programs/projects with development partners' financial support to achieve targeted development results (Indicator#4)

163. **Initial capacity assessment** has been completed as part of PFMRP, Mult-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) and PFMAP assessments. Detailed capacity development strategy is progressing. Merit Based Pay Initiative (MBPI) has been implemented with encouraging results. Training and scholarship program is on track. Capacity enhancement of the MEF training institute (EFI) is progressing. Counterparts and capacity building duties have been specified in ToRs and contracts for consulting services. Funding of around \$12.5m (over 5 years) is provided for PFM training and capacity building provided through the SWAP-PFMAP, MDTF and Government Budget. This represents around 42% of overall project financing (including government contributions). The remaining amount is systems development and technical assistance.

Increasing proportion of ODA is delivered through Sector/thematic Programs, and other Program Based Approaches (Indicator #9)

164. **PBA=SWAP=PFMRP=Pooled funds** from multiple donors (MDTF and PFMAP) with additional direct coordinated bilateral and multilateral assistance. Partnership principles for PFMRP donors and development partner coordination mechanisms have been working well. Enhancement to coordination arrangements has been undertaken on an ongoing basis.

Steadily decreasing number of separate, duplicative donor missions and diagnostic reviews and studies (indicator # 10)

165. High level Economic and Sector Work (ESW), Analytical and Advisory Assistance (AAA) and supervision missions have developed within the project preparation and monitoring framework. Responsive and flexible systems are in place to adapt to changing circumstances. e.g. EITI/Oil revenue Management mission and forthcoming Financial Management and Procurement supervision mission coordinated with PFM development partners.

166. **Development partners successfully implement their Action plans to meet the commitments of the Paris Declaration.** Annual reports on PFM will be joint reports. These will feed into development partner country action plan reviews.

167. **Strengthened application of EIAs and “strategic environmental assessment” approaches at the sector and national levels.** MEF is considering establishing a working group to coordinate with relevant sectors. It is now awaiting consultation from lead agency. Possible areas for MEF contribution are: (i) specification of EIA requirements for new policy and new project proposals being brought forward by Ministers during the budget process (including mid-year reviews and ad-hoc spending submissions); (ii) provide comment on drafted policy and procedures, especially those with financial implications. MEF - Budget Department may consider providing training in understanding and interpreting EIAs.

168. **RGC's sector ministries and development partners adopt harmonized approaches to tackle cross-cutting issues, such as gender equality.** Cross-sectoral working groups have been established (e.g. Health, Education, MEF, DPs on Performance Indicator Review). EAP selection process is mindful of gender balance. MBPI monitoring includes gender balance review. Gender budgeting options are under review.

RGC and development partners use jointly agreed results-oriented reporting and assessment frameworks that have a manageable number of indicators to monitor progress against key dimensions of national and sector development strategies (Indicator #11)

169. PFMRP Performance Indicator set has been agreed, reviewed and enhanced through a SWAP context. PRSO and PFMRP frameworks are mutually reinforcing. SOPs and NOGs have been developed within the PFMRP context. Compliance is monitored and supported.

Development partners provide timely, transparent and comprehensive information on aid flows to the RGC (Indicator #12)

170. DIC database enhancement and automation are being prepared. CDC database enhancement is needed.

Resource mobilization

171. The TWG reported that it has been able to mobilize resources for the implementation of the Action Plan.

Annex**Report Submission Status of TWGs for 8th GDCC Meeting**

No.	Technical Working Groups	Received by GDCC Secretariat	Soft	Hard	Reporting Status			
					Action Plan	JMI	H-A-R Action Plan	Resource mobilization
1	Agriculture and Water	19-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Decentralization and De-concentration	18-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Education	20-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Fisheries	19-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Food Security and Nutrition	18-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
6	Forestry and Environment	18-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Gender	20-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Health	19-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	HIV/AIDs	19-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Infrastructure and Regional Integration	18-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓		
11	Land							
12	Legal and Judicial Reform	19-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Mine Action	18-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	No JMI	✓	✓
14	Partnership and Harmonization	19-09-2006	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Planning and Poverty Reduction	18-09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓		
16	Private Sector Development and Trade	20-09-2006	✓	✓		✓		
17	Public Administrative Reform	28.09-2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Public Financial Management	26-09-2006	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