

Strengthening Small-scale Farmers

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Mondulkiri, Cambodia



Economic Empowerment

Year 2 Budget \$31,200

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JUL 22

JUN 25

Overview

Mondulkiri province, located in the northeastern highlands of Cambodia near the Vietnamese border, is home to a significant population of indigenous groups, predominantly the Bunong people. These communities, deeply connected to the forest both culturally and economically, are among the most impoverished in the country. Our partners support innovative indigenous farmers in developing sustainable livelihoods by utilising appropriate technology and local resources. They collaborate with communities to identify resilience strategies, enhance small-scale farming, foster cooperation among farmers and mobilise them for forest protection and rights-based economic empowerment.



Impact for January - June 2024

255 people attended workshops for farmers



The farmers were instructed in preparing ponds for raising fish and given fingerlings to start farming. They were also provided with assistance in developing techniques and given seeds to start growing organic vegetables. Education around preventing insect damage to these vegetables was also provided.

Innovating with new livelihood ventures

Increasingly, villagers are experimenting with new knowledge and applying it to novel livelihood ventures, such as eco-tourism. This group has continued to grow and they have made income through hosting tourists to stay in their community.



Supporting sustainable farm practices



Work continues to develop wise and appropriate agricultural methods, such as using natural fertilizer like cow dung, and setting up gravity fed water systems. Regular visits to villages provide technical support and encourage reflection and new initiatives. To reduce the cost of buying fish food, readily available local sources such as azolla grass, wormeries and insects, are being explored.

Improve small-scale farming and seed bank

A study of seeds previously grown by farmers in four new target villages, revealed some rare and endangered seeds which were collected and added to the seedbank. Our partners continue to work with farmers to collect seeds for saving to the seedbank and also for later replanting.



Quote from Uncle Pjuih

'As a member of this village, I want to thank you for coming to help us. You have taught us how to be united and work together. We built a school and a bridge together, and that shows what we can do when we cooperate. Thank you for helping with farming. You gave us seeds to grow vegetables, chickens, fishponds, fingerlings, and taught us how to raise fish. This has been very helpful, especially with raising fish in plastic ponds. It means we don't have to go into the forest to catch fish anymore. Some families have even sold fish to others, so they don't have to buy fish from the market.'



Thank you for making a difference