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“Better quality and safety of fish and fishery products for improving fish trade development in Cambodia”



Context

Cambodia's fisheries sector plays an important role in contributing significantly to food and nutrition security, livelihoods, and economic growth for its people. It contributes about 8-12% to the National GDP; provides full time, part time and seasonal employment for up to six million people; and provides over 81.5% of the animal protein in the national diet and also forming a critical source of essential vitamins and micro-nutrients.

Poor hygiene is often a result of inadequate access to services in fishing communities and locations where fish and fish products accumulate such as landing centers and markets. Plus, a challenge for Cambodia is to provide incentives for small-medium scale operators so they may develop in ways which recognize the importance of safety and quality issue. So far there are few regulations and standards related to fish and fish products, and there are many gaps in the implementation of inspection in fish production, processing, handling, and trading.

In line with this, the Department of Fisheries Post Harvest Technologies and Quality Control (DFPTQ) of the Fishery Administration (FiA) engages consultancy services of UNIDO to provide technical assistance in the purpose of improving post-harvest quality, standards, processes and procedures as well as nutrition, livelihoods and trading both nationally and internationally. This project is funded by a multi donor trust fund including EU, DANIDA, and others and administered by the Ministry of Commerce.

Main Approach

The UNIDO approach is to support the overall project strategy through provision of national and international expertise. The potential freshwater and marine fisheries products produced by small and medium scale enterprises around Great Lake and along the coastal area will be an entry point for the projects. However by implementing this project, there would be indirect positive impact at the same time to other area as this

would become a modality for expansion to other area country wide.

Development Goal/Impact

In response to the Strategic Planning Framework for fisheries for 2010-2019, the project aims to enhance Cambodia's fish trade development through improving capacity of those engaged in post-harvest fisheries for better quality and value of fish and fishery products and increasing better access to domestic and international markets. In addition, the project will contribute to improve the fish trade development through improved fish and fishery products for better quality and safety assurance.

The development of trade of fisheries products for local and export markets would very much contribute to country economic growth as whole and maintaining people's health through consumption of nutritious and safe products and finally return in rural poverty alleviation.

At a Glance

Duration: 12 months

Location: Ton Le Sap, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Budget: USD 359,953.00

Donor: Multi-Donor Trust Fund Grant

Counterpart agency & implementing partners:

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries through Department of Fisheries Post Harvest Technologies and Quality Control of Fishery Administration, government agencies and relevant private sectors

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