

The National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development (NCDD) is established by the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) with the aim to coordinate and implement the Organic Law, the Law on Administrative Management of communes/Sangkats, and policy on decentralization and deconcentration reforms. In order to achieve the implementation of those laws, NCDD formed four sub-committees: Functions and Resources, Fiscal and Financial Affairs, Sub-national Administration Personnel and Subnational Development Plans. The NCDD-Secretariat (NCCDS) performs the necessary duties to ensure an appropriate and effective performance of the NCDD and to provide

34 district offices and meeting halls had a ground breaking ceremony

The Decentralized Public Service and Financial Management Program (DPSFM) aims to improve access and coverage of basic services across the country. The expected outcome is an efficient system of inter-governmental fiscal relations that assists service delivery by Districts and Municipalities. The project provide: (i) assistance to the construction of rural district offices, and (ii) institutional and capacity development for efficient public financial management. An important component of DPSFM is construction or repairing of city/district offices and meeting halls and adding furniture and equipment. The component was expected to take nine months to complete and cost around 12 million USD.

The ground breaking ceremony for the selected 34 district offices and meeting halls was conducted by H.E. Sar Kheng Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior, and Chairman of the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development (NCDD), on 13th April 2015 at OuChrov district, Banteay MeanChey Province (BMC).

There are criteria and conditions to be transparent in choosing the rural districts to apply PFSDM such as existence and condition of district facilities (70%), the population of the district (15%) and poverty line of the district (15%).

The general department of administration, Ministry of Interior, is responsible for selection of provinces and districts based on the criteria and conditions. There are 18 provinces and 34 district selected as follows: 1, BMC got 2 districts, 2, BAT got 4 districts, 3, KPC got 1 district, 4, KCH got 3 districts; 5, KPT got 1 district; 6, KAM got 1 district; 7, KKG got 2 districts; 8, KRT got 1 district; 9, MKR got 3 districts; 10, PVR got 3 city/districts; 11, PVG got 2 districts; 12, PUR got 1 district; 13, RAT got 2 districts; 14, SRP got 1 district; 15, STG got 2 districts; 16, TAK got 3 districts; 17, OMC got 1 district; and 18, PLN got 1 district.

To support the RGC to achieve the targets of the decentralization and deconcentration reform program, in 2013, ADB lent 13,5 million USD to the RGC to implement DPFSM, with a contribution of 1 million USD from RGC.



Sample of city/district office and meeting hall which funded by ADB



H.E Sar Kheng giving a speech during ground breaking ceremony

8 priority ministries were trained in the process of transfer of functions and resources to sub-national administrations

NCDDS has conducted a training for another 8 priority ministries in the policy and process of transferring functions and budgets to sub-national administrations, after 6 ministries already reviewed their functions and did a pilot transfer to some city/districts.

The orientation aims to explain the sub-decree N0 68 and technical guideline related to the process of function transfer. Before transfer functions to sub-national administration, the 8 ministries need to prepare and follow the process which includes:

- Selection of functions within each ministry that are eligible for transfer
- Ministries or institutions shall determine their role and responsibility after transferring functions, like policy framework development, standard preparation, management, monitoring and evaluation, and determination of need of capacity development related to those roles and responsibilities
- Determining of resources and equipment to be transferred with functions as well as a capacity development plan to ensure good performance of those functions.

The Ministry of Education Youth and Sport and the Ministry of Environment have done a pilot on function transfer to some provinces. The Ministry of Environment transferred functions and resources on waste management and rubbish collections to sub-national administrations while the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport has planned to transfer functions on community kindergarten and community students. During the orientation, the two ministries have shared their real experiences on function transfer with the 8 ministries.

The 8 involved ministries are the ministry of public works and transports, the ministry of commerce, the ministry of water resource and meteorology, the ministry of culture and fine arts, the ministry of mine and energy, the ministry of industry and handicraft, the ministry of tourism, and the ministry of land management, urban planning and construction.

List of sectors and ministries in priority to transfer function:

Sectors	Ministries
Education	Ministry of education youth and sport
Agriculture	The ministry of agriculture forestry and fisheries
Fisheries	The ministry of agriculture forestry and fisheries

Forestry and natural resources	The ministry of agriculture forestry and fisheries
	The ministry of Environment
Water Management	The ministry of water and meteorology
Rural development	The ministry of rural development
Social Affair	The ministry of social affair, veterans and rehabilitation
Health sectors nutrition other demands of women,men,youth, and disadvantages people and indig-enouse groups	The Ministry of Health
	The Ministry of Rural Development
	The Ministry of social affair, veterans and rehabilitation, and ministry of women affair
Land Using	The Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction.
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