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## Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers To

- His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development
- His Excellency Senior Minister, Minister of Planning
- His Excellency Senior Minister, Minister of Industry and Handicrafts
- His Excellency Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- His Excellency Minister of Water Resources and Meteorology
- His Excellency Minister of Health
- His Excellency Minister of Rural Development
- His Excellency Minister of Environment
- His Excellency Minister of Education, Youth and Sports
- His Excellency Minister of Information
- Subject: Directive on the eight-recommendations of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo
  Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia during Dissemination
  Workshop on National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition 2014-2018 in
  August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- **Reference:** Respectful annotations of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo **Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

As mentioned in the above subject and reference, the Office of the Council of Ministers would like to inform Excellencies that: in order to strengthen the implementation of the National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition 2014-2018 and in the purpose of strengthening coordination collaboration with ministries-institutions, national and international organizations more effective, and ensuring success, the Royal Government of Cambodia would like the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development and relevant Ministries to focus on the key tasks as following:

1<sup>st</sup>, the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development has to effectively coordinate the implementation of projects and programs related to food security and nutrition based on priorities laid out in the **national strategy for food security and nutrition** and to ensure the strategy's harmony with other programs as well as maximum contribution from development partners.

**2**<sup>*nd*</sup>, ministries-organizations related to food security and nutrition sector have to develop a clear action plan to implement priorities stated in the strategy.

**3**<sup>rd</sup>, it is necessary to develop a monitoring and evaluation program and a reporting mechanism to ensure the effective implementation of this strategy and further improve programs/policies for more effective intervention.

**4**<sup>th</sup>, related ministries-institutions, development partners, civil society organizations and private sector must continue the joint effort to change the attitude and habit of the people by educating the public that breastfeeding is the best choice and more healthy than infant formula and creating baby care communities and hospitals across the country.

*5<sup>th</sup>*, the Council of Agricultural and Rural Development shall collaborate with relevant ministries-institutions to organize the national nutrition day which will be annually held on 6<sup>th</sup> November to raise public awareness on nutrition in conjunction with the World Nutrition Day.

**6**<sup>th</sup>, all ministries-institutions in charge of food safety must step up collaboration to ensure that imported and domestically-produced food is safe and of high quality standard to protect the health of the public, especially infants from diseases and malnutrition.

**7**<sup>th</sup>, Have to further promote rural water supply, the construction and use of toilet in schools, health centers, markets, and parks as well as hygienic living through cleaning hands with soap to reduce diseases caused by the use of unclean water and unhygienic living-condition which is also an important contribution to maternal and child nutrition.

**8**<sup>th</sup>, Have to prepare national policies, technical guidelines and necessary regulations to widely and effectively enhance food quality. In this regard, there must be attention on the addition of nutritional substances to targeted food such as the addition of vitamin A to cooking oil, addition of mixed substance to rice, addition of iodine to salt, addition of iron to fish and soy sauces by following the required standards and widely promoting the dissemination on the

importance of adding nutritional substances to food. In addition, we must keep monitoring the quality of nutrition-added food and take immediate measures if the health of the public is at risk.

As mentioned above, please Excellencies note for information and take action as convenient.

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