

CEDAC Recruiting Seven Indigenous Youths for One-year Apprenticeship Course

Ratanakiri: CEDAC is implementing another one-year apprenticeship course in seven villages across three communes of Lumphat District in Ratanakiri Province. In early August, CEDAC organized Village General Meetings to recruit indigenous youths who are interested in becoming trainees of this course. CEDAC expects to recruit 7 indigenous youths, especially female indigenous youths in order to build up their knowledge and capacity in regards to sustainable agricultural and rural development.

After the course, trainees will have improved their knowledge, capacity and skills in practicing ecological agriculture and community organizing, as well as understanding the general concept for sustainable rural development. They will become key persons who can provide training and disseminate new ideas to other farmers in their communities. At the same time, they also have opportunities to continue working for CEDAC's and other NGOs' development projects in the province.

It is important to note that CEDAC has already conducted four apprenticeship courses and 58 indigenous youths had been trained. More importantly, one indigenous NGO was established and functions in a crucial role in agricultural extension. For instance, 28 indigenous youths are now working for NGOs and 2 indigenous youths became community representatives.