

### **MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

# MONITORING AND EVALUATION FOR NSDP IMPLEMENTATION SYSTEM (MENI) ORIENTATION GUIDELINES

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#### **PREFACE**

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has prepared a National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) 2014-2018 under the leadership of the Ministry of Planning (MOP) and the collaboration of all other national stakeholders. Several initiatives have been launched to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the NDSP. Chapter 6 of this document sets up the initial framework for the national Monitoring &Evaluation (M&E) System. A MOP Prakas (2012) required setting up a national system for M&E of the NSDP implementation at national and sub-national levels. A National Working Group on M&E (NWGM&E) of the NSDP was set since 2012 as a coordination mechanism for the system.

The MOP has expressed the need for support to design and operationalize the M&E system of NSDP implementation. With the support of UNICEF and UNFPA, it has decided to conduct the consultancy "Contract for National Guidelines and System for M&E of the NSDP Implementation" to support the M&E system strengthening process for the RGC. This consultancy had two main objectives: (1) to conduct a participatory diagnostic of the existing M&E system for NSDP implementation; and (2) to propose orientation guidelines for the design and operationalization of this system. The MOP also decided that this system was also to respond to monitoring and evaluation needs of the Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs).

The diagnostic of the system has been conducted from March to July 2015 and led to the production of a report published by MOP in July 2015 and entitled "Summary Assessment of the M&E system for NSDP Implementation". The design of orientation guidelines started in July 2015 and culminated in an inter-ministerial meeting, which validated the draft orientation guidelines on August 25, 2015. The current document presents those validated orientation guidelines, which will enable to update the preliminary medium term action plan and yearly work plan that have been elaborated on the basis of the diagnostic.

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#### **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

A4R Assessing for Results
BSP Budget Strategic Plan

CDC Council for the Development of Cambodia

COM Council of Ministers

CRDB Cambodia Rehabilitation and Development Board

CSDGs Cambodian Sustainable Development Goals

GDP General Directorate of Planning
GIS Geographical Information Systems

IRS Indicator Reference sheet
JMI Joint Monitoring Indicators
KPI Key Performance Indicator

LMs-LAs Line Ministries – Line Agencies

M4R Monitoring for Results

MAFF Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry

M&E Monitoring and Evaluation

MEF Ministry of Economy and Finance

MENI M&E system for NSDP Implementation

MENIIS MENI Information system

MIS Management Information System

MOP Ministry of Planning

MPNs Major programs contributing directly to the strategic orientations of the

**NSDP** 

NIS National Institute of Statistics

NWGM&E National Working Group on M&E of NSDP implementation

NSDP National Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018

OCM Office of Council Ministers

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

PIP Public Investment Program

PIRS Performance Indicator Reference Sheets
PMF Performance Measurement Framework

PFMRP Public Financial Management Reform Program

RBM Results Based Management
RGC Royal Government of Cambodia

RIM Results Indicator Matrix

CSDGs Cambodian Sustainable Development Goals

TOC Theory of Change TOR Term of Reference

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

UNFPA United Nations Fund for Population Activities

VOPE Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation



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