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Country Updated Information, Cambodia

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1.0 National Policy

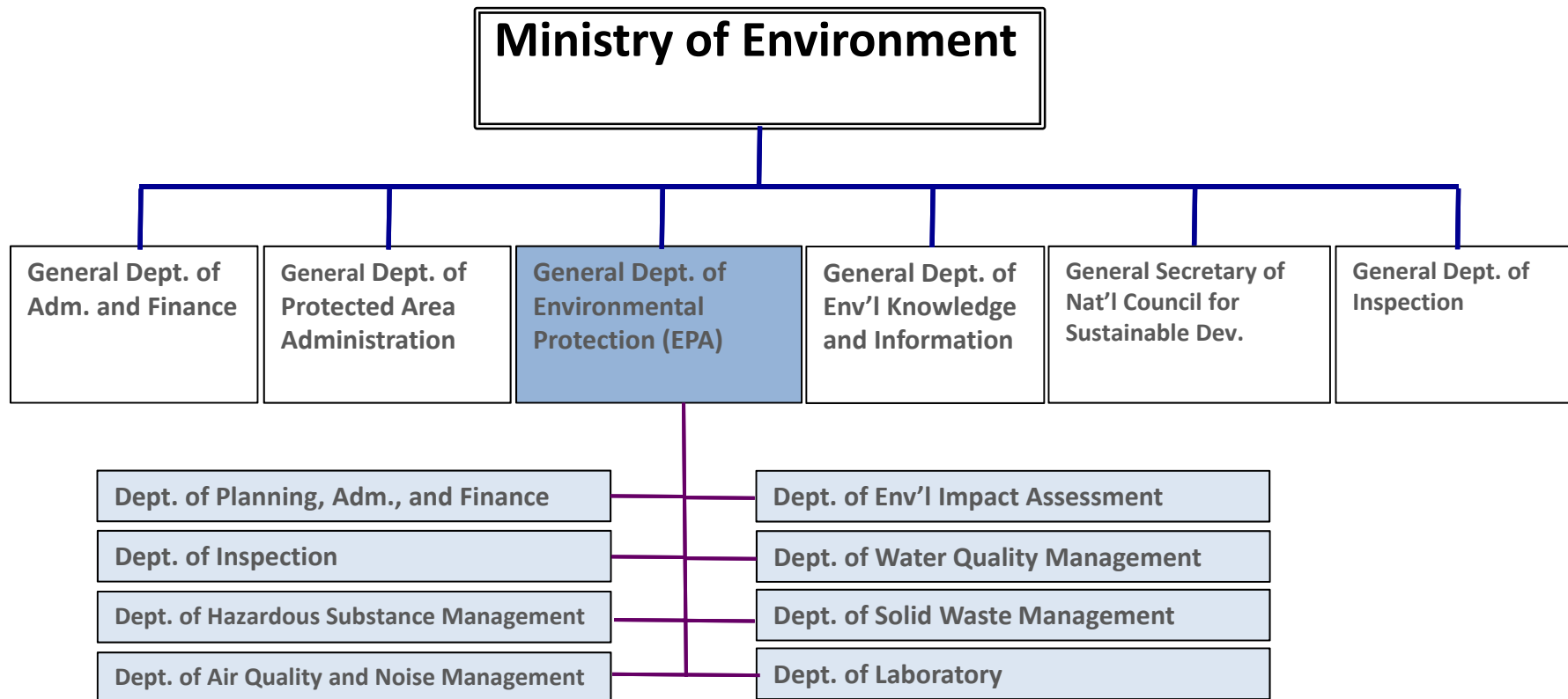
□ "Environmental pollution control, assessment and following up, and minimization" highlighted in the Political Platform of the Royal Government of Cambodia of the 5th Legislature of the National Assembly (Sept. 2013), and in the Rectangular Strategy, Phase III (Sept. 2013), is reflected to:

TARGET 9 : Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reverse the loss of environmental resources, of the Millennium Development Goals, **Goal No. 7: “Ensure Environmental Sustainability”**

1.0 National Policy (cont.)

- ❑ To achieving above national environmental policy, the Ministry of Environment (MoE) has set the four pillars of strategies as follows:
 - 1) Environmental protection
 - 2) Natural resources conservation
 - 3) MoE management structure reform
 - 4) Sustainable livelihood

1.0 National Policy (cont.)



Environmental pollution control and management is particularly under the mandate of the General Directorate of Environmental Protection (EPA)

2.0 Updated Information of relevant policy/legislation

- MoE considered and delegated roles and functions of urban solid and liquid waste management to local authority, based on the Gov't policy of Decentralization.
 - ✓ Requested the Gov't to provide the package of environmental sanitation service (national budget) to 26 cities for the self solid waste management.

2.0 Updated Information of relevant policy/legislation (cont.)

- The "Sub-Decree on Garbage and Solid Waste Management at Urban Areas", approved in August 2015, indicated the taking into account and implementing the Decentralization policy of the Gov't towards urban solid waste/garbage management at sub-national and local levels.
 - It provides enough local ownership to the self management of urban garbage/solid waste based the set guideline/principle from central offices.

2.0 Updated Information of relevant policy/legislation (cont.)

- ❑ The Sub-Decree on “Establishment of Social and Environmental Foundation- SEF”, 21 Nov., 2016.
 - Its objective aims to determine the process of management, arrangement and using of SEF for environmental restoration and protection, biodiversity conservation and natural resources uses based on sustainability, efficiency , effectiveness, and accountability.
 - Existing and proposed development projects shall include the environmental and social foundation and implementing programme into the projects too.

2.0 Updated Information of relevant policy/legislation (cont.)

- ❑ Draft Environmental Code (EC) – It is under the processing with line agencies cooperation and participation, including NGOs and international organizations.
 - ✓ Common objectives aim to: (i) conserve and protect the environment and natural resources for the sustainable development; (ii) maintain and protect human health and rights of indigenous people involving natural resources uses; and (iii) improve environmental responsibilities and its cooperation at local, national, regional and global levels.

2.0 Updated Information of relevant policy/legislation (cont.)

□ **Draft Sub-Degree on Drainage System and Sewage Treatment Plant Management at Urban Areas**

- MoE through EPA is drafting the Sub-decree on Drainage System and Sewage Treatment Plant Management at Urban Areas aligning with the decentralization policy.
 - ✓ It is processing under closed cooperation with the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, and Ministry of Economy and Finance
 - ✓ It has common objectives to improve the management of sewerage and treatment system, public sewerage at urban areas under the ownership of local authority based on implementing the decentralization programme
 - ✓ While the Central office will provide policy, guideline including technical aspect, available resources and capacity to local implementers

3.0 Monitoring/Inspection to Serious Events

- ❑ In 2016, General Directorate of Environmental Protection (EPA) has conduct monitoring and inspection at pollution sources including as follows:
 - ✓ Doing an inspection for the 12 cases based on complaints from publics and media
 - ✓ Written Ordering Letter for 18 cases (to correct mistakes in waste management)
 - ✓ Doing a penalty for 11 cases whose violated the environmental legislations/regulations
- ❑ Monitored and managed serious event of algae bloom occurred at opened sea in Kep Province in early April 2016.



Many thanks for your kind attention...