

CEDAC Organizes a Workshop on Leadership with Field Community Assistants (CFA)

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CEDAC, with funding support from the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF), organized a workshop on leadership at the Golden Sand Hotel in Sihanouk Province. The objectives of the workshop were to strengthen the Field Community Assistant's (CFA) leadership skills and to review their achievements after joining in the program.

There were 56 participants (17 of which were women) including Field Community Assistants (CFA) and CEDAC staff members who attended this workshop. The CFA come from 12 provinces including Banteay Mean Chey, Battambang, Pursat, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu, Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, Kampot, Takeo, Stung Treng, Prey Veng and Svay Rieng Provinces. The workshop focused on identifying and developing those CFA who have strong potential to greatly contribute to community development.

During the workshop, many questions and ideas about their experiences and future expectations were raised for discussion and sharing. The film, Gandhi, was also shown to the CFA and then they were asked to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the leadership style of the two film actors, Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Ali Jinnah. Moreover, Dr. Yang Saing Koma, acting as the facilitator, introduced the Self-Development Theory, SAMCHOL, and the advantages of money saving to the CFA.

Finally, during the reflections session, participants expressed their satisfaction in the CEDAC Development program and the leadership workshop. The participants seemed enthusiastic to apply the leadership skills they had learned to their current work and their future plans for prosperous community development.

