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FOREWORD

The publication of this report is part of the response of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) to the request of the United Nations system requested by 65/234 — Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 - to member states to undertake the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Review to assess implementation of the Program of Action (POA) at country, regional and global levels.

The objective of this report is mainly to identify progress and achievements towards the goals set out in the landmark ICPD, as well as the constraints faced therein in the implementation of the Programme of Action at national and sub-national levels. Since the adoption of the Programme of Action (PoA) of the ICPD in 1994, the RGC is deeply committed to achieving inclusive economic growth, fully integrating the country into the ASEAN, graduating the country from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Status, and also achieving social development targets, including the Cambodia Millennium Development Goals (CMDGs). The achievements included a great deal on many prioritized areas aspects: Public Health including Reproductive Health and Family Planning, Sanitation, HIV and AIDS, Youth Development, Agriculture and Food Security, Irrigation and Water Development, Education, Science and Technology, Transport Infrastructure, Climate Change, Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Rural Development, Energy, Mining and Industrial Development.

As to the ICPD review in 2013, the Government demonstrated that Cambodia had made significant progress in adopting and implementing national development policies and key sectoral strategies to achieve better development results, focusing on the realization of human rights, being guided by human rights standards and principles; strengthening efforts to improve gender equality, equity and women's empowerment; addressing adolescent reproductive health; forging new partnerships with civil society and the private sector and promoting integration of population dynamics and trends into development planning and policymaking.

Due to the fact that the fertility and mortality levels have come down substantially, the country at present is going through a phase of rapid demographic transition and this has opened up the demographic window of opportunity wherein a large number of youth are of the working ages and getting ready to enter the labour market to lead further economic development. As a result, income inequality is reducing, people are earning more and living better compared to what they did a few years back.

Taking cognizance of the impacts of population dynamics, reproductive health and gender on poverty, the RGC will seek to further strive to improve the quality of people's standard of living in the country through the next National Strategic

Development Plan 2014-2018, and as part of an effort to strive for full implementation of ICPD beyond 2014.

The Government believes that the successful implementation of the key priority areas will have positive implications on the achievement of the ICPD PoA and other pertinent development indicators. Stakeholders engaged in development activities in various sectors of the economy will be pleased to see the impacts of their efforts through this report. 



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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADB	: Asian Development Bank
AIDS	: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
CARD	: Council for Agriculture and Rural Development
CDHS	: Cambodia Demographic Health Survey
CDRI	: Cambodia Development Resource Institute
CEDAW	: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CMDGs	: Cambodia Millennium Development Goals
CPR	: Contraceptive Prevalence Rate
CSES	: Cambodia Socio-Economic Survey
DP	: Development Partners
EmONC	: Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
FTI	: Fast Track Road Map for Reducing Maternal and Newborn Mortality
GDCC	: Government-Donor Coordination Committee
GDP	: Gross Domestic Products
GMAG	: Gender Mainstreaming Action Groups
GMAP	: Gender Mainstreaming Action Plan
ICPD	: International Conference on Population and Development
IUD	: Intra Uterine Device
KAP	: Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice
MDGs	: Millennium Development Goals
MMR	: Maternal Mortality Rate
MoH	: Ministry of Health
MoLVT	: Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training
MoP	: Ministry of Planning
MoSAVY	: Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans, and Youth Rehabilitation
MoWA	: Ministry of Women's Affairs
NAPVAW	: National Action Plan to Prevent Violence against Women
NCHADS	: National Centre for HIV/AIDS Dermatology and STDs
NCPD	: National Committee for Population and Development
NPRS	: National Poverty Reduction Strategy
NMCHC	: National Maternal and Child Health Center
NPP	: National Population Policy
NRHP	: National Reproductive Health Programme

NSDP	: National Strategic Development Plan
PRK	: People's Republic of Kampuchea
PoA	: Programme of Action
RGC	: Royal Government of Cambodia
RMCH	: Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health
STI	: Sexually Transmitted Infection
TFR	: Total Fertility Rate
UFNSK	: United Front for National Salvation of Kampuchea
UNAIDS	: United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS
UNAMIC	: United Nations Advance Mission In Cambodia
UNDP	: United Nations Development Programme UNFPA Population Fund
UNTAC	: United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

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