The achievement of the 6th Millennium Development Goal will clearly show the combined efforts between the government and the civil societies in building a world without HIV/AIDS.

Cambodian First Lady Lok Chumteav Dr. Bun Rany Hun Sen made the remarks on Wednesday in the World First Lady Meeting for the UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on AIDS at the UN Headquarters in New York.

“Our determination in this meeting in New York will really bring about new change,” said Lok Chumteav Dr. Bun Rany Hun Sen, also President of the Cambodian Red Cross (CRC), quoted by the National Television of Kampuchea (TVK).

Some 500 First Ladies from 27 countries, representatives of high-ranking government personalities, national and international organizations as well as civil societies attended this historic meeting.

According to Mrs. Ban Soon-taek, wife of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, each day some 1,000 newborns are infected with HIV, and AIDS is the leading cause of death for mothers in developing countries. She therefore expressed the determination of the world First Ladies to ensure that no baby will be HIV positive at birth by 2015.

The HIV response in Cambodia has been acknowledged as a global success by the international community, receiving the Millennium Development Goal Award for achievements in halting and reversing the spread of HIV.

Prevalence amongst adults aged 15-49 years continues to decline from an estimated 2 percent in 1998 to 0.7 percent in 2010. Coverage of access to treatment and care has dramatically improved with 90 percent of people living with HIV now receiving antiretroviral treatment.