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Press Release

Results of voter scoring on the fulfillment of elected official's performance against priority benchmarks for Odor Meanchey Province

December 13, 2010

A sample of 78 voters¹ from districts in Odor Meanchey province (17% women) representative of communities including: non-governmental organizations, businesspersons, civil servants, students, and farmers, reported on their satisfaction with the performance of Odor Meanchey's elected officials in relation to implementing the priority benchmarks for the province. In the majority of cases these benchmarks were felt not to have been achieved.

The majority of voters scored achievement of benchmarks between 'not at all or slightly accomplished' including: 'find investors to build sugar and flour mill factories' and 'stop charging people for systematic land registration'. However, Cadastral office have completed systematic land registration of 1500 plots of residential land in 2010 and all land registration should be finished by 2015.

Voters scored achievements of 'moderately accomplished' for: 'connect all districts to the power grid, 'provide social concession land to landless families', 'provide agricultural technical training center, seeds and natural fertilizer'.

A representative of the provincial agricultural department said that there was already an agricultural technical training centre in Sangkat Koun Kreal and that the agricultural department and NGOs cooperate in providing rice seed. The representative was unable to identify target districts. "Announcing the price of agriculture products is already done via phone SMS but it is in English Language." said a representative from provincial commercial department.

Road repairs and increasing salaries for teachers was scored by voters as 'average'. Director of provincial council said that road the from Osmach in Somrong city to Kralanh district in Siem Reap is being repaired and that a new road linking Somrong city to Thmar Pouk in Banteay Meanchey is in the planning phase and that construction will begin in 2011 and completed in 2012.

President of provincial council H.E. Mr Yim Thin said that he was currently in negotiations with the private sector to partner in the province's development that would further benefit voters. He also promises to make an effort to find other investors to help in the development of the province.

¹ The number of voters may not represent all voters in Kampong Speu but they can represent some community invited

Provincial councilors H.E. Mr Long Vanny and H.E. Mr. Nut Sophon said that a commission has been created to solve land disputes and provide social land concessions. They noted, however, that recent settlers who have no documentation cause some challenges and these people should approach provincial councilors and local authorizes with social land concession claims. H.E. Mrs. Ek Sovannphearak, deputy provincial governor, said that we [the government] cannot accomplish all voters' needs, but we will make an effort to accomplish step by step.

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

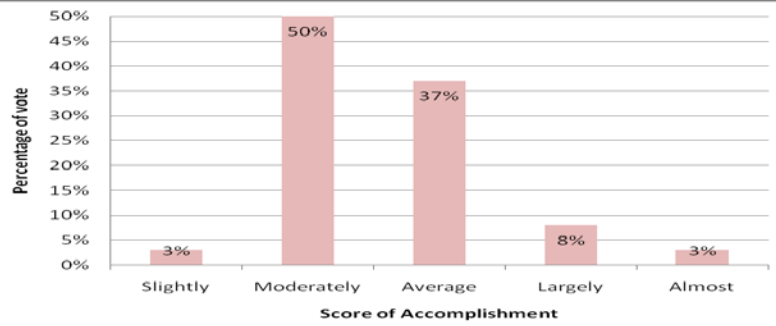
- 1 'Not-at-all' or 'slightly' accomplishment (0% to 20 %)
- 2 'Moderately' (21% to 40%)
- 3 'Average' (41% to 60%)
- 4 'Largely' (61% to 80%)
- 5 'Almost' or 'Completed' (81 to 100%)

