

**PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA
INDEPENDENCE PEACE FREEDOM HAPPINESS**

Council of Ministers
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**DECISION
ON
THE POLICY ON ALLOWANCE
FOR
ORPHANED INFANTS, ORPHANED CHILDREN,
SENILE (frail elderly) / DISABLED PERSONS
AND
STREET PEOPLE
LIVING IN STATE CENTERS**

Council of Ministers

- Having seen Constitution of the PRK,
- Having seen Law on the Organization and Activities of the Council of Ministers which was promulgated by Decree N0: 03 Kr of 10 February 1982,
- Having seen Law -Decree N0: 19 Kr.Ch dated 05 March 1985 of the State Council on the Establishment of the Office of the Minister of Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs,
- Having seen Subdecree N0: 19 A.N.Kr dated 15 October 1985 of the Council of Ministers on the Roles and Duties of Organizational Structure of the Ministry of Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs,
- Upon the request of the Ministry of Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs,

Hereby Decides:

I. TARGET PEOPLE AND QUALIFICATION

Article1: Orphaned infants, orphaned children, the senile/disabled persons having no support of both sexes and street people of both sexes who are facing difficulties and having no relatives to take care, shall be salvaged by the State and admitted to collective centers in compliance with the criteria and policy below:

1. Orphaned Infants

- having no both mother and father and having no relative to take care
- abandoned infants (*sb found*).
- infant having mother or father who is not able to take care the infant and having no relatives to take care.

2. Orphaned Children

- children from 5 to 15 years of age who have no both mother and father and have no relatives or have relatives but they are not able to take care.

-having mother or father but he/she is a senile person of 60 years of age onward for the father and of 55 years of age onward for mother or he/she is the disabled losing completely and permanently the ability to work and have no relative to take care.

3. The senile/disabled persons

-the senile persons of 60 years of age onward for man and of 55 years of age onward for woman who lost completely the ability to work and have no relatives to take care.

-serious disabled, lost ability to work completely and permanently because of disease or eventual accident and have no relatives to take care.

In both cases, it requires to have certificate issued by the authorities and by the competent Ministry.

4. Street people

Street people of both sexes shall be salvaged by the State and admitted to a re-education center and orphanage or a center for the disabled under the following qualification:

-15 years and below: after being re-educated if the child has no parents or guardian, he/she shall be referred and admitted to an orphanage. On the contrary if he/she has parents or guardian, he/she shall be referred to live in the family.

-15 years of age onward: after being re-educated it is totally required to refer him/her to the family.

- persons of 60 years of age onward for man and of 55 years of age onward for woman: after being re-educated if he/she is a senile person who lost completely the ability to work and if he/she has no relatives to take care, he/she shall be admitted to a State Salvage Center.

-As for street people of any age who are blind/ cripple and have no ability to work, after being re-educated if they do not have relatives to take care they shall be referred and admitted to a State Center for the Disabled.

II. ALLOWANCE POLICY

Article2: The people in the aforementioned points who have been living in a state center shall receive allowance below:

1.Orphaned Infants:

Five and under five: every month shall receive allowance at the amount of 113.50 riels and be entitled to buy 10 k.g of rice at the State supplying price. A part from this, infant of 12 month and under 12 months shall receive monthly additional allowance for health care at the amount of 20 riels.

**INFANTS SHALL RECEIVE WET-NURSE ALLOWANCE
SET OUT IN THIS TABLE**

Age of Infants	Number of Infants	Number of wet-nurse	Allowance for wet-nurse	Remarks
6 months and below	4-5	2	shall receive allowance as state staffs and workers do	
7 months and over	6-7	2		
12 months and over	8-9	2		
2 years onward	10-11	2		

2. Orphaned Children:

The orphaned children of 15 years and below this age who are attending school shall receive allowance at the amount of 131.50 riels and shall be entitled to buy fifteen “15k.g” of rice at the supplying price every month. For children over 15 years old, they shall receive allowance at the amount of 134 riels and shall be entitled to buy sixteen “16 k.g.” of rice in every month. Girls of 15 years old onward shall receive additional 5 riels for their hygiene.

3. Senile/disabled persons:

They shall receive allowance as orphans do. In particular the disabled shall be given priority by the state to receive **orthoses**, labor forces restoration such as to provide with free of charge artificial legs/arms (prosthesis) at the State Center for Orthoses .

4. Street people:

They shall receive allowance at the amount of 121 riels and shall be entitled to buy fifteen “15k.g” of rice at the state supplying price every month. Woman shall receive additional 5 riels for her hygiene.

Article3: With a view to alleviate livelihood of the above persons, as additional support they shall be supported as priority in doing business, handicraft, cultivation or animal raising. Whenever salary of state cadres, staffs and workers is changed the allowance for these target people is also changed accordingly.

