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Users and their Needs Cambodia's Experience

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Legal Provisions

- Statistic Law 2015 governs all matters relating to the collection, processing, compilation, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical data in the Kingdom of Cambodia
- The Statistics Law includes provisions to ensure that the statistical requirements of government policy makers are met, as well as the requirements of decision-makers and researchers in the broader national and international communities
- It also provides for the enhancement of public awareness regarding the importance of the role and function of statistics in national development programs
- In the context of this Law, the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) is the
 official national statistical institution, with responsibility for establishing,
 leading and coordinating an integrated national statistical system in order
 to address the statistical requirements of all users

Key Enablers to Increasing User Needs

- Cambodia's strategic planning framework is performance-based and includes its long-term Vision 2050, the Rectangular Strategy for Growth, Employment, Equity and Efficiency (Phase IV), and the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) 2019-2023
- The importance of national statistics in responding to development processes arising from NSDP, national SDG and SDG
- In this context, National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) 2019-2023, including user engagement strategy has been developed and its sets out a framework for the institutionalization of user-producer relationships in a systematic way and lays out the means of engagement to facilitate interactions with different user groups

Key Means of Engagement

- We engages with our users during all stages of our work through various means, for example:
 - Consultation workshop with line ministries and development partners on reviewing and updating questionnaire for conducting national sample surveys, e.g. Demographic and Health Survey 2020, Household Socio-Economic Survey 2019, and Labor Force Survey 2019
 - Training workshop of users in statistics and data literacy—statistical concepts, definitions, method of computation, and data analysis for SDG indicators, using the existing surveys data

Key Means of Engagement Users (2)

- We engages with our users during all stages of our work through various means, for example:
 - Working Group for Data for Development, which is a multistakeholder working group convene regular meetings (every three months) to coordinate the production and dissemination of data and statistics and served as the platform for mobilizing financing and supporting technical resources for statistics
 - National Reporting Platform (CAMSTAT)—served as central data reporting and dissemination platform to increase outreach and facilitate two-way communication with users; make statistics available to users through modern channels, primarily through CAMSTAT and databases and platforms of line ministries

Key Leaning Points

- The importance of develop processes and procedures to support statistics production
- Develop approaches and mechanisms for better data analysis, data reporting and exchanging
- Strengthening coordination role between NIS and line miniseries through develop data sharing protocols and guidelines
- Capacity development through statistical literacy training and user guides

Key Leaning Points (2)

- Data Ecosystem to assess SDG and other indicators availability, together with data exchange capacities across the NSS to further enable compilation and dissemination
- Capacity development using community tools that support standards-first approaches
- Coordinate line ministries/agencies to align on tools and standards

Thank you!