

CEDAC Organized Core Staff Meeting at Kompong Cham Province

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With funding support from the FNS (Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty), 2010 CEDAC organized a core staff workshop on 2 to 3 April 2010 at Phnom Pros Hotel in Kompong Cham. CEDAC president Dr. Yang Saing Koma facilitated the workshop, in which 45 core staff members including nine women participated. The purpose of the meeting was to review CEDAC's strategy for 2010 to 2014, to analyze social trends for determining future development activities, to discuss about the mechanism for strengthening the cooperation between all programs and affiliates of CEDAC in order to achieve the strategic plan.

First, representatives of each CEDAC programs and affiliates shared the information relating to its progress during the last 3 months to each other. Later on, the participants conducted a plenary review of CEDAC's strategy for the period 2010 to 2014. After that, the participants expressed their expectations for the meeting. Dr. Yang Saing Koma presented and discussed about the trends concerning agriculture and rural development in Cambodia from 1980 until 2010 and projected possible developments in the next decade.

The participants also shared their observations and reflections related to CEDAC's development activities during the recent years whether those activities are closely related to the current and future development activities or not. In addition, the participants also explored the future vision and strategies of CEDAC in local development from 2010 to 2020. CEDAC will focus on integrated development assistance especially at the district level. CEDAC envisions that there are farmer associations, credit unions, cooperative rice mills, farmer learning centers, associations of community-based farm advisors and service provider associations in each district. Every district would also have community information centers as well as community radios.

Because of the meeting, the participants improved their understanding of CEDAC's vision as well as strategies in local development, and how each program of CEDAC can contribute to achieve this shared vision. At the end the meeting, the participants agreed to organize core staff more regularly, (every 3 months). They also suggested improving communication and information sharing among core staffs.