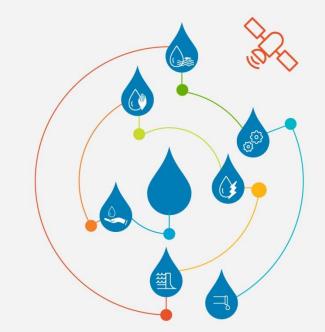
Water Utilities and Financial Sustainability – Learning from Cambodia



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18 YEARS TO TURN AROUND PPWSA

1993	INDICATORS	2011
20	Staff / 1,000 connections	2.97
65,000	Production capacity, m ³ /day	300,000
???	Water quality	WHO
20%	Coverage area	90%
10 hr/d	Supply duration	24 hr/d
0.2 bar	Supply pressure	2 bar
26,881	Number of connections	230,000
72%	NRW	6.2%
48%	Collection efficiency	99.9%
150%	Operation ratio	37.11%
N/A	Return on revenue	26.89%
N/A	Return on net asset	7.39%
N/A	Current ratio	3.04 times
N/A	Debt service coverage	3.35 times
N/A	Accounts receivable	21 days

THE DISCOVERY

□ MOST Common Issues:





- High production cost due to high electricity consumption
- High water losses
- Weak institutions:
 - Customers Management,
 - Asset Management,
 - Human Resources Management...
- Lack of skilled staff in all fields and all levels



THE DISCOVERY (CONT..)

□ The Good News:



- Most managers are good, keen to learn, and willing to improve
- Majority of staff are active, dynamic, and keen to learn
- Good opportunity for weak institutions to be turned around



URGENT REMEDIAL ACTIONS 1

Reduce Production Cost:



- Connect to electricity networks:
 - Pursat, Kampong Thom, Staung, and Taing Krasaing
- Calibrate & change pumps:
 - Battambang, Kampot, Stung Treng
- Redesign raw water intakes:
 - Kampot, Stung Treng



URGENT REMEDIAL ACTIONS 2

Apply PPWSA's Customers Management Process:



- House connections:
 - ✓ Uniform standard for all
 - ✓ ISO certified materials
 - ✓ Uniform process
- Meter reading and water bill collection:
 - ✓ Introduce standard operation procedure (SOP)
 - ✓ Change the entire process



MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS

Reduce Water Losses:

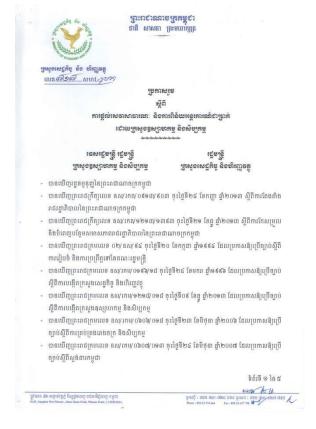


- Apply SOP for O & M of distribution network
- Enforcement of leak repairs
- Revive the DMA program (6 provinces since 2005)
- Vigorously provide on-the-job training for Leak Detection Program
- Setting up 4 NRW hubs for all water operators throughout the Country



MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS (CONT..)

□ Strengthen & Reinforce Asset Management:

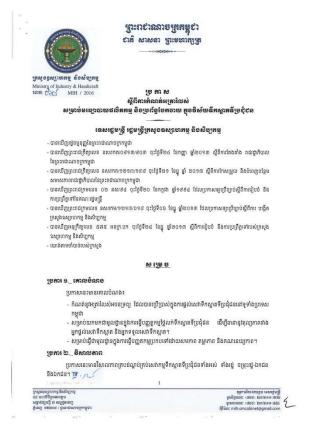


- MIH to issue a Prakas (Ministerial Decision) to:
 - ✓ Ensure all financial transactions will be in accordance with the Law & Regulations
 - ✓ Stop abuse of power on using public money
 - ✓ Unify all financial transactions within the public waterworks



MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS (CONT..)

