

MONTHLY MEETING OF CEDAC FIELD PROGRAM 29 January 2010

Generally, on a monthly basis, CEDAC's Field Program organizes a regular staff meeting to share progress reports, prepare action plans and ensure good cooperation related to the development projects being implemented. The meetings also serve to strengthen the knowledge and capacity of the project officers in relation to project management and implementation.

On January 29, 2010, CEDAC organized a one-day meeting with 17 participants (including 3 women) attending. The participants included project officers, project coordinators, program officers and the director of CEDAC's Field Program, Mr. Yi Kim Than. Mr. Meas Somica, project coordinator, facilitated the meeting, a task that is rotated among staff. During the meeting, the participants reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting, discussed writing up the Field Program's annual progress report, and discussed identification of target communes for new CEDAC projects that will be implemented in Prey Veng and Svay Rieng provinces. Mr. Yi Kim Than informed the participants about two projects: "*Improving Food Security for the Most Vulnerable Families in Prey Veng province/IFS-PV;*" and "*Development of Food Production, Farming Incomes, Nutrition and Resilience in Rural Cambodia/FF-PV&SR.*"

The meeting was an important opportunity for participants to learn from each other about the progress being made in implementing projects in each target province of CEDAC's Field Program. Based on information shared by the participants, it was established that Village-based Farmer Organizations (VFOs) set up under CEDAC's facilitation are becoming more effective in operating their community-led businesses and other social development activities especially those VFOs that have become important partners with commune councils. In addition, the participants improved their understanding of the general concept and objectives of the IFS-PV and FF-PV&SR projects. The participants further committed to improving their writing skills (writing of best practices, farmers' success stories, etc.) so that they can produce interesting case studies for the *Farmer Magazine*, CEDAC's website and other media. The next monthly staff meeting will be held 1-3 March 2010 at CEDAC's branch office in Kompong Chhnang province.

