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FOOD SECURITY GAINS URGENCY IN ASIA-PACIFIC AT A TIME OF ECONOMIC CRISIS

VIDEO

TRAFFIC AND PEOPLE

YOUNG WOMEN TEXTILE WORKERS
GET OFF TRUCK

WOMEN IN FACTORY

GUARD CLOSSES FACTORY DOOR /
"FOR RENT" SIGN ON FACTORY
GATE / UNEMPLOYED FORMER
GARMENT FACTORY WORKER

SAO COOKS IN DISMAL SHACK

SAO, UNEMPLOYED GARMENT
WORKER, ON CAMERA

AUDIO

NARRATION

Before the global economic crisis, a decade of double-digit economic growth lifted many Cambodians out of poverty. (6.5")

More than 400,000 jobs were provided by the burgeoning textile industry – many to young women whose income supported extended families in the countryside. (11")

But over the last year, dozens of factories have closed down. Twenty-seven-year-old Sao is one of 50,000 people now without a job. (9")

Like many others she is under nourished, unable to afford more than one meal a day. (5")

SAO: (Cambodian) **F**

"I don't have enough food. When I walk I feel dizzy all the time." (6")

SAO'S SHACK IN SLUM

NARRATION

Cambodia is not alone in having to plan for the long-term food security of its citizens. (5")

ESCAP MEETING HALL /
DELEGATES

Representatives from across the Asia-Pacific region met earlier this year in Bangkok, Thailand to discuss how to keep the economic crisis from becoming a food crisis for millions of its people. It's an urgent issue, says China's representative, Liu Jieyi. (16")

LIU JIEYI, CHINESE ASSISTANT
FOREIGN MINISTER

LIU JIEYI: (English) **M**

LIU JIEYI ON CAMERA

"We do face a daunting situation if we do not work urgently to cope with the food security issue." (6")

NARRATION

FARMER TILLS LAND

Most agreed that the way forward is to increase productivity through sustainable and efficient agricultural practices. (6.5")

DEMONSTRATORS AT LABOUR
RALLY

One shared concern is that political unrest could spread across the region unless governments are able to ensure the food security of their citizens. (8")

NOELEEN HEYZER: (English) **F**

NOELEEN HEYZER WITH PRIME
MINISTER OF THAILAND AT
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

"Hungry people make angry people." (2")

DELEGATES AT PHOTO OP

NARRATION

Dr. Noeleen Heyzer heads the UN's Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific, ESCAP. (5.5)

NOELEEN HEYZER ON CAMERA

NOELEEN HEYZER: (English) **F**

"What you're going to have is a situation of social unrest if it's not attended to. You're going to find more and more people falling into poverty, you're going to find that the countries are not as productive as they can be if they had healthier people, and therefore the food security situation is an important issue not just for the poor, but for all of us." (23")

WOMAN COOKS IN GARBAGE-
CLUTTERED ALLEY

NARRATION

For many governments, the challenge now will be to provide a social safety network to protect those who have lost their salaries from falling back into extreme poverty and hunger. (11")

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