



Development Cooperation & Partnerships Strategy

Partnering and dialogue mechanisms

TWG Network Retreat
25-26 March 2013



Key Findings & Summary on Partnership and Dialogue Mechanism

- Major Achievements

- TWGs developed partnership principles
- Sub-group established
- Regular Meeting
- Issues solving, venue for discussion of sector work
- Firm commitment and leadership to success
- GCDD and CDCF: mechanism for discussion at the policy level, development finance and ensuring mutual accountability (JMIs)

- Key Issues/Challenges

- Capacity to exercise ownership and leadership, frequent turn-over staff
- Inter-agency coordination, cross-sectoral dialogue
- Link to the work of ministry
- Multi-stakeholder environment
- Overloaded agenda and formality of the meeting (DGCC), less interactive discussion and timing



Conclusion

- High degree of support for the existing structure (TWGs-GDCC-CDCF) with some exceptions
- Identify areas for improvement or strengthening
- Better link between national, sector and project levels and link to major reform programmes



Principles for effective partnering

1. Results focus must inform the agenda for dialogue
2. Consistency between the 3 levels in results and dialogue/agenda:
 - High-level policy dialogue - NSDP (CDF)
 - Annual progress review & monitoring – NSDP – JMIs (5years) (GDCC/G-NGO)
 - Technical dialogue (TWGs)
3. Attention to improved partnering skills is still required: developing trust, open dialogue, and a balance of formal and informal approaches



Make the new arrangements effective

1. TWGs are requested to review their structure and future role
2. Partnership Principles and TORs to be reviewed and revised to ensure relevant focus and working practices.
3. Annual results meeting for TWGs / sector groups
4. TWGs (or successor groups) required to establish an informal core group that complements the larger, formal arrangement
5. GDCC meets annually. Lead DP (and other DP) meet with Chair and Secretariat for quarterly follow-up.
6. “Second tier” also includes G-PS and NGO dialogue
7. CDF is a forum for all partners to address national development progress and challenges (not for discussing aid-related issues).



Proposed dialogue arrangements

<p>High-level dialogue</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cambodia Development Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting annually, bringing together RGC, DPs, PS & NGOs • High-level meeting on national development: priorities, progress, challenges, financing • Ensuring feedback and consistency in dialogue at lower levels 			
<p>Policy dialogue & policy review</p>	<p>Government-Private Sector Forum Meeting annually</p>	<p>Government-NGO Consultation Meeting Meeting annually, focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGO role in supporting service delivery • Partnering to promote welfare of the people <p>Includes general discussion & sector focus</p>	<p>Government-Development Partner Coordination Committee Meeting annually, focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSDP progress • JMIs • Public sector reforms • Cross-sector issues 	<p>Bilateral RGC-DP consultations</p> <p>Continues as per current arrangements under coordination of MEF or CDC.</p> <p>Improved use of annual bilateral country programme reviews will complement multi-stakeholder dialogue and ensure DPs are aligned to respective results frameworks of priority programmes under their support.</p>
<p>Technical discussion & information sharing</p>	<p>Comprises 8 sub-groups responsible for coordinating among private sector</p> <p>DP coordination through:</p> <p>(i) RGC Steering Committee on PSD</p> <p>(ii) Cambodia Chamber of Commerce (secretariat to G-PSF)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NGOs active in TWGs - Principal NGO focal points are responsible for coordinating among NGOs prior to the annual meeting (e.g. pre-meeting, setting up agenda, etc.) 	<p>Technical Working Groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministries/Councils with committees (PFM, PAR, HIV/AIDS, NCDD, climate change) replace TWG with task-specific sub-groups and annual review meeting. 2. Other TWGs confirm future role and format. May select option 1. All TWGs to hold an annual results meeting and establish informal consultation group. 3. TWG members identify resource needs and funding sources for secretariat. 	