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**Press Release**

On Friday morning, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC), **His Excellency Rith Vuthy**, Deputy Secretary General of the Cambodian Rehabilitation and Development Board of the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CRDB/CDC), held a courtesy meeting with **Ms. Sandra Bernklau**, newly appointed United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative to Cambodia. **H.E. Deputy Secretary General** expressed his warm welcome to **Ms. Sandra Bernklau** and assured her of the Royal Government of Cambodia's commitment and support towards her and her team in carrying out the vital work of the UNFPA.

**His Excellency** emphasized the value of the Country Programme Action Plan-equivalent 2019-2023 between the Royal Government of Cambodia and UNFPA Cambodia, which has assisted Cambodia in achieving Sustainable Development Goals, and also thanked UNFPA Cambodia for its work in the human resource development area, including family planning, sexual education, and the reduction of violence against women, particularly in assisting vulnerable women and young girls. Regarding the Millennium Development Goal 5 target to reduce the maternal death ratio by at least 75% between 1990 and 2015, **His Excellency** appreciated all the help and support provided by UNFPA Cambodia in helping to reduce the maternal mortality rate by almost two-thirds, which was one of the biggest accomplishments by only nine countries, including Cambodia.

**Ms. Sandra Bernklau** expressed her pleasure to begin her mission in Cambodia and showed profound gratitude to the strong and close cooperation and partnership with the Council for the Development of Cambodia and the RGC's line ministries and agencies, and highly valued the RGC's efforts in achieving progress in socio-economic development. At the same time, **Ms. Sandra Bernklau** stated UNFPA's commitment in continuing to support the RGC to achieve the priority works and assured that the new Country Programme (2024-2028), which is in preparation process, will be flexible and adaptive in

order to align with the RGC's priorities. **Ms. Sandra Bernklau** also requested CRDB/CDC's guidance and support in the formulation of the new Country Programme.

It is noteworthy that the estimated budget required to implement UNFPA's Country Programme (2019-2023) is **USD 13 million**, which consists of UNFPA's total planned own resources of around **USD 8.3 million**. According to the Cambodia ODA Database, UNFPA has a total of **09 projects**, of which **08 projects** are on-going and **1 project** is completed. The UNFPA's main implementing ministries include the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport; the Ministry of Women's Affairs; the Ministry of Health; and the Ministry of Planning.

In conclusion, **His Excellency Rith Vuthy** reiterated his sincere appreciation to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for its continued support to Cambodia and praised the close cooperation and relationship between the Royal Government of Cambodia and UNFPA Cambodia. **H.E. Deputy Secretary General** and **Ms. Sandra Bernklau** expressed their satisfaction with the good cooperation between Cambodia and UNFPA and shared the same commitment to further strengthen it.

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