

Statement
by
Royal Government of Cambodia
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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates
Ladies and Gentlemen!

Cambodia has adopted a National Social Protection Policy Framework for 2016-2025, with two main pillars: Social Assistance Program and Social Security System.

Social Assistance Program focuses on Emergency Response, Human Capital Development, Vocational training, and Social welfare of vulnerable people, while Social Security System concentrates on Work injury, Health Insurance, Pension, the unemployed and Health Equity Fund.

Under the Social Assistance pillar, Cambodia has introduced Cash Transfer program for pregnant women and children under 2 years, School feeding program, Primary and secondary education, Various skill training programs, and Elderly and disability. Under the Social Security system pillar, Cambodia has expanded coverage gradually not only to poor peoples, remorque drivers, athletes but also to other groups of vulnerable people.

Despite the progress made, the challenges remain. To address these challenges, the Royal Government of Cambodia is focusing on the following strategic measures to:

- 1) Expand the relevant schemes to informal sector
- 2) Start up the pension scheme starting from 2019.
- 3) Identify the target population groups for receiving Health Equity Funds.
- 4) Prepare budget for expanding the coverage.
- 5) Provide Cash Transfer for pregnant women and children
- 7) Strengthen human resource capacity on the management and financing
- 8) Enact a national scholarship policy to put in place a suitable management mechanism to provide scholarships.
- 9) Provide Cash transfer for people with disability
- 10) Support elderly people living in poor households
- 11) Introduce family package for elderly together with cash transfer program for pregnant women and children.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.