

Launching Workshop of BRAC-RTK in Ratanakiri Province

On November 30, 2011, CEDAC in cooperation with the Ratanakiri Provincial Department of Agriculture organized a launching workshop with approximately 70 participants, including a village chief, commune councillors, a district governor, vice district governors, representatives from government line departments (such as the provincial department of agriculture, environment, water resource and meteorology, women's affairs..). The main objective of the launching workshop was to introduce the general concept of the project including the project's objectives, expected result and key activities to the stakeholders.

Representatives of different government line departments and the vice provincial governor presided over the workshop. They provided an opening speech at the beginning of the workshop. It is important to note that Ms. Reiko Kurihara, representative of the funding agency Cambodian Climate Change Alliance (CCCA), also provided her impressions and presented the CCCA profile to the participants. Then, Mr. Heang Thira project manager presented the general concept of the project. A question and answer session was conducted at the end of each presentation.

In the afternoon, the participants were divided into small group discussions to discuss different topics, which are listed as follows:

1. What is climate change?
2. According to your past experiences, what are some of the problems and solutions that you faced in regards to dealing with climate change issues? After seeing the presentation on the project, which expected results may be difficult and easy to achieve?
3. What are the concrete and realistic actions to be implemented in coping with the climate change issues?
4. Who are the involved stakeholders of the project? What are their roles and key responsibilities toward the project?

Each group took about a half hour to discuss the five questions mentioned above and then group representatives presented the results.

It is important to note that with funding support from CCCA, CEDAC in cooperation with the Ratanakiri Provincial Department of Agriculture is implementing a 15-month climate-related project, called "**Building resilience against climate change for small-scale farmers and local authorities in Ratanakiri province**" in 20 villages across 6 communes in 3 districts of Ratanakiri Province.

Overall objective: Contribute to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger among small-scale farmer families in Ratanakiri Province, enhancing their resilience against climate change.

