

National Conference on Nutrition
Phnom Penh, March 3-4, 2015
Declaration on Nutrition

We, the Royal Government of Cambodia, Development Partners, Civil Societies and Private Sectors assembled for the National Conference on Nutrition in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on March 3-4, 2015, jointly organized by the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development, USAID Cambodia, UNICEF Cambodia, FAO Cambodia, and WFP Cambodia, declare that the elimination of malnutrition, in all its forms, is a goal for the Cambodian people because of the central role it plays in health, and in the development of individuals, communities, and the nation. To this end, we:

1. Acknowledge the improvements in health and mortality in recent years in Cambodia, as well as the continued need to address high rates of malnutrition, in support of the World Health Assembly targets for stunting, anemia, low birth weight, child overweight, exclusive breastfeeding for six months, and childhood wasting to be achieved by 2025;

2. Affirm the key recommendations of the Framework for Action on Nutrition, endorsed by 164 countries during the Second International Conference on Nutrition held in Rome, Italy, November 19-21, 2014;

3. Reaffirm the recommendations made by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo **Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia at the launches of the National Food Security and Nutrition Strategy on August 18, 2014 and continue to promote the National Nutrition Day to be held annually on November 6, as stated in the government directive No. 1317 Sor Chor Nor, dated 12th September 2014;

4. Ensure to mainstream the profile of nutrition within relevant national and sub-national strategies, policies, action plans and programs;

5. Acknowledge the multi-dimensional root causes of malnutrition, and the subsequent need for engagement and action by the Ministries of Planning; Industry and Handicrafts; Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries; Water Resources and Meteorology; Health; Rural Development; Environment; Information; Education Youth and Sports; Women's Affairs; Commerce; Interior; Economy and Finance; sub-national level authorities; local communities, as well as the support of the relevant commissions in the National Assembly, in order to fully address the complex and cross-cutting nature of nutrition;

6. Encouraging the private sectors to engage in the dialogue, investment and implementation of the policies, strategies, and guidelines of the government for improving nutrition in Cambodia;

7. Mobilize and allocate the necessary financial and human resources to advance nutritional goals, including costing, investment plan, and the development of a Fast Track initiative through line ministries and development partners, in coordination with the Council of Agricultural and Rural Development, Ministry of Economy and Finance, and sub-national authorities;

8. Affirm that International Cooperation and Official Development Assistance for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) should support and complement national nutrition strategies, policies and programs, as appropriate;

9. Commit to develop, implement, enforce and monitor policies, strategies, programs, and initiatives for addressing the multiple causes of malnutrition throughout the life cycle, with particular focus on the first 1,000 days.