

## **Support mission to the Improving Food Security Project in Mondulkiri**

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CEDAC President Dr. Yang Saing Koma, along with Field Program Director Mr. Yi Kim Than and Project Coordinator, Mr. Yim Sok Sophors, recently took part in a field mission to support the project "Improving Food Security for Women and the Rural Poor in Mondulkiri Province (IFWP-MP)". During the mission, Dr. Koma trained the project staff members, community-based field assistants, and the provincial Department of Agriculture officers in Mondulkiri province on SAMCHOL (Health, Friendship, Knowledge and Money) philosophy, facilitation, and strength analysis. The training aimed at improving the capacity of the project staff to work with farmers, especially indigenous people, in the project's target area. This included enhancing their skills in self-development approaches. As a result, all participants committed to apply what they learned in their practices with their respective communities.

CEDAC is implementing this project with financial support from the European Union from October 20, 2009 to December 31, 2011. It covers 30 villages in 2 districts (Koh Ngiék and Pechr Chenda) of Mondulkiri province. The objective of the project is to enable the subsistence farmers and vulnerable social groups, especially women, to increase their economic and social conditions through increased food production and income as well as improved social cooperation.

