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Press Release

Results of voter scoring on the fulfillment of elected official's performance against priority benchmarks for Siem Reap Province<sup>1</sup>

(Translated December 13, 2010)

A sample of 85 voters<sup>2</sup> from districts in Siem Reap province (36% women) representative of communities including: forestry, fisheries non-governmental organizations, businesspersons, civil servants, students, and farmers reported on their satisfaction with the performance of Siem Reap's elected officials in implementing the priority benchmarks for the province. In the majority of cases these benchmarks were felt to be 'not at all' or 'slightly achieved'.

The majority of voters have not been satisfied with the progress of officials in achieving these benchmarks. Areas of particular dissatisfaction include: 'provide social land concessions to the landless', 'increase government salaries', 'reform the legal system so that it is independent and fair', 'reduce the price of electricity', 'compensate the people living in Varin district' and especially 'end the confiscation of farm land from people in the Apsara authority area'.

No benchmarks were evaluated by voters as 'almost accomplished' or 'accomplished'. Benchmarks scored by voters as 'moderately accomplishment' include: 'put an end to the sex industry', 'halt all illegal fishing' and 'provide an agricultural technical training'

Following constituent feedback, Siem Reap's parliamentarian H.E. Mrs Ke Sovannroth said that "To represent voters I will make an effort to help." Adding that, "she is determined to continue to achieve the needs of voters."

H.E. Mr Kau Sophorn, Siem Reap's provincial councilor, promised to. "Submit the benchmarks to the board of provincial governors to discuss and take an action on."

Mr. Ly Samrith, provincial city hall officer, said he supports, "the efforts of the local authority to stop the importation of poor quality products and calls for people stop using these products."

The breakdown of the scoring by voters on the accomplishment of benchmarks made was as followings:

- 1 'Not-at-all' or 'slightly' accomplishment (0% to 20 %)
- 2 'Moderately' (21% to 40%)
- 3 'Average' (41% to 60%)
- 4 'Largely' (61% to 80%)
- 5 'Almost' or 'Completed' (81 to 100%)

<sup>1</sup> The press release in Khmer Language was released on August 18, 2010

<sup>2</sup> Most of them participated in the last year workshop to identify these benchmarks

The below table of results is the score given by voters toward the accomplishment of each benchmark, identified by voters as necessities for Siem Reap in 2009.

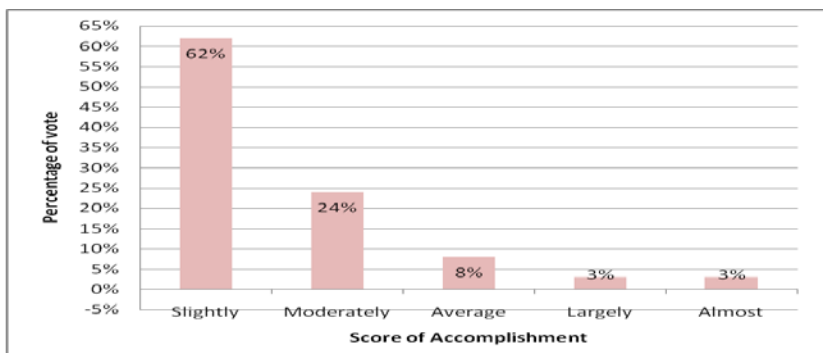
Scores by voters on the accomplishment of benchmarks as identified by the voters in 2009 for Siem Reap province and the percentage <sup>3</sup> of voters giving each score													
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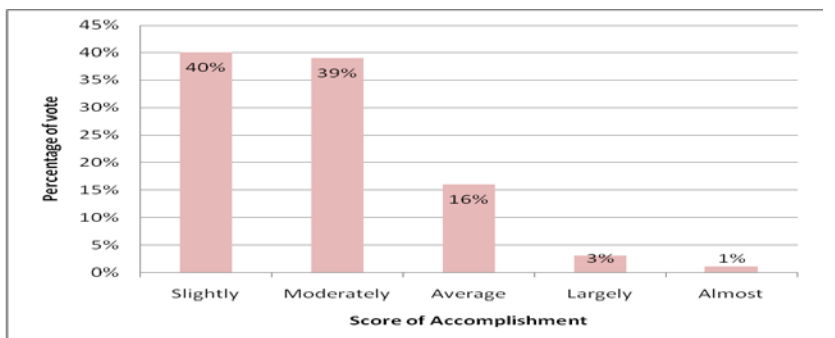
5. Increase government salaries, including the armed forces, to at least 150 USD per month from 2010.