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

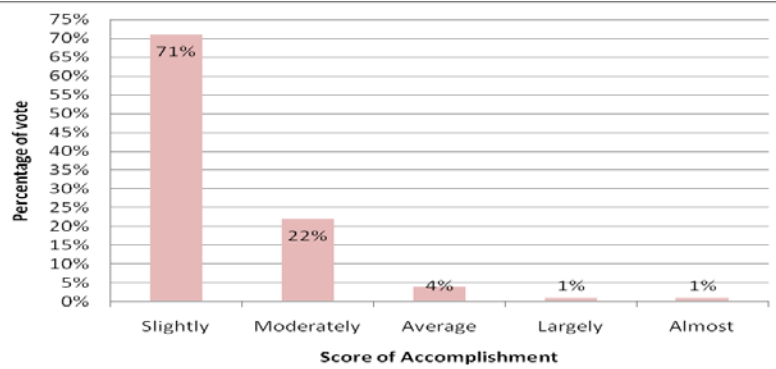
| Scores by voters on the accomplishment of benchmarks as identified by the voters in 2009 for Odor Meanchey province and the percentage ² of voters giving each score | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Benchmark | Chart of Score of Accomplishment Toward the Benchmark Given by Voters | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>1. Connect all districts in Odor Meanchey to the electrical grid between 2010 and 2012. Accept Riel currency and set the price of electricity at 500 Riels per kilowatt from 2010. Reduce the cost of the connection service by 50% from 2010.</p> | <table border="1"> <caption>Data for Benchmark 1 Chart</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Score of Accomplishment</th> <th>Percentage of vote</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Slightly</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moderately</td> <td>47%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>24%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Largely</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Almost</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Score of Accomplishment | Percentage of vote | Slightly | 18% | Moderately | 47% | Average | 24% | Largely | 10% | Almost | 0% |
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| <p>2. Tarmac 3 roads: The road from Osmach, Somrong city to Kralanh district in Siem Reap province and from Somrong city to Banteay Chhmar commune, Thmar Pouk district. The road from Somrong to Cheung Phnom village in Bansayrak commune, Somrong city. The road from Anlong Veng district to Somrong. All to be completed by the end of 2012.</p> | <table border="1"> <caption>Data for Benchmark 2 Chart</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Score of Accomplishment</th> <th>Percentage of vote</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Slightly</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moderately</td> <td>17%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>46%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Largely</td> <td>32%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Almost</td> <td>4%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Score of Accomplishment | Percentage of vote | Slightly | 1% | Moderately | 17% | Average | 46% | Largely | 32% | Almost | 4% |
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² The sum of percentage of some row is more than 100% due to rounding-up of data

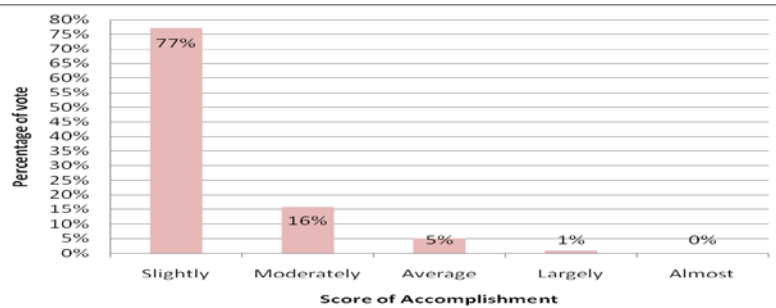
3. Provide an agricultural technical training centre and provide rice, corn, potato seeds and provide a natural fertilizer technical centre in each district by the end of 2011.



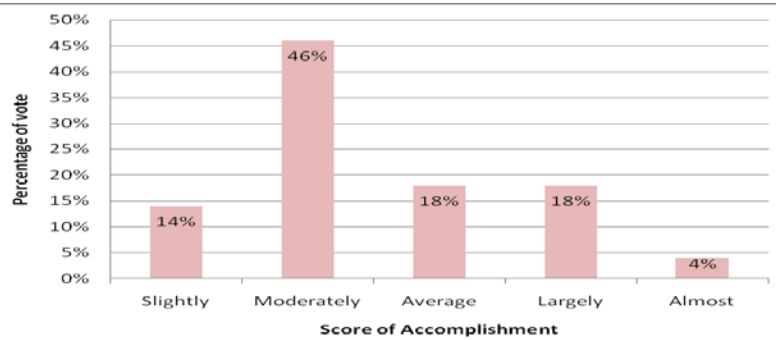
4. Government to find investors to build a sugar factory in Samrong city by 2010. Investors will also buy sugar cane at the market price or make a contract to buy sugar cane at 20 USD per 1 ton.



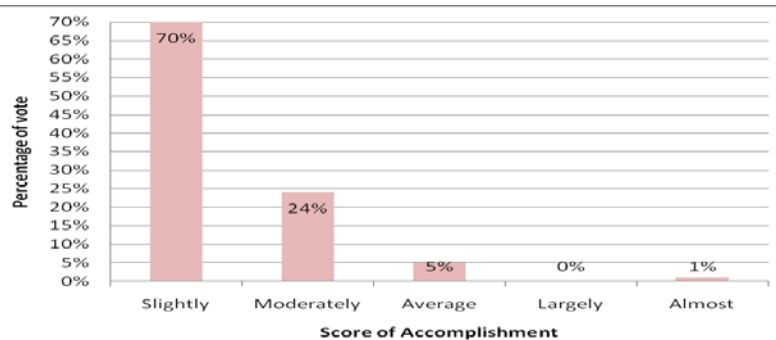
5. Provide one canal (length 2000 metres x 2m x 1.5m) at Bansayrak commune, Samrong city by the end of 2011.



