

CEDAC Extending Work to Promote Building Biodigesters

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Since April 2007, CEDAC has been a cooperative partner in the National Biodigester Programme (NBP) that promotes and disseminates information about domestic biodigesters to local farmers. The National Biodigester Programme (NBP) is a joint program between the Cambodia Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) and the Netherlands Development Organization (SNV).

In the beginning, the role of CEDAC was promoting and marketing the biodigesters within the five targeted provinces: Svay Rieng, Kampong Cham, Kandal, Kampong Speu and Takeo. As a result of those efforts, 320 biodigesters were built in the five provinces. In November 2007, CEDAC was selected by NBP to manage the program in Kampot Province. In October 2008, NBP extended the target provinces yet again and assigned CEDAC as the manager for two of the additional provinces -,] Prey Veng and Kandal.

As of December 2009, CEDAC has been instrumental in promoting the building of **1,068** biodigesters overall including 679 in Kampot Province, 142 in Kandal Province and 247 in Prey Veng Province. Because of this success, NBP again extended the target provinces in October 2009 and assigned CEDAC as the manager for two of the additional provinces, Kep and Sihanouk. As a result, CEDAC is now actively managing and promoting the building of biodigesters in the five provinces of Kampot, Prey Veng, Kandal, Kep and Sihanouk.

The success of this program has been very encouraging and CEDAC hopes to continue its efforts to improve the livelihood of local farmers through new practices and opportunities. CEDAC plans to help promote 1,785 biodigesters by the end of the year 2010.