



Project Title:	STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS FOR DEVELOPING RURAL AREAS IN RATANAKIRI
Donor:	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
Project Term:	January 2010 – 31 May 2011
Budget:	US\$ 154.390
Project Staff:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Part-Time Project Director • 1 Project Coordinator • 2 Project Officers • 2 Field Facilitators • 1 Part-time Accountant and Administrative • 1 Driver
Target Areas:	30 villages of 10 Communes in 6 districts: O Chum, Vensai, lumphat, Borkeo, Oyadao, and Andong Meas, district of Ratanakiri Province.
Beneficiaries:	In summary, the project beneficiary is present in following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 indigenous youths; - 5000 Villagers will benefits from the services of the stores - 540 members (woman) will benefits from the women network at district level
Project Goal:	Poverty reduction in Ratanakiri province through creating and improving the organizational fabric linked to local production and through strengthening local institutions in rural areas
Project Objectives:	The technical and organizational capacities of local producers have been improved and the local institutions strengthened for increasing the incomes level and the cooperation between stakeholders in the territory.
Outputs and Activities	Output 1 The technical and organizational capacities of groups of producers and community based organizations from primary sector have been improved, leading to the improvement of the quality, the management of the production and the access to the market for local productions.

Output 2

The public participation and the cooperation between public and private stakeholders have been improved, especially on planning and decision making processes.

Activities

- Preliminary assessment on production conditions and commercialization of local production in the target area.
- 18 specialization trainings on managing community shops, agricultural techniques, establishing agricultural associations and management of business activities.
- Visits to other successful experiences.
- Contest for entrepreneurs.
- Trainings for producers groups and Community Based Organizations.
- Trainings for cluster representatives.
- Improving the commercialization of production in rural areas.
- Creating a special brand for the indigenous production.
- Trainings for the establishment of advisor associations addressed to farmers.
- Establishing a community group for storing and processing rice.
- Establishing forums for farmers and producers groups at district and provincial levels.
- Improving the access to development information to the rural population in Ratanakiri.
- Establishing a biannual forum for reflecting about the participation of civil society and the private sector on the decisions making process.
- Trainings on techniques for improving public participation and for the definition of territorial potentialities and needs in planning process. These courses are addressed to Districts
- Councils and Districts Development Committees, the Provincial Local Administration Unit facilitators, and the Department of planning
- Organizing workshops for the definition and improvement of development plans at district level, with the participation of District Development Committee and representatives from private sector and community based organizations, specially the producers groups generated at district level through the project.
- Financing and implementing socioeconomic initiatives at district level.