

## Concept Note

### Consultative Workshop on Legislation to Curb Antimicrobial Resistance in Cambodia

Sunway Hotel, Phnom Penh

15 March 2019

#### Background

Through the use, overuse, and misuse of antimicrobials, especially in the human and livestock-related food producing sectors, more and more microorganisms have become, or are becoming, resistant to the drugs to which they were previously susceptible. The recognized global threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is exacerbated by the unregulated, irrational use of antimicrobials. Legislation Governance which encompasses global regional and national regulatory framework and policies and inter-sectoral involvement from Governments, international organizations and private sectors can play a key role in preventing AMR. Some countries in Asia, among them Cambodia, have started adopting specific regulatory solutions to combat AMR and in 2014 the National Policy to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance was developed in line with the Health Strategic Plan (2008-2018). Since then, progression to a Multi-sectoral Action Plan on AMR has taken off, recognizing that AMR is a multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral issue that requires effective coordination among health and environment sectors.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) and World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) are supporting the Royal Government of Cambodia in the frame of the tripartite programme “Supporting countries in South and South-East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa to develop and implement national action plans to combat antimicrobial resistance using a “One Health” approach”, funded by the Fleming Fund of the United Kingdom (UK) Department of Health. Under this project, FAO is working with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) in combatting AMR, including support to strengthen the regulatory framework relevant to AMR and antimicrobial use (AMU).

#### Objectives

1. To bring together stakeholders from relevant sectors at the national and provincial level to discuss the status and needs in the development of regulatory reforms relevant to curb AMR.
2. To apply an inclusive consultation on the current legislation relevant to AMU/AMR, including Prakas under the Animal Health and Production Law, the Food Safety Prakas and environmental legislation, and discuss future needs for a workable regulatory framework.

### Date and Venue

The proposed one-day workshop will be held on 15 March 2019 at Sunway Hotel, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

### Participants

Around 50 participants from international organizations, academia, the private sector and the Government, are planned to be invited to the meeting.

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Identified person</b>	<b>Remark</b>
MAFF, Technical Departments under MAFF Or AMR Technical Working Group of MAFF	Fisheries administration, Department of Legislation, Department of Agro-processing, GDA	6 persons
GDAHP	Officers from Departments and institutes in GDAHP	8 persons
	Officers from Provincial Department of OAHP	13 persons
Other relevant ministries	Ministry of Health (MOH)	2 persons
	Ministry of Environment (MOE)	2 persons
Agricultural University and Colleges		3 persons
Private sector	Cambodian Livestock Raiser Association, CP, Betagro, Green feed, Medicom, VAHW association, ELANCO	6 persons
FAO	- HQ Legal expert - FAO RAP FF2 Coordinator - ECTAD Team Leader - National AMR Coordinator - National Legal Consultant - Supporting staff	7 persons
Development partners	WHO OIE US-CDC	3 persons

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## Programme

Time	Topics	Speakers
08:00 – 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 08:50	Opening Session - Remark from FAO - Opening remark by GDAHP	GDAHP & FAO
08:50 – 09:10	- Impacts of irresponsible antibiotic use in animals and antibiotic residues in animal products and - The FAO Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance - FAO animated Video on AMR in Agriculture	FAO
09:10 – 09:40	Legislation as an effective tool in the fight against AMR	FAO LEGN
09:40 – 10:00	Fleming Fund support to AMU and AMR responsive regulatory instruments in Cambodia	FAO
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Coffee Break and Group photo</b>	All
10:30 – 10:50	OIE support to develop and modernize legislation governing veterinary products	OIE
10:50 – 11:20	Report of Cambodian legislation relevant for antimicrobial use and antimicrobial resistance (AMU/AMR)	Sovath Pin, FAO
11:20 – 12:00	Discussion on the current legislation and the way forward in developing effective legislation addressing AMU/AMR	All
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30 – 14:00	The Multi-Sectoral Action Plan on AMR for Cambodia and monitoring of the regulatory framework	FAO LEGN and GDAHP
14:00 – 14:30	National Legislation/regulations for Controlling Antimicrobial Agents	GDAHP
14:30 – 14:50	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
14:50 – 15:50	Group work on prioritization of regulatory instruments and consistency between national laws	All
15:50 – 16:10	Wrap and recommendations	GDAHP & FAO
16:10 – 16:30	Closing remarks	GDAHP & FAO