

Government-Donor Coordination Committee  
(17<sup>th</sup> GDCC) Meeting

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# Progress Report



## National Social Protection Strategy for the Poor and Vulnerable (NSPS)

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# Interim Working Group for Safety Nets – IWG/SSN

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## Royal Government of Cambodia

1. MOSAVY
2. MOLVT
3. MOWA
4. MOH
5. MOEYS
6. MRD
7. MOWRAM
8. MEF/SNEC
9. MOI
10. MOP
11. CARD

## Developing Partners:

1. ADB
2. AUSAID
3. GTZ
4. ILO
5. UNICEF
6. UNESCO
7. USAID
8. WFP
9. WHO
10. World Bank

# NSPS Objectives

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1. Address the basic needs of the poor and vulnerable in situations of emergency and crisis; (CMDGs 1, 9)
2. Reduce the poverty and vulnerability of children and mothers and enhance their human development; (CMDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
3. Address seasonal un- and underemployment and provide livelihood opportunities for the poor and vulnerable; (CMDG 1)
4. Promote affordable health care for the poor and vulnerable; (CMDGs 4, 5, 6)
5. Improve social protection for special vulnerable groups. (CMDGs 1, 6, 9)

# CDCF-3 Joint Statement

3 June 2010

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- Implementation of the Strategy will require scaling up of existing interventions, design of institutional arrangements and the introduction of new programmes to cover existing gaps.
- CARD is mandated to establish an interim coordination unit which will examine ways to establish well-resourced institutional capacities and systems. The NSDP's resourcing profile has identified the Strategy as a priority programme of the RGC.
- Over the next six months CARD will produce a costed action plan toward strengthening institutions and capacities, and will also prepare a costing of the National Social Protection Strategy. *(3 June 2010)*

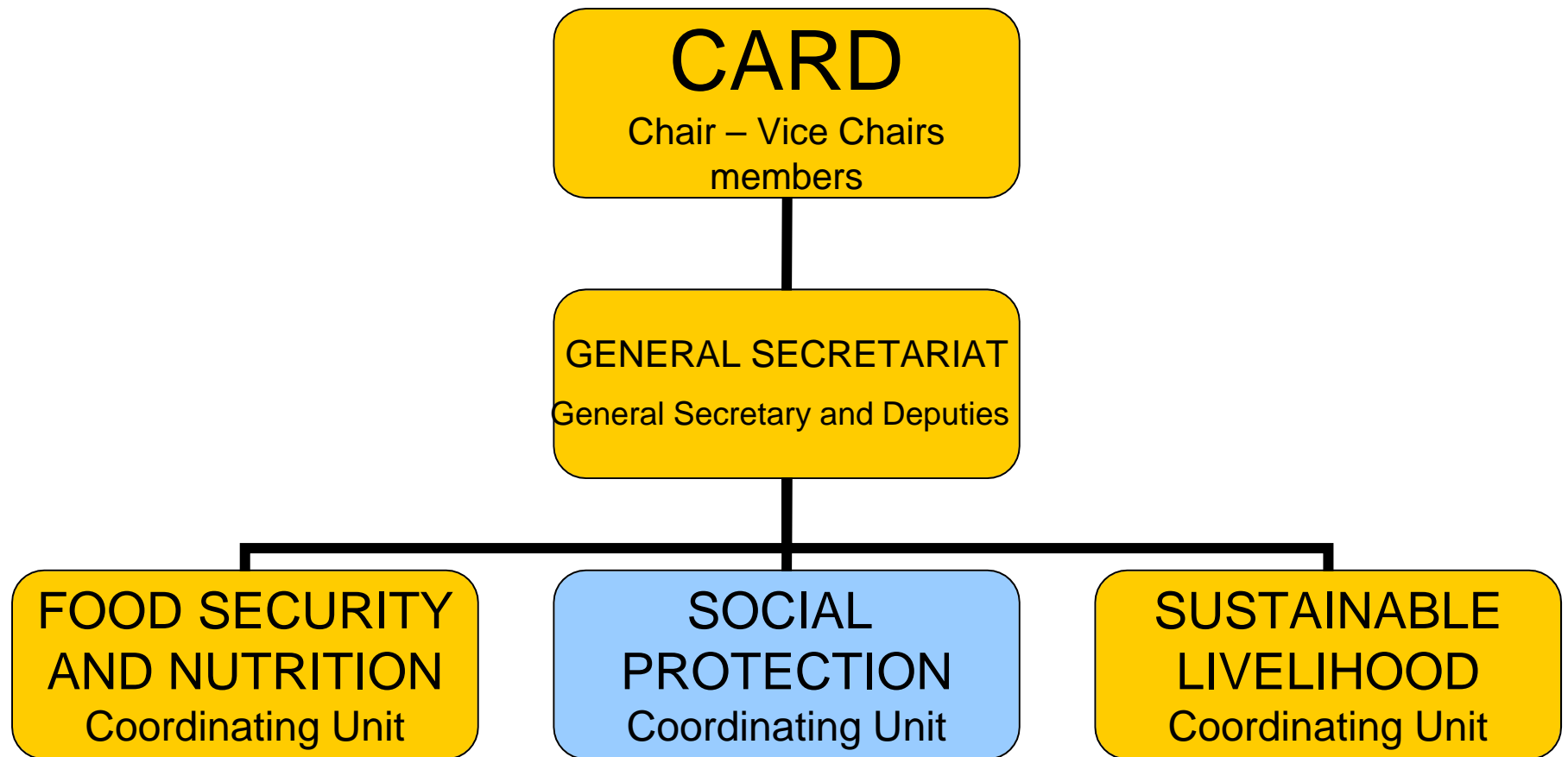
# Progress

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1. Establishment of CARD Coordination Unit
2. Approval of the draft NSPS
3. Enabling the Environment for Coordination on NSPS Implementation
4. NSPS Roadmap 2010-2012
5. Realignment and Harmonization (NSDP, NCDD/NP...)

