

MFAT Management Response to Cambodia Agriculture Review

| Evaluation Report Recommendation | MFAT Response and Action (Agree, Partially Agree, Reject) |
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| Develop and publicise a country strategy to guide investment. | Partially agree. MFAT intends to revise its ASEAN strategy and will consider developing country-specific papers. |
| Strategically concentrate resources on fewer Activities; focus geographically or on specific market functions. | Agree. MFAT intends to consolidate the budget going forward into one single investment. Depending on the quantum of funding available, MFAT may decide to focus on a small number of provinces in Cambodia, but with the intention of sharing knowledge and lessons learnt with the Government of Cambodia and other development partners to influence change at the national level. |
| Integrate MSD principles into the design and implementation of the portfolio. | Agree. MFAT intends to integrate Market Systems Development principles into the design and implementation of the next investment. |
| Outline core competencies in the country strategy; use this to guide implementing partner choice and capacity building | Agree MFAT intends to develop a selection criteria of core competencies in the implementing partner, which will be used to guide decisions about selection and capacity building. |
| Provide regular technical support and supervision to Activities; build missing competencies early | Agree MFAT intends to ensure the continued engagement of in-house sector advisers in monitoring activity implementation. |
| Continue the portfolio focus on climate change adaptation and food safety | Agree MFAT intends to have a strong focus on climate change adaptation and food safety in future investments, but will carefully consider the costs and benefits of supporting food safety certification. |

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| Develop a more targeted approach to increase inclusion sustainably | <p>Agree</p> <p>MFAT intends to increase inclusion sustainably by adopting a Market Systems Development approach so that local businesses and institutions are supported to provide goods and services into the future.</p> |
| Redesign MERL to encourage management focused on maximising sustainable results | <p>Agree</p> <p>MFAT intends to design a MERL framework for the next investment that suits Market Systems Development programming, particularly on measuring the Activity's achievement of systemic change.</p> |