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INTEGRATION OF DEMOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVES
IN DEVELOPMENT, CAMBODIA

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FOREWORD

The Royal Government of Cambodia has made substantial progress on its social and economic front in the past decade. The fertility and mortality levels have come down substantially and there have been good progress on the social and economic fronts though more efforts to improve the nutritional status of children is to be done. Furthermore, the country has witnessed unprecedented youth migration for employment from rural to rural areas and urban to urban areas with majority of migrants reaching the Capital City of Phnom Penh, as the final place of destination. Though the migrants have ended up with jobs and unemployment rates have been kept in check, there is still more to be done.

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 or are already in. The situation is not forever and is therefore important for creating conducive environment wherein the potential of youth force is nurtured. In other words, newer and emerging demographic challenges that impact the development processes have also opened up opportunities that have to be tapped.

As demographic dynamics cut across development sectors and is multi-dimensional, integration of demographic consequences into development planning has been emphasized and strategic directions in terms of infrastructure expansion and development, managing urbanization, expansion of agriculture and allied activities and social investments and human capital formation have been proposed. I am sure that the policy and programmatic directions suggested in this paper will form an important ingredient while perspective planning for sectors are taken up and pave way for speeding the social and the economic development of the country.

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ACRONYMS

ANC	Antenatal Care
ARI	Acute Respiratory Infection
CDHS	Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey
CIPS	Cambodia Inter-Censal Population Survey
CMDGs	Cambodia Millennium Development Goals
CRUMP	Cambodian Rural Urban Migration Project
CSES	Cambodia Socio-Economic Survey
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GII	Gender Inequality Index
HDI	Human Development Index
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ICPD-PoA	International Conference on Population and Development-Plan of Action
IMR	Infant Mortality Rate
IUD	Intrauterine Device
LAMDP	Land Administration, Management and Distribution Programme
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MIPAA	Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
MMR	Maternal Mortality Rate
MoEF	Ministry of Economy and Finance
MoEYS	Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoP	Ministry of Planning
MoSAVY	Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation
NCPD	National Committee for Population and Development
NIS	National Institute of Statistics
NSDP	National Strategic Development Plans
OECD	Office of Economic Cooperation and Development
RGC	Royal Government of Cambodia
RTI/STI	Reproductive Tract Infections/Sexually Transmitted Infections
SEZ	Special Economic Zones
SIGI	Social Institution and Gender Index
TFR	Total Fertility Rate
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WHO	World Health Organization

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