

HMB IV Conducts a Provincial Consultation Workshop with Department of Education, Youth and Sport (DoEYS) in Kampong Speu

Kampong Speu: On August 09, 2011, the HMB4 Project organized a consultation workshop at the provincial level with the Department of Education, Youth and Sport (DoEYS). Approximately 20 participants attended the meeting. The objectives of the meeting were to present the HMB IV project and its achievement in the first semester to the DoEYS and the representatives of the eight districts of the province and Kampong Speu Municipality.

During the workshop, Mr. Him Noeun, the project leader, made a presentation about the achievement of the project. According to Mr. Him Noeun, 130,000 children from 734 villages in Kampong Speu Province have benefited from the project intervention. He added that, “the target families will increase their income so that they can afford to send their children to school regularly.” Moreover, the project has been implementing many activities, including Happy Mountain Bird Promoters (HMPs), target families selection, baseline surveys, HMP trainings and support, reflection meetings for HMPs, seed support, and so on. Furthermore, criteria for target families and HMPs selection, the implementing activities, project goals, and how to control the sustainability of the project were presented.

Then, Mr. Vong Savoey, the Education Officer shared the experiences and achievements of educational activities in the first semester to the participants. The most significant outcome of this workshop was the consultation with the representatives from the seven districts (and a city), and school principals to conduct the activities of a child census, drawing out village maps, and forming children groups. As a result, more schools will conduct these activities.

In conclusion, the workshop ended as a productive one, and with results. All stakeholders understood HMB IV clearly and participants have also improved their cooperation with the project.

