

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Cambodia Socio-Economic Survey 2009**

### **Release of the Statistical Results of Cambodia Socio Economic Survey 2009**

*Phnom Penh 20 October 2010:* Today, H.E. CHHAY THAN, Senior Minister, Minister of the Ministry of Planning presides over to release the statistical results of Cambodia Socio Economic Survey 2009 at 0800 hours at Hotel Phnom Penh.

The results of Cambodia Socio Economic Survey (CSES) 2009 show that the Cambodia population has been estimated by 13.9 million over the last 5 years from 12.6 million in 2004. The male population is estimated at 6.8 million and female population is 7.1 million. The total estimated households living in Cambodia is estimated at 2.9 million, out of these households, there are 0.5 million living in the urban areas.

It is observed that in 2009 the percentage of households in Cambodia having access to improved drinking water sources is about 45 percent in wet season and 52 percent in dry season. For improved toilet facilities, the percentage of households having access to is approximately 35 percent.

The labour force, aged 15-64 years, in Cambodia was estimated to about 7.5 million in 2009. The labour force participation rate (the labour force in relation to the working age population) was about 84 percent for both sexes, about 80 percent for women and 89 percent for men.

The literate rate in the population 7 years and over was estimated to 73 percent in 2009, about 67 percent of women and 79 percent of men. About 81 percent of the Cambodian children, aged 6-11 years, were attending primary school in 2009.

Through the antenatal care, the percent distribution of women living with children under 5 years olds have attended antenatal care at least once during pregnancy for the most recent births is about 82 percent, and the percent distribution among last-born children 0-23 months is about 98 percent having received initial breastfeeding.

The results from the Cambodia Socio Economic Survey 2009 will serve as essential instruments to assist the Royal Government in diagnosing the problems and designing the most effective policies for reducing poverty and in evaluating the progress of poverty reduction which are the main priorities in “Rectangular Strategy” especially related to MDG and NSDP of the Royal Government of Cambodia.

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