# CARD - Social Protection Coordinating Unit (SPCU)

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# Progress to Date as of 18/10/10

## NSPS APPROVAL

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- ❑ Aug. 2010 - CARD submitted the NSPS to COM
- ❑ 12-13 Oct.2010 - “First Technical Meeting” was convened with RGC General Secretariat and Economic, Social and Cultural Committee (ECOSOC) and Council of Juristic
- ❑ After this “First Technical Meeting”, the Secretariat of RGC will call for
  - ❑ “Inter-Ministerial Meeting” and
  - ❑ “Pre-Full Ministerial Meeting” will be conducted. (?)....
- ❑ NSPS is expected to be approved shortly thereafter.

# 2010 WORK PLAN

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## **ACTIVITY**

## **TASKS**

1. Approval of the draft NSPS
2. Publication and Dissemination
3. Establishment of CARD Coordination Unit
4. Capacity Needs Assessment and Training Needs Assessment
5. Budgeting and Scheduling Training programs
6. Costings
7. Realignment and Harmonization (NSDP, NCDD/NP...)



# Roadmap Workshop (27 Sep-01 Oct)

## Purpose and objectives

- ▣ The **objective** of the exercise is to establish a shared roadmap for the next stages of implementation of the NSPS.
- ▣ The **purpose** of the exercise is to ensure coordination of the design and implementation of NSPS inputs and activities in ways that are complementary and re-enforce a shared and common orientation among RGC and DPs.

# Roadmap and Action Plan

National Social Protection Strategy presented at CDCF

CARD mandated to establish Social Protection Coordination Unit (SPCU)

Role of CARD-SPCU/Secretariat/ IWG clarified & communicated

Dialogue with line ministries starts

Start capacity / needs assessment

Start M&E Capacity  
e.g. Logframe, M&E training

Define 'alignment'.  
DPs start aligning

Agree procedure for costing with MEF

(Update) Inventory of SP Instruments

Logframe Workshop

Indicative costing

Links to line ministries formalised

Baseline established

Capacity assessments for scaling up and pilots

Costing for scaling up and pilots

Line ministries and SPCU share monitoring data

Monitoring starts

Design Pilots

Capacity Building / training in line ministries

Implement Pilots

Capacity Building / training at sub-national level

Scale-up existing programmes

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# Actions in immediate future

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- ▣ M&E capacity building for SPCU and line ministries
- ▣ Logframe workshop in near future in consultation with line ministries
- ▣ Update and upgrade inventory of current SP activities – we need to be clearer on the extent of coverage for planning
- ▣ IDPoor scaling up: improved process and tailoring of product to needs of programmes
- ▣ Identify SPCU functions that enable e.g. joint planning, coordination etc

# IDPoor

## (NSDP-Update 2009-2013)

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IDPoor is the key tool to support RGC and NGO and sector programme and projects of Communes Councils in TARGETING provision of services and assistance to the poor.

The IDPoor will also be an important component of a social safety net system in Cambodia.

*(MOP, CMDG 2010 Report, Final Draft p.5, 19 September, 2010)*

# Re-alignment and Harmonization

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- ❑ NSDP-Update 2009-2013
- ❑ National Program under D & D (NCDD)
- ❑ EFAP Phase 3 (MEF/SNEC)
- ❑ DPs New Country Assistance programs
- ❑ Other Reform agenda:
  - ❑ Private sector
  - ❑ Civil Society Organizations
  - ❑ Climate Change Adaptation

# Lessons Learned

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- ❑ **The transparent and participatory process of drafting the NSPS has proven very effective** during the preparation phase, giving government representatives at national and sub-national level, development partners, and civil society representatives the opportunity to explore in depth priorities and options for the strategy.
- ❑ An NSPS for Cambodia must comprise a mix of programs (by expanding current successful schemes and introducing new ones where gaps are identified) **that respond to existing crises, cover both chronic and transient poverty, and help promote human capital to prevent or mitigate the impact of future crises.**
- ❑ It was **constructive to integrate a set of objectives** having different time frames into a single NSPS, addressing long-, medium-, and short-term horizons.

# Challenges

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1. **Harmonization of existing social safety nets and their integration into larger scale national programs** as well as the development of standardized procedures, is expected to result in more efficiency and greater cost-effectiveness.
2. **Setting up principles for effective coordination and M & E mechanisms in the strategy** was essential but putting them into practice in the short term will be very challenging.
3. **Substantial human capacity development at both the national and decentralized levels** of government will be required to implement and monitor the NSPS in an effective, accountable, and transparent manner.

# The Way Forward: an action agenda for achieving the MDG by 2015

*(UN General Assembly Sixty-Fifth session Resolution: Keeping the Promise)*

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- 36. We resolve to promote and strengthen **national ownership and leadership of development**.
- 41. We call for increased efforts at all levels to enhance **policy coherence for development**.
- 51. We consider that promoting **universal access to social services and providing social protection floors** can make an important contribution to consolidating and achieving further development gains. Social protection systems that address and reduce inequality and social exclusion are essential for protecting the gains towards the achievement of the MDG



Let us work together to  
implement this important  
strategy



Thank you