

Strengthening Small-scale Farmers

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Mondulkiri, Cambodia



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$28,200

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JUL 22

JUN 23



Overview

Mondulkiri province is situated in the north-eastern highlands of Cambodia, close to the Vietnamese border. It is home to a large population of indigenous groups, primarily the Bunong people. With cultural and livelihood connections to the forest, they remain among the most impoverished in the nation. Our partners are helping innovative indigenous farmers create sustainable livelihoods and take advantage of appropriate technology and local resources. They work with communities to identify resilience strategies, improve small-scale farming, build cooperation and organisation amongst the farmers and mobilise them for forest protection and rights linked to economic empowerment.

Objectives



Training and support for farmers



Seedbank and distribution

Impact

290 farmers have directly benefitted from training in fish farming, raising chickens and pigs, instruction in growing organic vegetables, supply of materials, seeds, and animals. 650 people have indirectly benefitted from shared information.

Farmers collect seeds for storage in the seed bank and later distribution for replanting. 21 families received rare seed packages to trial in their villages and increase seed volumes. Growing diverse crops and local livestock is encouraged.



Trek Pao's Story

I am 24 and I support my family by farming rice, growing some cassava and tending fruit trees. I also forage for non-timber forest products, as do many in our village. Recently I took on the daunting task of raising chickens using more advanced methods. I have had chickens before but they took care of themselves, ranging freely and sleeping in trees. The new methods are more labour-intensive, but lead to faster growth and more rapid breeding, so that my 10 chickens are now 24! I am working up the courage to build a coop to protect my growing brood.



Life change

- Trainings in villages are helping to identify community leaders and representatives who can help raise awareness of both issues and solutions.
- Interaction between farmers and amongst youth and elders is proving very positive and is increasing unity.
- Our partner says, "We seek to connect farmers with each other and then, as successful practitioners, they can help train a new generation of farmers."

