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Towards Sustainable and Inclusive School-Based Food and Nutrition Programs in Southeast Asia

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Home-Grown School Feeding Programme in Cambodia

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1. Overview of SFP in Cambodia

- **1999**: MoEYS launched SFP with support from WFP
- **2014**: Piloted HGSFP in two primary schools
- **2015**: Roadmap for transition was created between MoEYS and WFP
- **2018**: MOEYS formally adopted HGSFP Model
- **2020**: MoEYS Launched the HGSFP in 205 schools
- **2022**: 437 schools and Transition Strategy was created, aiming to fully own the program by 2028
HGSF Programme Goals and Objectives

01 FOOD SECURITY
Improve food security among vulnerable school children and their households

02 EDUCATION
Promote education for children in communities faced with food insecurity

03 HEALTH & NUTRITION
Provide safe, diverse, and nutritious school meals to the children and promote healthy eating and hygiene behavior

04 LOCAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE
Promote local economy and agriculture development by ensuring income-generating opportunities for suppliers and farmers

05 PARTNERSHIP & COORDINATION
Strengthen partnership and cross-sectoral coordination for sustainable school feeding
Targeting

**Target group**

All children in targeted primary schools and kindergarten schools attached.

**Geographic targeting criteria**

- Schools in areas with high poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition rates and poor educational performance levels,
- Strong capacity and commitment of local authority, school, and community to implement the programme.
2. Success Factors

- Strong commitment and support from the leadership.
- Supporting policy framework and implementation guidelines.
- Strong technical support and good partnership from the development partners (WFP and KOICA).
- Participation from local authorities and communities.
3. Key Achievements

**Locally sourced food**
- Implementing in 897 schools, benefiting 224,658 school children
- An estimate of 3,302 metric tons of food commodities
- Around USD9 millions going to the community per year

**Education achievements**
- Increase in attendance rate from 75.4 in 2021 to 90 in 2022
- Increase in school retention from 85.5 in 2021 to 94 in 2022

**Social Protection during the crisis**
- Converted into take-home ration during covid-19

**Policy and institutional framework strengthened**
- Joint Transition Strategy signed
- HGSF sub-decree endorsed
- National Policy on School Meals (ongoing)
4. Gaps and challenges in implementation

- Little flexibility in government budget.
- Can’t find the local suppliers, who is the nexus between the programme and family farmers
- Cross sectoral coordination at the local levels
5. Opportunities for collaboration among SEA countries and inclusion of family farmers in the policies and/or programs

Create a platform or mechanism among SEA countries

Share best practices and lessons learnt

Exchange visits etc.

Establish groups of family farmers

Support technical skills and capitals for small farming

Inclusion family farmers in the policies or program

Create a link between the program and family farmers or groups of family farmers.
Thank you!