

SECURE Webinar 9

COVID-19 vaccination and beyond: Lessons learned from Southeast Asia

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Response to COVID-19

- *Cambodia responded to COVID-19 pandemic under the strong leadership of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia,*
- *Now is striking-back for socio-economic recovery growth, and resilient health system against the future pandemic and health emergency.*
- Adapted ‘risk-balance approach’ to quickly, swiftly and effectively implemented public health measures, with an early planning for COVID-19 vaccination- COVID-19 primary vaccination series coverage of over 70% of the total population in September 2021
- Successful implementation of a social support program, launched in June 2020, has moderately mitigated the negative impact of COVID-19 on socio-economy

Response to COVID-19

- Created a favorable condition for reopening the country and socio-economic activities in November 2021.
- Contributing to global health security whilst also maintaining other significant health gains, e.g. further reduction of maternal and early childhood mortality.

Resilient health systems learn and adapt

- *The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted that when health is at risk everything is at risk. Investing in health is not a cost but an investment in social and economic stability, growth and resilience.*
- **As directed by evidence and Cambodia's national needs and priorities, the Royal Government's priority directions are to further strengthen resilient health systems towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC).**
 - ✓ **Ensuring health security: preparedness and operational readiness of the health system for and effectively address growing public health threats and emergencies;**
 - ✓ **maintain access to essential quality services during an emergency; and**
 - ✓ **Ensure access to essential health services and critical care without risk of financial hardship,**
 - ✓ **Maintaining health gains,**

Ways forward

- **Shifting the health system toward more sustainable long-term response to COVID-19**
- **Empowering individuals and communities to make the right choices that saves lives and sustains livelihoods.**

Concluding remarks

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought both challenges and opportunities to the health systems and health, and economy.

- **Transforming the current national health security architecture and governance to fit for the future in protecting health of the population**
- **Maintaining the global and regional communication in more effective and on timely manner, and sharing global, regional and country experience, good-practices, workable policies, and innovative solution and technologies**
- **Making health cooperation more effective platform to boost the global and regional efforts unity and solidarity**