

CEDAC and PLAN Joint Full Proposal to EU

25-28 January 2010

From 25-28 January 2010, CEDAC and PLAN Cambodia staff met to work on a full proposal to the European Union (EU). The four-day meeting took place at SUNWAY Hotel in Phnom Penh. The proposal is titled: *"Promoting Climate Resilient Livelihoods for Small-Scale Farmers in Most Vulnerable Dry Land Areas in Siem Reap and Kampong Cham Provinces."* The project would be implemented over five years from the end of 2010 to 2014. It would mainly focus on dry land areas, covering 325 villages across 31 communes, in 6 districts and 2 provinces at an estimated budget of 2.2 million euro.

Attending the workshop were 22 participants: 3 CEDAC staff; 14 PLAN Cambodia staff; Mr. Andy Hill, the program officer of PLAN England; 2 representatives from the Provincial Departments of Agriculture from Siem Reap and Kompong Cham provinces; and 2 farmer representatives from Takeo province. Representing CEDAC were Field Program Director Mr. Yi Kimthan, Program Officer, Mr. Yim Sok Sophors, and Project Coordinator Mr. Ma Veasna.

The day before the workshop at SUNWAY Hotel, Mr. Andy Hill conducted a field visit to Dombae district, Kompong Cham province to undertake a closer inspection of the conditions in the proposed target district. He met a group of youth, a group of farmers and local authorities. Mr. Yi Kimthan and Mr. Yim Sok Sophors from CEDAC also participated in the field visit. Apart from group discussions with key informants in the villages, they also visited farmers' rice fields in order to learn about degraded land. During the workshop, the participants actively discussed aspects of the proposal in small groups, plenary presentations, and group brainstorming sessions.

The preparation of expected outputs, activities, and logical framework were achieved during the workshop. Further actions to finalize the full proposal were developed and it is expected that the completed proposal will be submitted to EU Brussels on 8 March 2010. During the workshop, the participants learned from each others and how to integrate initiatives between CEDAC and PLAN in pursuing sustainable development, primary education, and other similar social goals.

