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FOREWORD

It is my pleasure to provide the foreword to this report, entitled, "Ageing and Migration in Cambodia: A Cambodia Rural Urban Migration Project Series Report". This report paper is another example of one of the most comprehensive research projects undertaken by the Ministry of Planning. The work was conducted through a remarkable collaboration that involved General Directorate of Planning, Ministry of Planning of the Royal Government of Cambodia, the UNFPA, and University of California, San Francisco, USA. An enormous effort took place to assure that the report was of the high quality. The result, presented in this report, is valuable information that data users within institutions of the Royal Government of Cambodia and Non Government Organisations can use for the formulation of development policies, in particular elderly policies aiming at achieving the betterment of Cambodian society.

In order to achieve this goal, a concern action plan is that there is a need to carefully examine the well-beings of the elders resulting from migration out of rural households. Although Cambodia is not frequently thought of as an ageing country, evidence shows that over the next few decades the country will start to age. The research team has accomplished this task in an efficient manner and has produced a report that will be a valuable contribution not just for the country of Cambodia but for reference for other countries that are facing high rates of migration and upcoming ageing society. This investigation will enable us to prioritize programs and an overall strategy to meet the challenge of rapid adult migration.

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I proudly present this report as an example of what can be accomplished through collaboration, teamwork, and partnership that extends across entities. 

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