

Discussion and Validation of Busan Survey on development effectiveness

Mr. Kim Lumangbopata, Office Chief of Policy Department, presented the draft report on the second round of Busan Monitoring Survey by highlighting the process and procedure of completing the exercise including data validation and reporting. This exercise was managed by CRDB/CDC with close collaboration and participation from development partners. Preliminary results on quantitative indicators (1, 5, 6 and 9b) and qualitative indicators (1, 2, 3, 7 and 8) were included in the Country Spreadsheet and shared to all DPs and TWGs for comments and revising before the validation meeting. Significantly, he briefly reported the key survey results that good progress was made in development effectiveness implementation; yet, it would need greater effort to maintain the results. 70% of total ODA made reference to the RGC results framework and 78% made some use of RGC monitoring systems. Aid predictability was accountable for 122% meaning that the actual ODA disbursements were greater than what DPs had planned. 94% of DPs provided some indication of their spending plans for the 2016-2018 period. Country system use increased significantly since the last survey (in 2013) to 49%. Much of this progress is due to loan-funded projects and use of the SOPs. Aid on budget remained consistent with previous survey result of 79%.

Mrs. Kristina Kuhnel, representative from Sweden Embassy, appreciated the usefulness of training on data validation conducted by CRDB/CDC, which aimed to support the Busan monitoring exercise. She encouraged other DPs to seek support from CRDB/CDC in order to complete and finalize exercise in appropriate way.

H.E Chair acknowledged all significant efforts and inputs made by the RGC, DPs, CSOs and private sector representatives for both survey quantitative and qualitative indicators. He informed the meeting that CRDB/CDC would welcome additional comments from all stakeholders after the meeting, and then the final Country Spreadsheet will be submitted to the Global Partnership Secretariat before the deadline of 31st March 2016.

Discussion of the Updated JMIs (2016-2018)

Ms. Ly Sokleap, National Professional, presented the need to update JMIs for 2016-2018 following by the summary of progress of the JMIs implementation that encouraging result was made but speed and depth varied across priority areas. TWGs were then suggested for revision of their JMIs outputs and output indicators for the next two years (2016-2018).

- **Representatives from TWG-Education, TWG-social protection, and Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC)** altogether concerned about timeframe on revising output and output indicators of the JMIs while most of line ministries/agencies were preparing for their own sector policies review, NSDP mid-

term review, and SDGs localization. They suggested that there should have clear timeframe (schedule) where different stakeholders could engage and deadline for the revision should be at least at the end of 2016.

- **Representatives from EU, UN, and Sweden** supported to extend timeframe of revisiting JMIs output and output indicators due to their tight schedule in ministries/agencies. The reason was to allow the NSDP MTR to take place and for SDG localization to begin so that new outputs can be identified.

H.E Chair agreed with the concerns raised by DPs and TWGs that timeframe for JMIs adjustment should be discussed at the next P&H-TWG meeting which planned to be conducted in either September or October 2016.

Review on the new TWG Guideline

Ms. Ly Sokleap presented the progress of TWG Guideline implementation since the adoption of TWG Guideline in TWG Network Retreat on October last year. The Guideline was endorsed by the Prime Minister in early 2015. There were new three changes in the Guideline such as accountability line in which TWGs would be accountable for host ministries, the six core functions would need to be strengthened, and the focus of composition of TWG memberships. P&H TWG members were invited to discuss the progress and next steps at TWG level in order to review working arrangements and identify any improved practices.

- **Representative from CCC** concerned with composition of each TWG and a key TWG role and performance with policy dialogue. He suggested that the implementation of Guideline would ensure inclusive partnership of TWG working mechanisms and process with encouraging CSOs and private sector engagement.
- **Representative from Mine Action** shared experience of TWG Guideline implementation in the last three months. He argued the Guideline did not work well in term of the scope of work, especially the six functional areas. There would need a further discussion on Guideline implementation. He also identified that the composition of the TWG need to be revised to ensure all stakeholders can buy in the TWG working process.
- **Co-lead facilitator of TWG-Fishery** suggested, in regard to the use of country system, that creating of procurement sub group would be helpful in some TWGs in order to accelerate the country system use strengthening.

H.E Chair responded that CRDB/CDC will continue to provide technical support to all TWGs, mainly through TWG Network Retreat, where TWG performance issues can be addressed and

discussed. He also agreed on the idea of creating procurement sub group in TWGs if necessary.