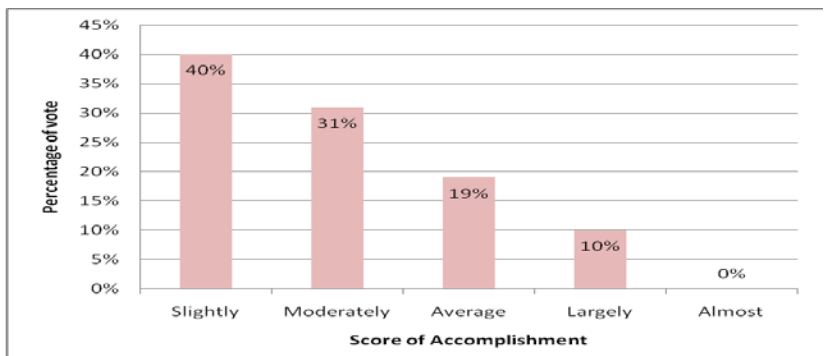
6. Reform the legal system so that it is independent and fair starting early 2010.



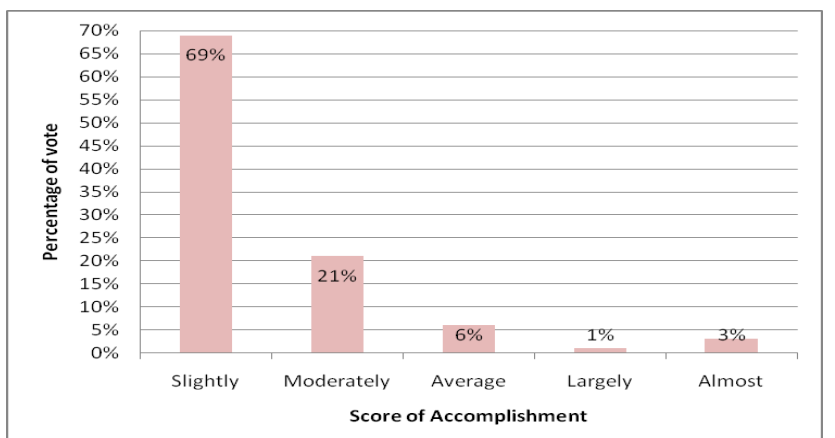
7. Reduce the price of electricity to a point where 1 kilowatt is equal to 25% of the price of a litre of gasoline from 2010.



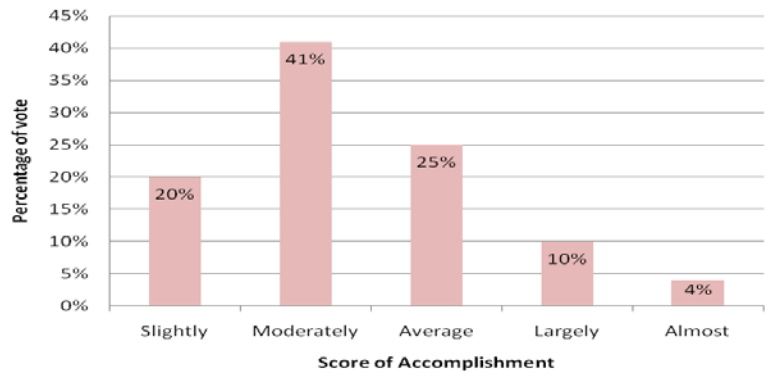
8. Compensate the people living in Varin district at market prices and favour local people when selling land from 2010. Stop the use of the armed forces to threaten local people in Siem Reap from 2009.



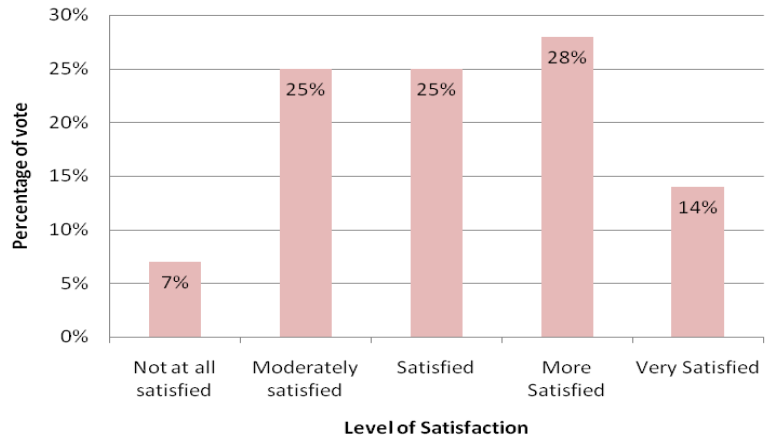
9. Apsara authority exchanges equivalent farm land as fair compensation for land they confiscate starting from 2010. End the confiscation of farm land from people in the Apsara area from September 2009.



10. Put an end to the sex industry in Siem Reap in 2010.



11. How are you satisfied overall with the work of elected officials toward the accomplishment of the benchmarks?



The voters' scores were taken in a Voters' Forum organized by COMFREL in cooperation with Cambodia Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC), Partnership for Development in Campuchea (PADEK), Cambodian League for the promotion and Defend of Human Rights (LICADHO) in 27 July 2010.

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