Launching Workshop for Child Budgeting

The General Secretariat of Cambodia National Council for Children (CNCC) in cooperation with Ministry of Economy and Finance and UNICEF on 16 March 2012 at Cambodiana Hotel organized a launching workshop for child budgeting, presided over by H.E Dr. Ith Samheng, Minister of MoSVY and President of CNCC.

Taking part in the workshop were representatives from ministries, relevant institutions, diplomats to the Kingdom of Cambodia, UN agencies, national and international NGOs, and development partners.

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Information contained in the bulletin reflects the significant progress and continued efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia to address all challenges children have faced, said Mr. Richard Bridle, UNICEF representative to Cambodia. Infant mortality rate has decreased more than halved from 95 per 1,000 live births in 2000 to 45 per 1,000 live births in 2010 and the under-5 mortality rate has decreased from 124 to 54 per 1,000 live births for the same period. 95% of children were enrolled for primary school in 2010 and around 85% of them completed their primary school.

H.E. Nim Thoth said that the event had shown one of many achievements made by CNCC, indicating Cambodia’s progress in respect of children status and active involvement in order for children to enjoy their fundamental rights that include rights to life and survival, development, protection, and participation. He also stressed that the dissemination of the bulletin had presented a new effort of the Royal Government of Cambodia to monitor and highlight the current situation of children in order to promote policy development and appropriate and responsible measures so that children can enjoy their full rights and the best interest of the child.

Legal Framework related to Child Sex Tourism

In cooperation with UN Office for Drugs and Crimes (UNODC), CNCC General Secretariat organized a consultation meeting on legal framework related to child sex tourism on 24 February 2012 at MoSVY, presided over by MoSVY Secretary of State and CNCC Vice Chairman H.E Nim Thoth.

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The purpose of the meeting was to inform RGC officials and key policy makers of new regional initiatives on childhood project and its related issues to combat child sex tourism with a view to strengthen cooperation and to present the result of the law analysis prepared by UNODC so as to get feedback from the participants on the scope and process of the examination of the legal framework related to child sex tourism.

Speaking at the meeting, H.E Nim Thoth pointed out that the comprehensive analysis of the gaps in the legal framework related to child sex tourism in Cambodia is an important step toward legal and policy reform that is necessary for the establishment of child effective protection system in the country.

In order to ensure that many options are to be thought of in the reform, the Kingdom of Cambodia needs to review the contents and formats of good models of child protection law across the globe bearing in mind the relevance of Cambodia’s socio-economic, political and cultural aspects, he said. To strengthen or better improve the laws for child protection, the legal framework and regulations need to be reviewed and other complementary laws need to be initiated, stressed H.E Nim Thoth.