

LISF backstopping meeting

On May 18, 2010, Prolinnova Cambodia held the backstopping meeting on the Local Innovation Support Fund (LISF) project at the CEDAC Institute for Local Development (CILD) office, Phnom Penh. There were 23 participants (8 women) representing 19 institutions attending the meeting, including 9 provincial Departments of Agriculture (Prey Veng, Kampong Thom, Kampong Cham, Takeo, Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang and Svay Rieng provinces); 4 NGOs (CEDAC, Srer Khmer, Aphiwat Strey and Padek); 3 educational institutions (Kampong Cham National School of Agriculture, Prek Leap National School of Agriculture and Royal University of Agriculture); the General Directorate of Agriculture; Farmer and Nature Net (FNN); and Thlork Commune Council in Takeo province.

The purpose of the meeting was to reflect on the activities and results of the LISF project and to develop a new methodology to run the project, which mainly focuses on farmer experimentation and data collection. A SWOT analysis was also conducted amongst the participants.

By the end of the meeting, the participants had gained more knowledge about the activities of, and approach used by, the project, especially for the new members. The new strategy for farmer experimentation will focus on the elite farmer experimenters who select the topic based on their interest. All the members also learned about the procedures to develop farmer experimentation proposals for funding assistance from the project and data collection formats.

It is important to note, that Prolinnova Cambodia is a part of Prolinnova International, which is a multi-stakeholder network working to promote local innovation in ecologically-oriented agriculture and natural resource management. Currently, there are 21 institutions participating in Prolinnova Cambodia programs.

