

To

- **Executive Director of Cambodia League for Promotion and Defense of Human Rights**
- **Executive Director of Cambodian Alliance of Trade Union**
- **Executive Director of Center for Alliance of Labor and Human Rights (CENTRAL)**
- **Executive Director of Sahmakum Teang Tnaut**

Subject:

- Request to Make Immediate Correction on Incorrect Report Published by Your Organization on Article on “Drive Out: One Village’s Experience with MFIs and Cross-Border Migration”, published on 5th May 2020 by LICADHO
- And review to make other necessary corrections on the other unrealizable Reports on “Collateral Damage: Land Loss and Abuses in Cambodia’s Microfinance Sector”, published on 7th August 2019 by LICADHO and Sahmakum Teang Tnaut and Report on “Work to Debt: Over-Indebtedness in Cambodia’s Garment Sector” published on 30th June 2020 by LICADHO, CATU and CENTRAL that provided opportunity to the perversity to further elaborate on the intention of damaging to the reputation of the financial sector in Cambodia.

References:

- Article on “Collateral Damage: Land Loss and Abuses in Cambodia’s Microfinance Sector”, published on 7th August 2019 by LICADHO and Sahmakum Teang Tnaut
- Article on “Drive Out: One Village’s Experience with MFIs and Cross-Border Migration”, published on 5th May 2020 by LICADHO
- Article on “Work to Debt: Over-Indebtedness in Cambodia’s Garment Sector” published on 30th June 2020 by LICADHA, CATU and CENTRAL
- CMA’s Statement on the Findings on Report “Work to Debt: Over-Indebtedness in Cambodia’s Garment Sector”, issued on 13th July 2020

Pursuant to the above subject and references, on behalf of The Association of Banks in Cambodia and The Cambodia Microfinance, we would like to inform you that while Cambodia is impact the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cambodia Royal Government has made several rounds of relief programs to support impacted sectors and at the households level. During this difficult time, we require the collaboration from all relevant stakeholders to take active response to the impact of Covid-19 in Cambodia, your organization published consecutively unreliable reports such as “Collateral Damage: Land Loss and Abuses in Cambodia’s Microfinance Sector” by LICADHO and Sahmakum Teang Tnaut, “Drive Out: One Village’s Experience with MFIs and Cross-Border Migration” by LICADHO, and “Work to Debt: Over-Indebtedness in Cambodia’s Garment Sector” by LICADHA, CATU and CENTRAL.

The Association of Banks in Cambodia and the Cambodia Microfinance Association contended that those published reports are lacking scientific evidence, transparency and especially misses representative significance. Also, those false reports provided opportunity to the perversity to further elaborate on the intention of damaging to the reputation of the financial sector in Cambodia, that is the backbone of the national economy.

In this regards, both associations request your organization to Make Immediate Correction on Incorrect Report Published by Your Organization on Article on “Drive Out: One Village’s Experience with MFIs and Cross-Border Migration”, published on 5th May 2020 by LICADHO and review to make other necessary corrections on the other unrealizable Reports on “Collateral Damage: Land Loss and Abuses in Cambodia’s Microfinance Sector”, published on 7th August 2019 by LICADHO and Sahnmakum Teang Thaut and Report on “Work to Debt: Over-Indebtedness in Cambodia’s Garment Sector” published on 30th June 2020 by LICADHA, CATU and CENTRAL that provided opportunity to the perversity to further elaborate on the intention of damaging to the reputation of the financial sector in Cambodia. We would like to draw your attention to the following enclosures:

1. CMA’s Statement to response to the LICADO’s Report “Driven Out: One Village’s Experience with MFIs and Cross Border Migration” issued 3rd July 2020. (<https://cma-network.org/information-center/events-announcement/detail/cma-statement-on-irregularities-of-licadho-study-on-migration-and-mfis/>) and detail finding report (<https://bit.ly/3eR6egQ>)
2. ABC and CMA’s joint statement to response to LICADO’s report, issued on 28th April 2020 (<https://www.abc.org.kh/news/joint-statement-abc-cma-response-licadho-report>)
3. CMA’s Statement on the Findings on Report “Work to Debt: Over-Indebtedness in Cambodia’s Garment Sector”, issued on 13th July 2020. (<https://cma-network.org/km/information-center/events-announcement/detail/សេចក្តីរាយការណ៍-ផ្ទៃក្នុង/>)

In addition to the above, we would like to confirm all loans approval by Banking and Financial Institutions are complying with the national law, basic regulation and international operation framework. Some of our members are awarded by international certification on “Client Protection Principal”. Financial institutions always consider clients as our long-life partners, as we believe on the in the success of the clients’ is the success of the financial institutions.

In this regard, we would like to request to above mentioned organizations to revise those false reports accordingly.

Please, accepts the assurances of my consideration.

The Association of Banks in Cambodia

The Cambodia Microfinance Association