

**Second Global Partnership for Education
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Cambodia is a positive example of a country that has successfully transitioned from conflict to a democratic and stable country. Cambodia is a member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) with the vision to transition from a lower-middle income country to an upper-middle income country by 2030 and a developed country by 2050. We have learnt from the countries in the region that have made remarkable economic progress and development over the past years, a development that in part reflects a high and sustained investment in education at all levels.

Cambodia realizes that our immediate and future economic growth and competitiveness to realize the ambitions depends on our people having the right knowledge and relevant skills, reflecting our cultural and ethical heritage. In response to the National Vision, the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) 2014 – 2018 provides the road-map for ASEAN integration in 2015 and lays the foundations for becoming a middle income country in 2030. The Education Strategic Plan (ESP) 2014-2018 has been designed to respond to these demands with clear relationship between national policy and the education policy and the investments. The ESP envisages an increase of Government budget for education sector from 16.3% in 2014 to 25.7% in 2018.

To closely monitor the progress in ensuring equitable access to quality learning for all and to assess the quality of learning, the ESP clearly identifies a set of Core Breakthrough Indicators (CBIs). While we have achieved an impressive primary net enrolment rate of 98% and we have considerably reduced illiteracy, we recognize the efforts required for improving the quality of education at all levels. To accomplish improvements in the quality of teaching and learning at all levels we will continue to strengthen our teaching force, our institutional structures and the professional cadre to run the system which had to be rebuilt from scratch following the conflict. We have an effective and functioning Education Management Information System (EMIS), which will be further improved and strengthened during the 2014-2018 and utilized for evidence-based planning, and monitoring and evaluation purposes.

We would like to thank the international community and the development partners for the continuous support to the development of education sector in Cambodia. We reiterate our commitment to continue our efforts to seek and promote partnership with the international community in the spirit of aid and development effectiveness principles.

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