Article4: The **orphaned youth** 17 years old onward of both sexes who are not capable to continue their study, the State shall seek the job for them in compliance with their own real capacity. After receiving employment or vocational training in which remuneration or scholarship is provided, the allowance shall be terminated. They shall receive remuneration (*food ration*) at the relevant entity or scholarship as limited by the State. In case of marriage, the entity, provincial /municipal authority and mass organization shall provide spiritual and material support. With a view to alleviate their living (at the beginning of marriage life), the State provide only for one time the allowance equal to four months allowance “4 months”.

Article5: All party Organizations, State Organizations, Mass Organizations and Social Organizations shall as priority provide employment to the orphaned youth of both sexes.

At the state educational establishments, the orphaned nieces/nephews shall be given priority to study without paying any contribution.

For the target people who receive the above allowance, in case they are sick they shall be given priority to have their health examined or to be treated at any hospitals free of charge.

Article6: The aforementioned target people, save for infants, when eventually met accident and died, the State shall provide assistance at the amount of eight hundred riels “ 800 riels “ for funeral ceremony or burying of corpse in accordance with the tradition.

Article7: Orphaned infants of 12 and under 12 months may be authorized to live with any people or state cadre, staff or worker when following requirements are met:

-person who adopts the child has Cambodian Nationality and shall be 25 years older than adoptive child. In special case a foreigner, through government of the PRK, has the rights to adopt an orphaned infant.

-application shall be duly certified by local authorities in case when adoptive parent(s) are/is the people (*not state official*) and certified by relevant head of entity in case when adoptive parent(s) are/is state cadre(s), staff(s) or worker(s). The application shall be attached with a contract promising that he/she/they shall treat the adoptive child as if he/she is his/her/their biological child.

-following the receipt of the child, the adoptive parent(s) shall have the child (*'s name*) registered in **Civil Status Book** at the commune/Sangkat of the jurisdiction where he/she/they currently live(s).

Article8: Orphans shall be authorized to discharge from a center when 3 conditions below are met:

-orphan concerned voluntarily ask to leave

-relatives undertake to take care, entity of a vocational school provides vocational training or specialization or receiving state employment,

-there is consent from Board of management of relevant center and entity of the management of relevant center.

In this case, local authority and the people shall provide accommodation and assist them in the engagement in Solidarity Production Group as other people. As set out in Article 4, they shall receive the allowance only for one time.

Article9: Street people may be discharged from a Re-educational Center unless there is an authorization from the Board of management of relevant center and entity of management of relevant center. These target people shall receive only for one time the allowance equal to three “ 3 “ months allowance for personal belongings and transportation . Local authorities shall provide accommodation and a job at a Solidarity Production Group as other people. Contempt and degrading of the target people shall be prohibited.

III. ORGANIZATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Article10: Expenses paid to those target people are completely the burden of state budget. In order to ease the administration of cash provision, audit (*inspection*) and liquidation :

-at the Central Level, Ministry of Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs shall make budget proposal including it in its Annual Budget and forward the Annual Budget to Ministry of Finance so as to synthesize as State Budget.

-at prov./mun. levels, departments of Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs or offices of the Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs shall make annual budget proposal and forward it to prov./mun. Financial Department so as to synthesize as prov./mun. budget. Following the expenditure, liquidation shall be done in accordance with financial principles. State Budget for these expenditures is served just to guarantee fundamental needs for a small part of daily food. Field administration which manages the target people shall promote cultivation and organize appropriate vocational training for the target people so as to alleviate their daily living.

Article11: With a view to effectively implement salvation policy to the above stated target people, the ministries mentioned below are tasked with:

- Ministry of Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs shall issue Instruction Prokas for Implementation and formulate major formalities for various prov./mun.
- Ministry of Health shall issue Health Certificate for the disabled.
- Ministry of Finance shall determine necessary credit for the expenditure on the Allowance Policy for orphaned infants, orphaned children, frail/disabled people having no support and street people as well as expenses relative to the process of the implementation of this Decision.
- Ministry of Commerce shall monthly sell some supplies, out of the ration of rice, that is, soap and sugar; and for clothes ration once a year, to the target people at the state's supply price.
- National Bank of Kampuchea's People shall abide periodically by (*provide*) the Allowance to the target people.

Article12: Any previous principles contradict this decision shall be deemed as abrogated.

Article13: Cabinet of the Council of Ministers, Ministry of Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, National Bank of Kampuchea's People, prov./mun. People's Revolutionary Committee and all sections concerned are tasked with the effective implementation of this decision as of the date of the signature.

**For Council of Ministers
Chairperson**

**Signature and Seal
HUN SEN**

Receiving places:

- Cabinet of the Central Party
- Cabinet of the Assembly
- Cabinet of the State Council
- Central Commission (for Nomination)
- Central Commission for Propaganda and Education
“ for information ”
- Document.

C.C:

- All Ministries and Dpt under the Central (government).
- All provinces and Municipalities. “for information and cooperation in the implementation”
- Document

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For Minister in charge of Cabinet
of the Council of Ministers

Vice Minister

Signature and Seal: MSAS LOIS

C.C:

- All departments and offices of Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs
- Subordinate Departments
- Document

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Phnom Penh,July 1987
Head of the Cabinet of the Ministry
of
Disable Soldiers and Social Affairs

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