

CEDAC Hosts a Field Visit For the European Union Delegation to Mondulkiri Province

From October 7-9, 2011, CEDAC in cooperation with two other funded organizations HKI and GAA, hosted a field visit for the European Union Delegation to Mondulkiri province. The objective of the visit was to understand the progress and impacts of the projects, implemented by CEDAC, DPA (Development Partner in Progress), and HPA (Health Poverty Action) in Kaoh Nheak and Ou Raing district and in Saen Monorom town of Mondulkiri province. Eighty-five people participated in this two-day field visit, and included: Mr. Rafael Dochao Moreno, the Chargé d'Affaires of EU Delegation to Cambodia, EU Delegation staff members, H.E. Heng Sam Nang, the deputy to the provincial governor, and representatives from three relevant ministries, Council for Agriculture and Rural Development, provincial departments, organizations funded by the EU, the project's cooperating farmers, and press agents.

During the first day of the field visit to CEDAC project's target area in Kaoh Nheak district, five villages in one commune were visited to inspect the detail project results relating to the practicing of farmer associations, saving groups, women groups, home garden, multi-purposes farms, pig entrepreneur, and SRI. As a result, participants were very interested in the application of new innovations and changing attitudes of farmers in both the social sector and agricultural sector, particularly changing from traditional farming practices to technical ones. Moreover, participants were also interested in the advantages of SRI innovation, making multi-purpose farms, women groups, and saving activities.

It is important to note that with funding support from the European Union, CEDAC has been implementing a project titled "Improving Food Security for Women and the Rural Poor" in 30 villages across 9 communes in 2 districts (Koh Ngiek and Pechr Chenda districts) of Mondulkiri province, which will last for 27 months (October 20, 2009 to December 31, 2011).

