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PRESS RELEASE Launch of a New Publication A Guide for Journalists: Food Security and Nutrition June 25, 2012

UNESCO is pleased to announce the launch of a new publication the *A Guide for Journalists: Food Security and Nutrition*. The media handbook for journalists was initiated by UNESCO under the guidance of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) and Ministry of Information with consultations involving Cambodian stakeholders and other UN agencies (FAO, UNICEF, ILO, WHO and WFP) implementing the MDG-F Joint Programme.

The Joint Programme on Child, Nutrition and Food Security was developed within the framework of the Spanish Millennium Development Goals Fund. The production of this handbook is grounded on the belief that the media can, and should play an important role in disseminating information to the general public and decision-makers in developing countries about food security and nutrition related issues. As stated by Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen, during the food security and nutrition national seminar last month, the Royal Government of Cambodia is committed to making health and agriculture the government's top priority for combating poverty and food insecurity.

The handbook will serve as an essential tool to help guide and enhance the journalists' knowledge on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) for accurate reporting and advocating issues such as child mortality, children and women's health, nutrition and food security, and allow policy makers to access a wide variety of resources and information to guide them on key issues and to lead them to important information sources.

The launch of the media handbook will take place on <u>25th June 2012 at the Naga World Hotel from 8:00</u> <u>-12:00</u> in Phnom Penh.

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