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This report does not contain an EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.

An overview of the project and the main findings can be found in CHAPTER 6.

FOREWORD

It is my pleasure to provide the foreword to this report, entitled, "Migration in Cambodia: Report of the Cambodian Rural Urban Migration Project." This project, which uses the acronym CRUMP, is an example of one of the most comprehensive research projects undertaken by the Ministry of Planning. CRUMP involved an eighteen month undertaking, thorough planning and implementation, sophisticated analysis and careful writing. The work was conducted through a remarkable collaboration that involved the Ministry of Planning of the Royal Government of Cambodia, the UNFPA and Professor Zachary Zimmer from University of California, San Francisco, USA. An enormous effort took place to assure that the survey conducted for this project was of the high quality. The methodology and techniques that were applied to the CRUMP project are of the high quality and allow for us to drawn upon the data and results for follow-up study of migration. The result, presented in this report, is valuable information that data users within institutions of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and Non Government Organisations (NGOs) can use for the formulation of development policies aiming at achieving the betterment of Cambodian society.

Over the last two decades, migration to the city of Phnom Penh has been rapid. Cambodians have seen their capital grow by leaps and bounds every year. The growth accelerated in more recent years. We now boast a very vibrant and energetic capital city, with tremendous amenities. But, there is a need to carefully examine migrants coming into Phnom Penh to assure that their wellbeing is maintained as the city continues to develop. In addition, there is a need to carefully examine rural areas around the country from where migrants originate, and to investigate the impact of migration out of rural Cambodia to all other destinations. It is only through careful study that we will be able to prioritize programs and an overall strategy to meet the challenge of rapid migration. CRUMP 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.

On behalf of the Ministry of Planning (MOP), I would like to thank the significant intellectual and technical contribution made by Professor Zachary Zimmer from University of California, San Francisco, USA who helped guide the research and the production of this report and worked tirelessly and diligently to assure a successful project. I would also like to acknowledge my appreciation of the financial support provided by UNFPA, allowing CRUMP to meet the high standards and assuring that the results would be nationally representative. I thank the members of the CRUMP research team who worked cooperatively throughout this project.

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

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