



MESSAGE FROM COUNTRY MANAGER

THE WORLD BANK GROUP IN CAMBODIA

We are pleased to bring you this brochure about the World Bank Group and its activities in Cambodia. It is intended to provide information about the World Bank Group, what it does and how it works globally, as well as to provide specific information about World Bank-supported projects and activities in Cambodia.

The World Bank is a committed partner in the effort to help Cambodia overcome the tragic and devastating impact of violence and conflict in its recent history and bring about growth, good governance, and poverty reduction for the people of Cambodia.

The World Bank's activities in Cambodia are designed to help attain Cambodia's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through the implementation of its **National Strategic Plan (NSDP) for 2006-2010**.

The World Bank brings three things to this effort:

- ◆ Global knowledge and expertise to undertake research and provide policy advice;
- ◆ Financing for investment projects and support for recurrent expenditures (such as textbooks and teachers' salaries) through policy-based lending;
- ◆ Donor coordination, as Lead Donor Facilitator for the Cambodia Development Cooperation Forum (CDCF) as well as for several of the Technical Working Groups (TWGs).

Our Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) that laid out our program of support for Cambodia for the next four years (2005-2008), was endorsed by the World Bank Board in May 2005. Our CAS is based on two pillars:

- ◆ Removing the governance constraints to attaining high growth and poverty reduction
- ◆ Supporting the strategy and investments needed to attain Cambodia's Millennium Development Goals (CMDGs)

As part of this effort, we are working to build a much broader development partnership in Cambodia that includes not just the Government and other donors, but also the more active engagement of the private sector, NGOs, the media, and local communities to ensure that development activities reach the country's poorest.

We encourage you to visit our Public Information Center which has a large collection of publications on development issues in Cambodia and around the world, as well as detailed information about all World Bank-supported projects or visit our Khmer website at <http://www.worldbank.org.kh> or English website at <http://www.worldbank.org/kh>

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