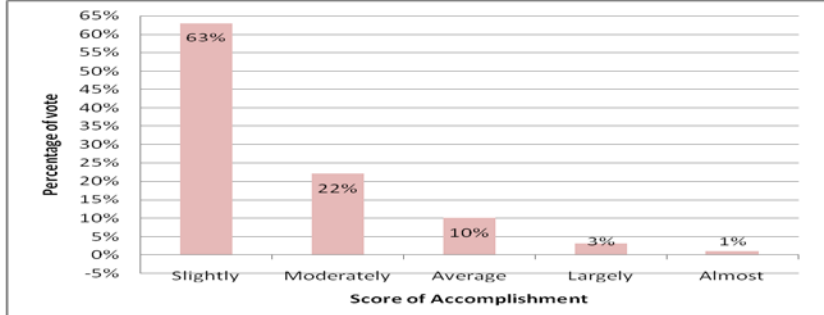
6. Announce the market price of corn, rice, bean and potato three times a year and increase the price of the product by at least 20% every year from 2009.



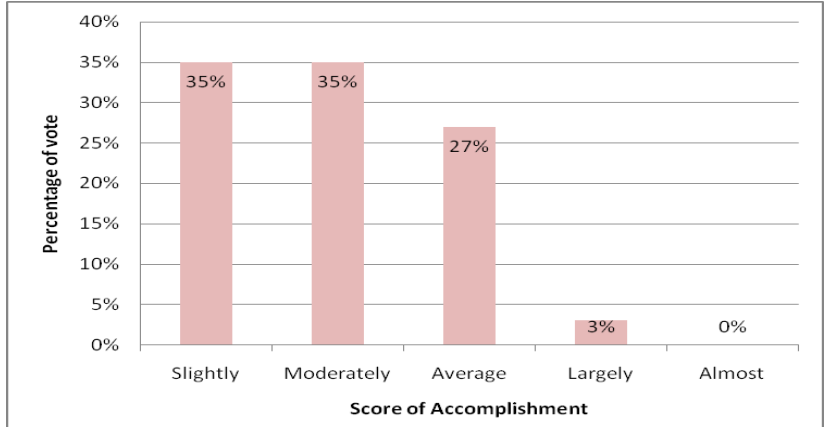
7. Government to seek investors for at least one flour mill Samrong city. Ensure that investors commit to buying fresh potato at 400 Riels per kilogram and dry potato at 800 Riels per kilogram.



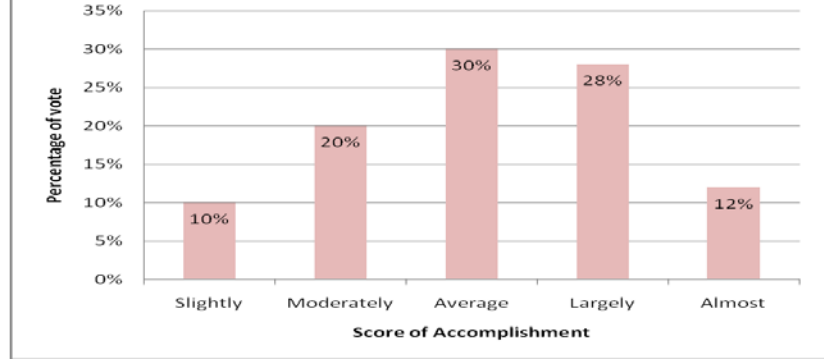
8. Cadastral Office to stop charging for systematic land registration from January 2010.



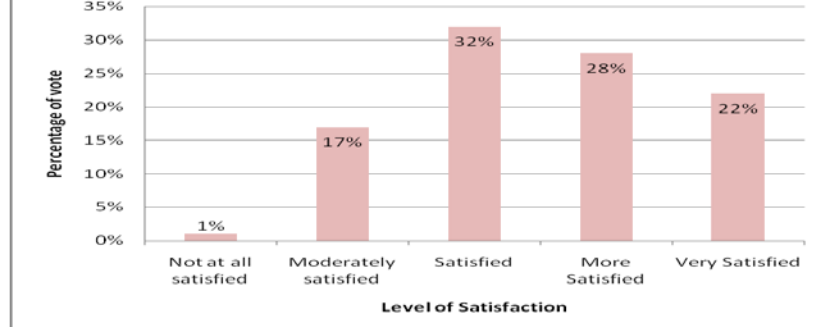
9. Provide social concession land to landless families. Provide at least 2 hectares of agricultural land for 1,500 families in Odor Meanchey by the end of 2011.



10. Increase salaries of teachers to at least 400,000 Riels per month with an annual increase of 20% from 2010.



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



Voters reported on their satisfaction with the performance of Odor Meanchey’s elected officials in implementing the priority benchmarks and encouraged elected officials at national and local levels to continue to work towards implementing them.

The voters’ scores were taken in a Voters’ Forum organized by COMFREL in cooperation with Cambodia Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC), GREENWAY, Buddhism for Development (BFD) and the Cambodia Health and Human Rights Association in November 2010.

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