

## Press release

### **UNIDO launches “Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Programme (CEDEP II): Export of Marine Fishery” project**

PREAH SIHANOUK, 05 September 2014 The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) today launches a new project worth more than US\$1.3 million to assist Cambodia in improving the capacity of export of marine fishery products.

The project titled “Cambodia Export Diversification and Expansion Programme (CEDEP II): Export of Marine Fishery” has received funding from Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF). It works in close partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries through Department of Fisheries Post Harvest Technologies and Quality Control of Fishery Administration and the Ministry of Commerce.

The three year project (2014-2017) with a total budget of US\$1,303,942, aims to achieve three main goals: (1) to better structure the sector of small and medium-sized processors and exporters in marine fishery products; (2) to identify a group of small and medium-sized processors to receive technical support required for improvement their export readiness; and (3) to disseminate lessons learnt gained from the project implementation to larger community of producer associations in the 4 target provinces.

The project is specifically designed to support the Royal Government of Cambodia’s effort to increase the export value of Cambodian marine fisheries products to international market that would in turn generate more income for the processors and create more jobs for the local people.

The project activities will focus mainly on the strengthening of public and private sector capacities related to exportation of marine products by developing national standards for marine products and creating a new Apex Association for all marine fisheries product processors. Moreover, a series of training on the compliance requirement for exportation such as GMP, GHP, HACCP and packaging will be provided to groups of processors. The training will also try to ensure the sustainability of the marine fisheries processing sector by creating a pool of knowledge on the exportation.

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