Discussion on the Draft Concept Papers on 2016 Development Cooperation Report and Development Finance Assessment

Ms. Chi Polydeth, Policy Officer of CRDB/CDC, gave an informative presentation on the Concept Papers of two analytical works on Development Cooperation Report and Development Finance Assessment which will be undertaken by CRDB/CDC during quarter two of 2016. On the concept note of the 2016 Cambodia Effectiveness Development Cooperation and Partnerships Report, she highlighted key outlines of the report which aim to track the progress in development partnerships and provide evidence-based analysis of trends in development cooperation for 2015 to support the implementation of the Rectangular Strategy Phase III and the NSDP (2014-2018). The concept note of Development Finance Assessment informed the wider trend analysis in available diverse development finance flows in Cambodia to support current Cambodia's development status – LMIC and Industrial Development Policy.

- **JICA representative** supported CRDB's initiative of conducting a study on Development Finance as it is significant for Cambodia to diversify the source of development finance as means for SDG implementation. He suggested that the report would take a look on the correlation or synergy among financial resources, instead of focusing only on the individual financial resource.
- **Representative from ADB** acknowledged the development cooperation report was comprehensive since it touched more on quantitative aspect of financial flow. He suggested the report should include qualitative aspects such as the effectiveness of ODA and institutional arrangement which would give more value addition to the analysis. With regard to the DFA, he supported the idea of looking broader in business environment and infrastructure to leverage more private sector investment.

The Chair responded that development cooperation report will reflect only on the aspect of the effectiveness of ODA but for the study on DFA will take into account the inclusive comments and issues that has been raised. He acknowledged that DFA is a new study to Cambodia, which would be complicated and require strong collaboration.

Other Business

a. NSDP (2014-2018) Mid-Term Review

H.E Theng Pagnathun, Director General of MoP, provided an update on the arrangements for the NSDP Mid-Term Review. He highlighted that this review aimed to ensure the progress of the NSDP (2014-2018) implementation. Results of RGC priority achievement would need to be assessed against the relevant targets and indicators outlined in the NSDP monitoring

framework. He also informed the meeting that, MoP will send a format of the review report to all line ministries/agencies attached with guideline in mid April 2016. The discussion on draft mid-term review report will start from June till November 2016. Final report will expect to be approved by Cabinet Meeting in January 2017.

b. SDGs Localization

H.E Pagnathun also informed that Samdech Prime Minister delegated authority to MoP as a leading and facilitating agency in the process of localization of SDGs through an inclusive consultative process with all stakeholders at national and sub-national level. Pre-localization was conducted in November 2015 after the endorsement of SDGs in UN General Assembly in September 2015. Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) expected to be endorsed in mid-2017. A remaining agenda from CMDGs, Mine Clearance Goal, will be added into CSDGs.

- **Representative from Education** suggested that measurable and applicable targets and indicators from SDGs should be included in NSDP after mid-term review. Based on experience from MDGs localization, it was time consuming to adopt goals and indicators into national development agenda.
- **H.E Pagnathun** clarified that NSDP goals and targets were mainly derived from Rectangular Strategy which was consistent with the RGC's development agenda in terms of framework and timeframe. It would need a further room of discussion in integrating SDG indicators into the NSDP monitoring framework.

c. Capacity Development – Findings of a Study

Mr. Philip, Senior Advisor to CRDB/CDC, gave a presentation on the findings of a study "Reforming the Hand that Feeds You", undertaken in mid-2014 by the German Development Institute on behalf of the Busan development results initiative. The study actually analyzed the policies and priorities of the governments of Cambodia and Malawi with respect to capacity development support. A number of recommendations were made to promote more effective and sustainable capacity development support in Cambodia and Malawi.

- **UNDP representative** acknowledged overall RGC capacity development in the areas of economic development by emphasizing the fast tracking economic growth around 7 percent per year and significant involvement of private sector in development cooperation.

Closing remarks

H.E Chair thanked to all participants who joint and provided fruitful comments to the meeting significantly to those who provided useful inputs to the 2nd Round Busan on Development Effectiveness Report.

Secondly, he suggested all TWGs to update their new JMIs for 2016-2018, as well as to continue implement the existing JMIs till the next meeting discussion in September or October 2016. Also, TWGs were asked to strengthen the new TWG Guideline implementation. He then informed the meeting that, the 2016 Cambodia Effective Development Cooperation Report and the Development Finance Assessment will be led by CRDB/CDC in a very near future. The next P&H-TWG meeting will discuss the draft findings of these particular analytical works.

The meeting was adjourned around 6:45 pm.

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