

Training workshop on Climate Change at Sihanouk Province February 22-26, 2010

On 22-26 February 2010, CEDAC staff members Mr. Yi Kim Than and Mr. Yim Sok Sophors participated in a training workshop on “Introduction to Climate Change and Possible Responses for Cambodia,” organized by CORD, DCA/CA and ForumSyd. The workshop was held at Chhner Chulsa Hotel, Sihanouk province. There were 30 staff from 10 partner NGOs participating in the workshop, including Banteay Srei, CEDAC, DPA, FACT, LWF, NGO Forum, NTFP, PNKS , VSG, and STAR Kampuchea . The objectives of the workshop was to establish a baseline level of understand around climate change: 1)cause and effect, mitigation, impact mitigation, and adaptation; 2) how to build a working knowledge of climate change responses, including concepts and frameworks used; 3) the use of practical tools to build institutional readiness to engage in climate change work; and 4) to create a space for reflection on how current programs and projects may be affected by climate change and where they have the potential to contribute appropriate responses.

Mr. Robert W. Solar, facilitated the workshop. During the five days of training, the participants learned and shared information with each other about several concepts of climate change, such as greenhouse gas effect, climate change mitigation, climate change impact mitigation, climate change adaptation, regional responses, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) as it relates to livelihoods and food security, ecosystems, and similarly, climate change adaptation and regional responses as these relate to water resources, agriculture, and natural resource management.

A Partner Action Plans Orientation was conducted to make sure that all partner NGOs can develop an action plan to present at the second part of the workshop that will be held 30 March-1 April 2010 in Phnom Penh. Before Part 2 of the workshop takes place, CORD, DCA/CA, ForumSyd will send capacity building advisors to support those partner NGOs to conduct Organizational Self Assessment (OSA) and prepare the action plan for presentation in the workshop 2. According to the impressions of the participants, from the workshop was very informative and significantly increased their understanding of climate change concepts. They are very interested in learning DRR and know how to integrate such strategies into their programs.

