

Summary of the progress of CEDAC Field Program from Jan - Mar, 2008

I. Introduction

Field Program is an important component of CEDAC. The overall objective of the program is to have a Cambodian society where small farmers enjoy good living conditions and strong mutual cooperation. It is hoped they will have the right and power to determine their own destiny; and play an important role in supplying healthy food for the whole society. The rural development program of CEDAC has been functioning since 1998 in one village of Kandal provinces. The program quickly evolved and expanded across the target intervention area. CEDAC has always improved its development experiences in terms of both quality and quantity, which in return attract more support from donors.

II. Main Result Achieved

1. Target area

Currently, CEDAC is working with 2,119 villages, 345 communes, 77 districts and 17 provinces, including Banteay Mean Chey, Battambang, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Kamport, Kandal, Kratie, Mondulkiri, Prey Veng, Pursat, Rattanakiri, Siem Reap, Stung Treng, Svay Rieng, and Takeo.

2. Village-based Farmer Organizations and Saving for Self-Reliance

By March 2008 1,182 village-based farmer associations had been established, they had 33,677 members (17,889 are women). CEDAC has also set up the farmer associations in local clusters. There are 128 clusters and 933 farmer associations are members of them.

CEDAC has facilitated the creation of a saving group in most of the target villages. In March 2008, CEDAC had 2,653 saving groups with 40,495 members (23,651 are women) with total savings of 3,125 million riel across 1,461 villages, 282 communes, 62 districts, and 13 provinces.

Furthermore, CEDAC has also established 472 women groups with 5,799 members, 312 youth groups with 4,248 members (2,110 women), 237 poor groups with 2,805 members (1,690 women), 17 HIV/AIDS groups with 199 members (144 women), and eight teacher groups with 233 members (85 women).

3. Community Business and Marketing

Through supporting links between farmers and markets, CEDAC has facilitated the formation of 101 community shops, 699 chicken producer groups with 7,576 members, 434 rice producer groups with 3,604 members, 119 normal rice producer groups with 1,100 members, 84 vegetable producer groups with 338 members and 75 pig producer groups with 418 members.

4. Agricultural Production Improvement

In this quarter, more than 61,000 families have practiced innovative techniques to improve their agricultural production. Those innovative techniques include the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), Home Gardens (HG), Multi Purpose Farming (MPF), Ecological Chicken Raising (ECR), pig, fish and frog raising and composting.

III. Conclusion

In conclusion, based on the results above we see that our output has increased remarkably. The number of target areas, saving groups and other groups that are being supported by CEDAC are increasing exponentially. Moreover, agricultural innovative practices have been created a lot of interest amongst farmers and producer groups.