

CEDAC-EU FUNDING PROJECTS WITH CTN-TV

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On May 01, 2010 the Cambodia Television Network (CTN-TV) news production team with two members visited and conducted interviews with project beneficiaries and 3 CEDAC staff members. They filmed CEDAC project activities and results in the project target area for the *Poverty Reduction among subsistence rice farmers through the promotion of sustainable livelihood system (PRS-EU)* project. The project is funded by European Union (EU) through the Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst (EED) and was implemented from January 01, 2010 to December 31, 2010. Filming took place at Tramkang Village, Nitean Commune, Borsedth District of Kampong Speu Province.

News Director of CTN-TV Mr. Huy Vannak said the EU Delegation in cooperation with CTN-TV has been producing a special TV program on the impact of EU-funded projects in Cambodia.

During the filming, Mr Chhouk Sophal and Miss Prak Dina (both live in Krasaing takong village and are target farmers of the project) were interviewed and filmed. Emphasized were positive changes and impact resulting from their involvement in the project that can be summarized as follows:

- They have improved their household food security and increased family income from 5,000,000 riels to 10,000,000 riels annually through increasing agricultural production, especially through rice production, chicken raising, pig raising, and other cash crops;
- They stopped using agro-chemicals and shifted to using organic manure instead for improving soil fertility;
- They have reduced expense on imported foods, especially vegetables, thanks to an increase of their on-farm production;
- They have improved solidarity and mutual cooperation with other farmers and also joined other collective actions;
- Increasing of individual knowledge, skills, and communication, and openly sharing experiences to neighboring farmers.

CEDAC's program officer, Mr. Bao Vuthy stated that CEDAC has been implementing 4 projects awarded by the EU, which covered the target areas of 575 villages and 14 districts of 5 provinces (Takeo, Kampong Speu, Prey Veng, Svay Rieng, and Mondul Kiri). These are: 1). *Poverty Reduction among subsistence rice farmers through the promotion of sustainable livelihood system (PRS-EU)*, 2). *Improving Food Security for Women and the Rural Poor in Mondul Kiri Province (IFWP-MP)*, 3). *Improving the Food Security of the Most Vulnerable Families in Prey Veng (IFS-PV)*, and 4). *Development of Food Production, Farming Income, Nutrition, and Resilience in Rural Cambodia (FF-PV&SV)*, this project is implemented with several partners. Furthermore, Mr. Bao Vuthy also summarized about the CEDAC-EU funding project activities and its positive impacts to the lives of rural families in Cambodia as well as the challenges of the project in supporting target groups. This video documentary was produced to reflect positive changes under EU-funded projects. The film will be broadcasted on CTN-TV and EU forum on May 09, 2010.

