

Workshop on Rice Value Chain in Kompot

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On 7 May 2010 in the framework of CSPPM (Civil Society and Pro-Poor Market), Catholic Relief Service (CRS) in cooperation with CEDAC, WOSO, FLD, and PNKS organized a workshop on Rice Value Chain Study in Kompot and Kompot Speu Province. The purpose of the workshop was to present the results of rice value chain study in Kompot and Kompong Speu Provinces. Totally, 72 people (20 women) composed of CBO representatives, farmer representatives, representatives of local authorities, NGO staff and students participated in the workshop.

The workshop started with the opening remarks by Mr. Eric Vandenbrink from CRS and Mr. Keum Veasna from Asia Foundation provided the opening speech of the workshop. Then, Mr. Yim Sok Sophors, CEDAC researcher, presented the rational, objective and methodology of the study to the participants. Two representatives of researcher and the researcher of CEDAC presented the results of the study on rice value chain to the participants

Finally, CEDAC President Dr. Yang Saing Koma conducted a synthesis on the result of the study by discussing the result of the study with the participants in plenary, especially how to use the results of the study to improve the livelihood of rice farmers. The discussion focused on how rice farmers in both provinces can reduce the producer prices from technical point of view, how farmers can have better ability to influence prices by forming into producer organization and how to set up community-based rice mill to promote rice trade and rice processing in the local communities.

In conclusion, this workshop provided more knowledge to the participants and they are strongly interested in the topics. Especially, the district authorities are interested in setting up rice farmer producer groups or community based rice mills in their respective districts.

