

Cambodia prioritises fish in National Nutrition Strategy

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In recognition of its essential role in healthy diets, Cambodia has included fish in its newly launched Third National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition (2024–2028). The strategy, spearheaded by the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD), aims to boost food security, nutrition outcomes, and resilience nationwide.

Speaking at the strategy's official launch, Dr Ouk Rabun, Senior Minister and Chairman of CARD, acknowledged the crucial role played by WorldFish and other key development partners, highlighting their contributions in shaping the strategic direction for Cambodia's nutrition and food security future.

"I would like to express my deep appreciation to the development partners, including ministries, institutions, the German Federal Government, UN agencies (such as FAO, UNICEF, WFP, WHO), international NGOs (GIZ, HKI, NI, IIRR, WorldFish, World Vision, Plan International), for their collaboration with CARD in preparing this important national strategy," he said.

This policy inclusion reflects WorldFish's longstanding partnership with Cambodian policymakers and marks an important step forward, as research consistently shows that fish are nutrient-dense, packed with micronutrients essential for tackling malnutrition, boosting childhood growth, and supporting cognitive development, particularly in vulnerable groups.

The new national strategy targets ambitious reductions in child stunting and wasting, achievable through nutrition-sensitive approaches, sustainable food systems, and continued strategic partnerships.