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### Land use and Indigenous People

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# Introduction

- Indigenous people are approximately 1.2% of total Cambodian people (Moul, 2012)
- Most of them live in Cambodian northeastern provinces
- They depend on land and natural resources for improving their livelihood





# Definition of key words

- ***Indigenous people*** : A group of people whose members practice a traditional lifestyle to customary rule of collective use (land law, 2001)
- ***Land Use*** : “is characterized by arrangement, activities and inputs by people to produce, change or maintain a certain land cover type.”  
(FAO/UNDP, 1999)



# Regulation and Policy

## 1. Land law 2001

- Article 26 of Land Law states that “...This collective ownership includes all of the rights and protections of ownership as are enjoyed by the private owners. But the communities do not have the right to dispose of any part of the collective ownership which is the State public property any person or group”
- Article 28 of Land Law stipulate that “No authority apart from the communities may acquire rights over immovable properties belonging to the indigenous communities”.



# Regulation and Policy (con't)

## **2. Policy on registration and rights to use of lands of indigenous communities in Cambodia**

- Objective and vision
  - ✓ Poverty reduction and national economic development that help communities to own land and have the right to use other natural resources for supporting their livelihood.
  - ✓ Sustainable land management through land management and land use planning...



# **Regulation and Policy (con't)**

- 3. Sub decree on procedures of registration of land of indigenous communities (No. 83 ANK.BK)**
- 4. Technical instruction on Indigenous communities land registration**
- 5. Other supporting regulations**



# Strengths and Challenges of Indigenous land registration

Encourage  
Participation

Take long time to register all  
communities' Land title

Collective  
ownership security

Communities' Lack of  
understanding of the process  
of land registration

Improving IP  
livelihood

Land dispute among  
communities and people  
outside communities



# Conclusion

- Government has created enormous law and regulation to protect and make it secure on land use rights
- Government has achievements on indigenous land use rights and land registration and provide benefit to indigenous communities
- Still there are some problems of indigenous land use and land registration



- What are the causes of land issue to the indigenous people in Cambodia?
- What are the effects of land issue on the collective ownership
- What are the solutions that have been done so far non government organizations (NGO) for collective ownership of indigenous people?



*THANK YOU*

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