

CEDAC and LWD Implemented Training in Drought Resilient Agriculture

KAMPONG CHHNANG: From August 15-19, 2011, CEDAC in cooperation with LWD, and with funding support from DCA, conducted the second round of training on drought resilient agriculture at the CEDAC office in Kampong Chhnang province. There were 18 participants (6 of whom were women) from LWD, and the provincial departments of agriculture of the Battambang, Kampong Speu and Kampong Chhnang provinces also participated in the training. The training was facilitated by Dr. Yang Saing Koma, CEDAC's President with assistance from Mr. Ma Veasna, CEDAC's Trainer and Mr. Lang Chan Thea, CEDAC's Project Officer.

The training focused on building capacity of LWD staff and PDA counterparts on how to develop and implement training curriculum on drought resilient agriculture, which can be used to train farmers in their respective target areas. During the training, the participants worked together (with the assistance from training facilitators) to develop the curriculum, including field visits to learn from experienced farmers as well as their field practices in transplanting rice with SRI methods. At the end of the training, each participant gained broader knowledge and skills in designing and implementing participatory training, especially in organic vegetable gardening, SRI and ecological chicken-raising. As a part of the follow-up activity, each trainee promised to finalize a curriculum on the 3 main subjects to be submitted to the trainers by October 1st, 2011.