☐ Strengthen & Reinforce Human Resource Management:



- MIH to issue a Prakas (Ministerial Decision) to:
 - Secure all waterworks will adopt the human resource management practice according to the Law & Regulations
 - ✓ Secure equality for all staff
 - ✓ Unify & calibrate the remuneration of staff within public waterworks.
- MIH will assist all waterworks to apply intensive scheme in all fields to increase staff efficiency...



MONITORING SCORE CARD

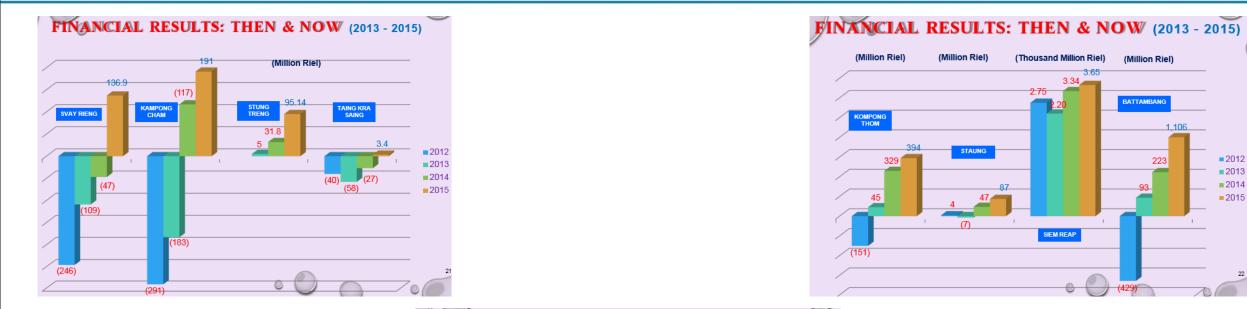
Indicator	Beginning 2015	In 2015	End 2015	Remark
Daily production capacity (m3)	5,760	0	5,760	Room to improve
Ave. daily production (m3)	5,000	0	4,886	Small Reservoir
Rate of production (%)	86.80%		84.83%	Reaching limit
Length of network (m)	100,295 m	895 m	101,190 m	
Length of old network (m)	1,576 m	(925 m)	651 m	Must Replace
NRW (%)	14.19%	(2.98%)	11.21%	Need Do More
Connection (Customer)	6,475	385	6,860	
Water Tariff (riel/m3)	1,600	0	1,600	No Room
Collection ratio (%)	100%	0	100%	Very Good
Total staff (person)	37	(1)	36	
No. staff/1000connection	5.74	-	5.25	Have Room
No. families in coverage area	19,773	365	20,138	
Coverage area (%)	32.74%	-	34.06%	ADB ADB

SUPPLY COSTS VS. TARIFFS

Svay Rieng Water Supply (lowest performance)

Expenditures	Unit Cost of Expense (Riel/m3)		
Year	2013	2014	2015
Wages	224.08	192.84	188.01
Electricity	339.33	336.04	316.19
Unit Consumption (Wh)/m3	567	556	515
Diesel Oil	15.24	15.97	16.53
Chemicals	40.06	44.53	36.37
Maintenance	40.36	54.68	92.54
Depreciation	629.41	539.09	338.03
Administration	63.15	27.52	41.97
Others	7.5	15.6	22.48
Supply Cost (Riel/m3)	1359.1	1,226.2	1,052.1
Tariff (Riel/m3)	1,200	1,200	1,200

FINANCIAL RESULTS: THEN & NOW



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A TOUCH START

N°	2013	INDICATORS	2015
1	69,920	Production Capacity (m3/day)	70,220
2	998	Supply Network (km)	1,119
3	40	Coverage (%)	29 (note)
4	8	Staff per 1000 connection	6
5	90	Collection Ratio (%)	97
6	25	Non Revenue Water (%)	11
7	70	Operation Ratio (%)	47
8	Net losses	Financial Result	3 to 10% net profit
9	Negative	Cash Reserve (USD)	3 Millions

